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Total pilgrims : 64,014
Tonsures : 22,010
Hundi kanukalu : 3.69 CR
Laddu sale... 3.36 Lac
Annaprasadam.. 1.61Lac
Aswini hospital ...2,420
Present Situation on 31-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..10

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

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL ASHUTOSH DIXIT ASSUMES CHARGE AS 29TH CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

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TWO GIRLS CRITICAL IN SCHOOL ATTACK

Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh), Oct 31 : A Class 10 girl student is undergoing emergency medical treatment after being brutally attacked with a chainsaw inside her school premises in Raptadu in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district, leaving her with severe injuries to her face, head, and throat, officials said. "The child was immediately rushed to the hospital for critical care, while law enforcement authorities have launched an active manhunt to track down and apprehend the assailant," officials said. Police have launched an extensive investigation into the incident and are yet to determine whether the accused man was known to the girl before the attack. Investigators are examining multiple aspects of the case as efforts continue to identify and apprehend the attacker.

Revanth Participates in Mock Parliament at Kharge's Residence



Hyderabad ■ TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy participated in a mock Parliament session held at the residence of All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi. The session took up a mock impeachment motion against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. According to the information shared, the proceedings were continuing at Kharge's residence.

Revanth Reddy's participation marked his presence at the exercise centred on the Chief Election Commissioner. Details of his remarks, the other participants and the outcome of the mock motion were not immediately available.

The motion formed part of the mock Parliament exercise and does not constitute formal parliamentary proceedings for the removal of the Chief Election Commissioner.

GVMC POLLS TODAY, 1,990 BOOTHS READY

- Commissioner appeals to every eligible voter to exercise franchise on November 1
- Polling to be held in 120 wards across 10 zones from 7 AM to 5 PM
- 1,990 polling stations equipped with necessary facilities

VISHAKAPATNAM ■ TSIT

GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg said all arrangements are complete for the Second Ordinary Elections to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation on November 1.

Polling will be held in 120 wards across 10 zones from 7 AM to 5 PM at 1,990 polling stations. Garg inspected election material distribution centres across all zones and directed officials to ensure timely distribution and adequate facilities for polling staff.



Pink ballot papers will be used for the Mayoral election and white ones for Ward Member elections. Citizens can report poll-related complaints on toll-free number 180042500009. Urging every eligible voter to vote freely and fearlessly, he said every vote is vital for safeguarding democracy.

India calls on UN Human Rights Council to give 'sustained attention' to terrorism threat

UN ■ TSIT



India has asked the Human Rights Council to continue giving "sustained attention" to the threat of terrorism, which poses one of "the gravest threats" to human rights. "Terrorism remains among the gravest threats to the enjoyment of human rights, above all, the right to life", Bhavika Mangalanandan, a first secretary in India's UN mission, told the General Assembly in New York on Friday,She said the Human Rights Council has recognised this danger in its resolution on international cooperation this year, and India "would encourage the Council to give this threat the sustained attention it warrants on the basis of zero tolerance". The resolution, adopted by the Council in July in Geneva, where it is located, called on the international community to "take the steps necessary to enhance cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism".

At CEC 'impeachment' event, Rahul Gandhi says 'new political weapon' being prepared

NEW DELHI ■ TSIT

At a symbolic public impeachment event organised by the INDIA bloc against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Saturday alleged that large-scale deletion of voters had undermined the legitimacy of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Speaking at a mock parliament held at the residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Gandhi claimed



that 13.3 crore voters — nearly 15 per cent of India's electorate — had been removed from the electoral rolls. He pointed out that the margin of victory in many seats was around 3 per cent, arguing that such deletions raised serious doubts about the fairness of the election. "The Election Commission itself is effectively stating that the 2024 Lok Sabha election was an illegal one, and that those who entered the Lok Sabha — the BJP members — did so illegally," Gandhi said.

CS SANJAY JAJU STRESSES TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE



HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju emphasised the importance of technology in strengthening digital governance and improving administrative efficiency while addressing a training programme on E-HRMS, E-Sanctions and WAMIS at the MCRHRD Institute in Hyderabad on Saturday.

He stressed the need to streamline government processes, enhance transparency and ensure efficient, accountable and citizen-centric administration.

The programme was held as part of the State Government's commitment to strengthening digital governance and administrative efficiency. Government Secretaries, senior police officers and Heads of Departments participated in the rogramme.

INDIA BLOC RALLY: OVER 4K COPS, CAPF COMPANIES TO BE DEPLOYED

New Delhi ■ (TSIT):



More than 4,000 police personnel, along with Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) companies, will be deployed in view of the INDIA bloc rally at Ramlila Maidan on Sunday, November 1, with the venue divided into 14 zones and over 200 CCTV cameras installed for surveillance, officials said. The police have made elaborate security and traffic arrangements for the rally, which is expected to draw around 50,000 people, with deployment planned both along the march route from Minto Bridge to the venue and at the Ramlila Maidan, officials said.

Crowd gathering near white tents with metal barricades and police officers at a public rally.

Preparations underway on the eve of the INDIA bloc mega rally, at Ramlila Maidan. Police Commissioner Anurag Kumar, accompanied by senior officers including the special commissioner, joint commissioner and deputy commissioners of central and New Delhi districts, inspected security arrangements at Minto Road and Ramlila Maidan on Saturday.

An official said the deployment would cover the route leading to the venue and the rally ground itself. Police personnel from different districts, along with companies of CAPF, would be deployed to manage the crowd and maintain law and order.

In a related development, the deployment of 270 CAPF companies—called in earlier this month in view of a series of protests—has been extended for the third time, until November 16. Delhi Police has been tasked with coordinating their deployment across the city. "More than 200 cameras have been installed for surveillance. We will monitor crowd formation, entry and exit points and check for any criminal elements entering the venue," a senior officer said.

Election Commission of India

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Register to exercise your right to vote in the following Graduates' Constituencies:

If you have graduated on or before **31.10.2023** and are a resident of the following districts, you can enrol as a voter in the respective Graduate Constituency.

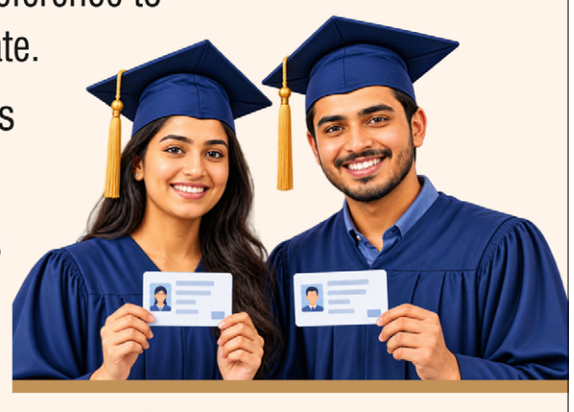
MAHABUBNAGAR-RANGA REDDY-HYDERABAD GRADUATES:

Covering: Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Jogulamba Gadwal, Narayanpet, Rangareddy, Vikarabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Hyderabad districts.

WARANGAL-KHAMMAM-NALGONDA GRADUATES:

Covering: Warangal, Hanamkonda, Mahabubabad, Jangaon, Mulugu, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Siddipet (partly), Khammam, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Nalgonda, Suryapet, and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

- Legislative Council Constituency - Electoral Rolls: De-novo preparation of Electoral Rolls with reference to **1st November 2026** as qualifying date.
- Last date for receiving applications **(Form-18): 6th November 2026**
- Draft publication of Electoral Rolls **25th November 2026**
- Period of claims and objections **25th November 2026** to **10th December 2026**
- Final publication of Electoral Rolls **30th December 2026**



OFFLINE Enrolment: Applications shall be submitted in **FORM-18** to the Electoral Registration Officer & Additional Commissioner, GHMC Hyderabad for Mahabubnagar-Ranga Reddy- Hyderabad **and** Electoral Registration Officer & Additional Collector, Nalgonda for Warangal- Khammam-Nalgonda **and** Notified Assistant Electoral Registration Officers/ Designated Officers concerned.

ONLINE Enrolment: Applications shall be submitted through website **https://ceotelangana.nic.in** of the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana.

"For any Clarifications and Doubts, please approach the Electoral Registration Officer Concerned

1950 10.30am - 5pm. Toll Free

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ISRO launches next-gen satellite to boost India's indigenous GPS system

New Delhi ■ (TSIT):



The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday launched India's next-generation navigation satellite, NVS-03, aboard the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV-F18 rocket. The launch took place at 11:51 pm at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. "GSLV-F18 carrying NVS-03 lifts off from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR, Sriharikota," India's space agency ISRO said on X. "Liftoff of GSLV-F18 carrying NVS-03 at 11:51 PM IST from Second Launch Pad, SHAR! ISRO's rescue mission for NavIC is now underway," it added.

The 50-metre-tall, three-stage GSLV-F18 rocket lifted off with the 2,232 kg NVS-03 satellite, aiming to deploy it into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO).

Once deployed, the satellite will perform orbit-raising manoeuvres to reach its final geosynchronous slot at 32.5 degrees East.

NVS-03 is the third satellite of the second-generation NVS series, intended to augment the Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) system, an indigenous GPS of sorts, and support the continuity of navigation services.

NVS-03 is designed to augment the NavIC constellation and ensure continuity of navigation services. The satellite carries an indigenous atomic clock along with procured atomic clocks.

It also incorporates the L1 navigation signal in addition to the existing L5 and S signals, enhancing the system's navigation capabilities. "It also includes L1 signal in addition to existing L5/S signals with Coverage over India land mass and a region extending 1500 km around Indian geopolitical boundary," said ISRO.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office:Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office:6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to the Demand Notice published in this News Papers on 23-10-2026 in the Account of **1) Tekulapally Praveen Kumar, S/O: Tekulapally Narsimha Reddy,** in this Account No. Unfortunately wrongly published in this news papers, So General public are requested to read **correct Agreement.No. as SANNGTF1612270003** instead of DLSKNTF2209300014-SANNGTF1612270003-All other particulars remain same.

Sd/-Authorised Officer

FOR
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9948480279, 7330778889

Indian Overseas Bank

HYDERABAD-ADARSH NAGAR BRANCH (Address: 5-9-305A BASHEER BAGH, Himayathnagar, HIMAYATHNAGAR, Telangana-500029, Phone No: 040-23421559 & Email id: iob1301@iob.bank.in)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property) [(Rule 8(1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank**, *cc Bagh Road, Hyderabad, Telangana-500063*, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated ***29-08-2026*** calling upon the borrowers / mortgagors / guarantors **MR. NANDIPATI VENKAT RAO S/o-Anjaneyulu** Permanent Address: Plot No-469,Prajay Homes, Aliyabad, Shamirpet, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Hyderabad-500078 (hereinafter referred as 'borrowers') to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. **38,58,438.74 *(Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and Paise Seventy-Four only)*** as on **29-08-2026** with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. (1)The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **30**th day of **OCTOBER** of the year **2026** .(2)The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of **Rs 38,76,407.74 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred Seven and Paise Seventy Four Only)** as on **29-10-2026** with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs 38,76,407.74 (Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakh Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seven and Paise Seventy-Four Only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable Property: All that the part and parcel of the Independent House on Plot No-469 area admeasuring 140 Sq yards or 117.04 Sq mtrs. along with built up area of 835 Sq. ft in Sy No-44/2,44/4,44/5,55,56/1,56/2 and 59 parts situated at Muraharipally Village, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. Telangana State bounded as follows North: Plot No-470, South: Plot No-468, East: Road, West: Plot No-474.

Date:30.10.2026
Place: Hyderabad

Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA

BELA BRANCH (BR.CODE:21383)
Adilabad District-504309 E-Mail: Sbi.21383@Sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE (ABRIDGED)

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s: **Mr. VIKRAM SINGH S/o.RAMAVATAR SINGH, (1) Housing Loan A/c. No: 39694177832, (2) Home Suraksha No: 39697433578** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the **STATE BANK OF INDIA BELA BRANCH (21383) DIST. ADILABAD** and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower/s: Mr. Vikram Singh S/o.Ramavatar Singh, H.No. 2-5-286/9-6/48, GS Estate Q No.46, CCI Township, Adilabad-504001.

Date of NPA: 08.08.2026 | **Date of Demand Notice : 13.08.2026**

Amount Outstanding: Rs.26,20,548/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Thousand Five Hundred and Fourty Eight only) as on 13.06.2026 + You are also liable to pay accrued interest + future interest & expenses, Costs, Charges, etc.

Details of Properties / Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced :
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the Residential House Ground Floor plus First Floor in Plot no 103 &104 in Sy no 51/A1, Situated at Village, G.P & Mandal Bela, Dist Adilabad, and within the jurisdiction of Registration District & Sub District Adilabad, Telangana State and standing in the name of Sri Vikram Singh s/o Sri Ramavatar Singh Measuring total extent of 60*40 =2400 Sq. feet =266.66 Sq. yds=223.04 Sq. Mtrs with Built up area 1500 Sq.ft situated Opposite to ZPHS High School at Village and GP Bela and mandal Bela, under Dist. Adilabad. (vide Sale Deed Doc. No. 5618/2019 **belongs to Mr. VIKRAM SINGH S/o RAMAVATAR SINGH and within the following boundaries: North:** Plot No 102, **South:** 30' Wide Road, **East:** 15' Wide Road, **West:** Open Area.

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

Date : 13-08-2026
Place : BELA

Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA

PROTIUM FINANCE LIMITED

(Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd.)
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.

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from **Protium Finance Limited** (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd. and before that known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), their loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of NBFC as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, NBFC has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules)

Sr. No.	Loan Account No./Name and Address of Borrower and Co-Borrower/s	Date of 13(2) Notice	Date of NPA
		Total Outstanding Dues (INR) as on Below Date	
1.	**Loan Account No.: GS005LAP2486709 (Borrower) Sri Abhida Balaji Educational Services Private Limited through its Directors A) Srinivasa Rao Alamanda S/o Nagannadhora B) Srinivasa Rao Jagarapu C) Maragoni Ritesh Goud. (Co-Borrower/s) 1. Sri Abhida Balaji Educational Foundation through its Directors A) Srinivasa Rao Alamanda S/o Nagannadhora B) Kashi Vishwanath Goud Maragouni. 2. Pradeep Kumar Nomula S/o Prabhudas. 3. Swapna Gadumoori D/o Krishnaiah. 4. Srinivasa Rao Alamanda S/o Nagannadhora. Address**: Plot No 134, Vasudeva Reddy Nagar Colony Attapur Rajendra Nagar Mandal, Hyderabad, Rangareddy Rangareddy, Telangana 500048 **(For Borrower and Co-Borrower/s 1.). Address:** 421, Emerald, Block, Sai Sukha Vistas Habsiguda Street No 8, Uppal Medchal Malkajgiri Hyderabad, Telangana 500007 **(For Co-Borrower/s 2., 3.). Also At:** Flat No. 421, Emerald Block, Sai Sukha Vistas Street No 8, Habsiguda Opp ESPI Uppal Medchal Malkajgiri Hyderabad, Telangana 500007 **(For Co-Borrower/s 3.).** Address: HNo 4 4 143 4 H Plot 198 Ground Floor Tejaswi Nagar Colony Attapur Hyderabad, Telangana 500048 **(For Co-Borrower/s 4.).**	19-10-2026	01-10-2026
		INR 2,71,18,800.44/- (Two Crore Seventy One Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Rupees and Forty Four Paise Only) as on 19-10-2026.	

Description of the Said Property: Property 1: Item - 1: Schedule Property of Plot No. 54: All that piece and parcel of - Plot No.54 in Sy.No.285A/1B of Kallur Revenue Village, situate at Brindavan Nagar (Location Near By: Geetha Nagar/Gopi Nagar/Ganesh Nagar (76-0)*-01) at Ward No: 76th, Kurnool Municipal Corporation Area, Kurnool City & District, Andhra Pradesh, within the jurisdiction of Sub Registration District of Kallur and Registration District of Kurnool, and bounded by: Boundaries: East: Plot No. 53. West: 30 feet wide road. North: : Plot No. 51. South: Plot No. 56. Measurements: Plot No.54: East to West: 60 feet. (18.2880 meters), North - South: 40 feet. (12.1920 meters). Total extent 2400 square feet/266.66 square yards. Plot No. 54 extent = 2500 square feet/266.66 square yards.
Property 2: Item - 2: Schedule Property of Plot No. 56: All that piece and parcel of - Plot No.56 in Sy.No.285A/1B of Kallur Revenue Village, situate at Brindavan Nagar (Location Near By: Geetha Nagar/Gopi Nagar/Ganesh Nagar (76-0) *- 01) at Ward No: 76th, Kurnool Municipal Corporation Area, Kurnool City & District, Andhra Pradesh, within the jurisdiction of Sub Registration District of Kallur and Registration District of Kurnool, and bounded by: Boundaries: East: Plot No. 55. West: 30 feet wide road. North: Plot No. 54. South: Plot No. 57. Measurements: Plot No.56: East to West: 60 feet. (18.2880 meters), North - South: 40 feet. (12.1920 meters). Total extent 2400 square feet. / 266.66 square yards.
Property 3: All that the part and parcel of two portions with Door Nos: 91/4-9-5-5-10 (with Kurnool Municipal Assessment No: 1016110362) & 91/4-9-5-5-10-A (with Kurnool Municipal Assessment No: 1016110361) at Dawood Khan Colony mentioned in Kurnool Municipal Property Tax & Revenue Ward No. 91 of Kurnool Municipal Corporation Area on Plot No. 108, admeasuring 244.44 square yards in Sy.No.104/3A1, with a built up area of 2196 square feet with RCC, situated at Stantanpuram, Mamidalapadu Gram Panchayat, Kurnool Mandal, Kurnool District and bounded by: Boundaries: North: Plot No.95 South: 25 feet road. East: Plot No.109 West: Plot No.107

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to Sale proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules not limited to taking possession and selling the secured asset entirely at the risk of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.
Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARAFESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard. Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd are tendered to Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd, and no further step shall be taken by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 01.11.2026,
Place : Hyderabad, Telangana

Sd/-, For Protium Finance Limited,
Authorised Officer

Collector Priyanka Ala Stresses Mandatory Approvals for Hospital Development Funds

HYDERABAD, : Hyderabad District Collector Dr. Priyanka Ala on Saturday directed medical officials to obtain the necessary approvals for the sanction of hospital development funds and budget proposals under various expenditure heads. Chairing a hospital development coordination committee meeting at Fever Hospital, the Collector reviewed the resolutions adopted at the previous Hospital Development Society (HDS) meeting and the action taken on them. The meeting discussed the status of the Critical Care Block (CCB)



and the new outpatient department (OPD) building. Medical officials briefed the Collector on ongoing construction of the upper two floors and the measures being taken to ensure patient safety.

PASSPORT LOST

I, **Gunreddy Nikhitha, D/o. Gunreddy Madhava Reddy,** R/o. Thopucherla Village, Maugulapally Mandal, Nalgonda District, while I was traveling from Thopucherla to Madugulapally on my Father Motor Cycle and I lost my certificate & Original Passport. (Bearing No. **C 5429300).** Those who found it can Contact.

Cell: 97041 83820

Komatireddy Extends 55,000 Aid to Engineering Student Who Lost Father

Hyderabad, October 31: Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has extended 55,000 in financial assistance to an engineering student who recently lost her father, assuring her of continued support to complete her higher education.



Sahithi, a B.Tech student from Jammikunta in Karimnagar district, faced difficulty paying her college fees after her father died of a heart attack. Senior journalist Satyanarayana brought the family's financial distress to the Minister's notice.

Responding to the appeal, Venkat Reddy directed his office to assess the family's circumstances and personally spoke with them. He subsequently sanctioned 55,000 towards Sahithi's immediate college fee expenses.On the Minister's instructions, his Personal Secretary Narender Reddy handed over the assistance to Sahithi at the Secretariat on Saturday through the Komatireddy Pratheek Foundation.The Minister also assured her of continued support throughout her degree course. Sahithi and her family expressed gratitude for the timely assistance and encouragement to pursue her education.

Children should report abuse without fear: DLSA Secretary B. Soujanya

Sangareddy, October 31 (TSIT): As part of the 'Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan', a legal awareness programme was conducted for students at the Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) in Beeramguda. B. Soujanya, Secretary of the Sangareddy District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), attended the programme and educated students about child rights and laws aimed at protecting children. Speaking on the occasion, she stressed that everyone must act responsibly to prevent child sexual abuse, child marriages, child labour, human trafficking and other forms of exploitation. She explained the key provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, and the Juvenile Justice Act relating to child protection.She advised students not to be afraid to report any inappropriate behaviour, harassment or abuse against children. Students were encouraged to inform their parents, teachers or the concerned authorities whenever they faced such situations.



Soujanya emphasised that ensuring education, protection, dignity and a safe childhood for every child is the collective responsibility of society. She also stated that children whose rights are violated can seek free legal aid and legal advice through the District Legal Services Authority. Advocate Manik Yadav and the school headmaster participated in the programme.

Technology Key to Better Urban Infrastructure MEIL's Govardhan Reddy

HYDERABAD, : Digital monitoring, artificial intelligence-based planning and modern construction methods can improve the execution and quality of urban infrastructure projects, said K. Govardhan Reddy, President, Projects Division, Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL). Addressing the Telangana Urban Innovation Summit 2026 in Hyderabad on Saturday, Mr. Reddy stressed that technological advances must be supported by sound engineering standards, quality construction and worker safety.

He said MEIL was committed to working with the Telangana government and other stakeholders to develop infrastructure that delivers lasting public benefits. The summit brought together officials from Telangana's Municipal Administration Department, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, along with representatives of the Asian Development Bank. Discussions focused on inclusive urban development and the future requirements of cities.Outlining MEIL's activities in Telangana, Mr. Reddy said the company was executing projects across healthcare, education, drinking water, sanitation, roads, public transport, power and irrigation.He said MEIL had completed construction of the 1,000-bed Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences hospital at Sanath



Nagar. Work on the new Osmania General Hospital building and the expansion of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences was under way. The company was also constructing Young India Integrated Schools at 25 locations across the State.

In drinking water and sanitation, he highlighted the company's involvement in Mission Bhagiratha, the treatment and supply of Godavari water to Hyderabad, and the construction of sewage treatment plants. Mr. Reddy also referred to MEIL's participation in Hyderabad's Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme and its electric mobility operations involving Olectra buses, which he said supported cleaner public transport.The company's power infrastructure works included transmission lines and a 400 kV gas-insulated substation project in the Hitec City area. It was also undertaking irrigation works across the Telugu States, he added.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Aapki Ummeed Ka Khaata
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered & Corp. office – Utkarsh Tower, NH-31(Airport Road) Sehmalpur, Kazi Sarai, Harhua Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221105

(Appendix IV) POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY [under rule 8(2)]

Notice is hereby given under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement (Security) interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under 13(12) read with rule 3 of Security interest (enforcement) rules 2002, the authorised officer issued a Demand notice on the dates notes against each account as mentioned hereinafter, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrowers having failed to repay the amount that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against each account.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of UTKARSH SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED for the amounts and interests thereon mentioned against each account herein below:
The attention of the borrowers detailed hereunder is invited to the provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Name of the Borrower, co borrower, Mortgagor & Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Date of possession Notice	Amount outstanding as on the date of demand Notice
1	Hyderabad	1542060000006082	Mr. Syed Arafat Kabir S/o. Syed Yasin Kabir (Borrower & Mortgagor) Mrs. Nuvera Sultana W/o. Syed Arafat Kabir (Co-Borrower)	23/07/2026	30/10/2026	Rs. 54,34,438.83/-

Description Of The Charged/mortgaged Property (all The Part & Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of) : All that part and parcel of the property situated at house no 4-6-30/13A, (PTI No 1010406467), on Plot no 28, In Survey nos 22/1 & 22/4, admeasuring 150 Sq. Yds., or 125.4 Sq Mtrs., Situated at Block no 6, Baba Nagar, Nacharam, Under GHMC Kapra Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500076. Property Bouded By- East: 20'-0" Wide Road, West: Plot no. 33, North: Plot no. 27, South: Plot no 29.

Date- 01/11/2026 Place – Hyderabad **Authorized officer, Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Ltd**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my Client **Smt. Addla Sailaja Reddy** (D/o. Maddi Yadi Reddy), W/o. Addla Kamalakar Reddy informed that she had misplaced Original Registered Sale Deed (Link) Document No.**268/2004**, dt.23-01-2004 at SRO, Narsapoor executed by Sri. Mallagari Ramkishan Rao S/o. Veeraswami in favour of **Mrs. Maddi Annapurna** W/o. Maddi Yadireddy pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule of Property. If anybody found the above Documents same may be intimated / hand over the same to the below mentioned office. My Client further states that she wants to avail loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property. If any person has any claim / interest / dispute over the said transaction, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which, no further claims / objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the same.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that the **Open Place** admg 40'-0" X 45'-0" = 1800 Sq.Fts., or **200.0 Sq.Yds.**, or 168 Sq.Fts., Plot No.15, in Sy.No.356, situated at Domadugu Village and Grampanchayat, Gummadidala Mandal, Sangareddy District, T.S., and bounded by: **North :** Road. **South :** 15'-0" Wide. **East :** 20'-0" Wide. **West :** Plot No.16.

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
 # 1-8-506/2/A/1, Adnan Chambers, Prakashnagar, Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500016.
Mobile : 09440067560

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my Client **Sri. Kontham Ramachandra Reddy S/o. Kontham Pandu Reddy** informed that he had misplaced Original Registered Gift Settlement Deed (Link) Doc. No.14729/2003,dated:21-11-2003, registered at SRO, Hyderabad-East executed by Sri. T.K. Narayana Murthy S/o. Late T.S.Kesavulu in favour of Sri. T.K. Kodandaram S/o. Late T.S Kesavulu and Original Registered Sale Deed (Link) Doc. No.9590/1985, dated: 30-04-1985, registered at SRO, Hyderabad-East executed by 1) Sri. PingaliJayashankar Reddy S/o. P. Rama Krishna Reddy, 2) Smt. Pingali Usha Devi W/o. Rama Krishna Reddy, Represented by their General Power Agent: Sri. S. Hanumantha Reddy S/o. Narayan Reddy in favour of Sri. T.Kesava Narayana Murthy S/o. T. Kesava Rao pertaining to the below mentioned Schedule of Properties. If anybody found the above Document same may be intimated / hand over the same to the below mentioned office. My Client further states that he wants to avail loan by mortgaging the schedule mentioned property. If any person has any claim / interest / dispute over the said transaction, the same may be intimated to the undersigned within7 (seven) days from the date of this publication, failing which, no further claims / objections will be entertained and my client will proceed with the same.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
All that the piece and parcel of Residential Plot bearing No.41-A, admeasuring 240 Sq. Yards or its equivalent to 200.66 Sq. Meters, forming Part of Survey Nos. 233, 234, 235 & 236, Under Ward No.4, Block No.8, Situated at Bagh Hayathnagar Village, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, L.B. Nagar Circle, Hyderabad, Registration Sub-District, Hyderabad-East and boundedby: North: Plot No.76-A, South: 25' Wide Road, East : Plot No.40-A, West : Plot No.42-A

P. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001

O.A.NO. 956 OF 2026

Between:
Indian Bank, Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad. **...Applicant**
VS
M/s. Regals Wholesale and another **...Defendants**

To,
1. Mrs. Regals Wholesale,
Rep by its Prop: Sanjay Kumar Revelli, S/o.R.Gyaneshwar, Aged Major, Occ: Business, Unit No.4-5-486, Sultan Bazar Badichowdi, Hyderabad -500027, Cell No.9246279213
2. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Ravelli, S/o.R.Gyaneshwar, Aged Major, Occ: Business, R/o.H.No.3-2-352, Chappal Bazar, Near Masjid, Kachiguda, Hyderabad -500027
Cell No.9246279213 **...Defendants No.1 & 2**

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA No.956/2026 is listed before Hon'ble Registrar, DRT-2, Hyderabad on 28-10-2026.
WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of **Rs.25,96,781ps.** (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-
(I) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application:
(iii)you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 08-12-2026 at 10:30A.M.,failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this dated 30th october 2026.

Signature of the Officer Authorized to issue Summons

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

FLAT WHITE CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED - GOLD LOAN
+91 7042538686
support@fwcap.in
www.fwcap.in
Corporate Office: 64, Sector 44, Gurugram, Haryana – 122003, India.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrowers of Flat White Capital Private Limited are hereby informed that Gold Loan availed by them from the Company has not been adjusted despite various demands and notices including individual notices issued by the Company. All borrowers are hereby informed that it has been decided to auction the Gold ornaments pledged as security with the Company and accordingly, the auction has been fixed for **16-11-2026 at 11 am** at **FF-4, H.NO. 13-8-110, Road No. 2 Gautham Nagar, Dilsukh Nagar and Shop G9B Sai Ranga Bhaskar Residency, Miyapur, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500049.**

The company reserves the right to withdraw any loan account from the auction list and to cancel, postpone or reschedule the auction, without prior notice, as many be required.

DISTRICT / LOCATION AND GOLD LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS:
Hyderabad- Miyapur Branch: 100544, 100960, 100636, 100991, 100260, 100092, 100898, 100899, 100561, 100948, 100963, 100019, 100595, 100192, 100193, 100690, 100712, 100266, 100269, 100422
Hyderabad- Dilsukh Nagar Branch:- 100040, 100285, 100452, 100808, 100084, 100893, 100954, 100196, 100663, 100243

Date: 01 Nov 2026

Authorized Officer
(Flat White Capital Private Limited)

FORM NO. 14

[See Regulation 33(2)] OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)
3rdFloor, Triveni Complex Abids, Hyderabad 500001

DEMAND NOTICE

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

RC/270/2026 **CANARA BANK** **15-09-2026**
Versus
M/S. INDIAN RICE DEPOT, INTIKHAB

To
(CD 1) M/s. Indian Rice Depot, Intikhab Ahmed Shamshad Ahmed Represented by its Proprietor, Sri Intikhab Ahmed, 8-1-4/170/C. Samatha Colony, 7 Tombs, Tolichowki, Shaikpet, Hyderabad-500008. Hyderabad, Telangana-500008
(CD 2) Mr. Intikhab Ahmed 8-1-4/170/C, Samatha Colony, 7 Tombs Tolichowki Shaikpet, Hyderabad-500008.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1) in **OA/7/2026** an amount of **Rs 2275137 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousands One Hundred Thirty Seven Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 10.90 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. **08/12/2025** till realization and costs of **Rs 55000 (Rupees Fifty Five Thousands Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **17-11-2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **15-09-2026**

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD(DRT 1)

Indian Overseas Bank

Adarsh Nagar Branch 5-9-305A, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029 (TS) Telephone : 040-23421559, Cell:8925951301, Email : iob1301@iob.bank.in

Date: 30.10.2026

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules]
"APPENDIX- IV-A"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision 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/Indian Overseas Bank the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is where is**" and "**As it is what is**"" **Whatever there is**" and **Without Recourse basis**" on **18.11.2026** is **Rs. 64,23,415.40(Rupees Sixty-Four Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and Paisa Forty Only)** dues to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from Borrowers, **MOHD MOIN UDDIN & SHABANA BEGUM** The reserve price will be **Rs.57,80,000/-(Rupee Fifty-Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,78,000/-(Rupees Five Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Only).**

Schedule of Secured Assets
All that Flat bearing No. 103, in the First floor, area of 1510 Sq Ft, including Common areas and Two Car Parking having Undivided Share of land 74 Sq Yds, in Sy No. 34, 37/A1, 37/A2, 37/A3, 37/A4, 37/A4/Part, and Plot Nos: 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030 total extent of 5173.25 Sq Yds Known as "Aishwarya Icon" situated at Muthangi Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, Telangana State - 502307 **Boundaries of Flat:** North: Open to Sky,South: Open to Sky East : Corridor, West: Open Land

RESERVE PRICE Rs.57,80,000/- **EMD Rs.5,78,000/-**
BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/-

Auction Date:18.11.2026, between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed
Submission of bid with EMD :17.11.2026 till 5.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e.**www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx and also https://baanknet.com.**This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

Date: 30.10.2026
Place: Hyderabad

Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Flat 201, 2 nd Floor, Krishe Saphire Building,Near Image Hospital, Hitech City Main Road, Madhapur,Hyderabad – 500081.

POSSESSION NOTICE
(Under Rule 8(1) Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC Housing Finance Limited, Madhapur branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice calling upon the following Borrower to repay the amount mentioned against their name with further interest / costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1. Name of the Borrower: (1) A SUDHAKAR (Primary Applicant) S/o. A. RAJAGOPAL, and (2) A NIVEDITA W/o A SUDHAKAR (Co-Appl) A/c No. 17064101633. Demand Notice Date: **24.08.2026** Outstanding Loan Amount **Rs. 3,76,070.11 (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Seventy Rupees and Eleven Paise Only) as on 25.08.2026,+** Interest, expenses & costs from**26.08.2026.Description of immovable Property:(SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY-Block "A")**:ALL and that the Plot No.22/A, in Sy.Nos.403/1(Old) 120 (New) of Shaikpet Village & 102/1 of Hakimpet Village, admeasuring 1501 Sq. Yds., situated within the approved layout of the Jubilee Hills Cooperative House Building Society Ltd., Road No.5, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-A.P. and boundaries bounded by:-North: Nala.South: 50' Wide Road No.5.East : Plot No.22.West : Plot No.23/A.
(SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY-Block "B"): ALL that the Residential Unit bearing No.G-5, in Ground Floor, having a plinth area of 692 Sq. ft., together with 26 Sq. yds., or 21.73 Sq. mts., Undivided share of land, Out of 1501 Sq. Yds., on Plot No.22/A, in Sy.Nos.403/1(Old) and 120 (New) of Shaikpet Village & 102/1 of Hakimpet Village, situated within the approved layout of the Jubilee Hills Cooperative House Building Society Ltd., Road No.5, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-A.P. North : Corridor.South: Corridor & Staircase.East: Unit No.G-4.West: Unit No.G-6.
Symbolic Possession taken on 30.10.2026.

2. Name of the Borrower: **(1) PADMA KANCHARLA D/o GANTALA BHADRA REDDY (Primary Applicant) and (2) KANCHARLA PALLAVI D/o KANCHARLA VENKAT (co-Applicant) A/c No. 7001040005119, 7001040005155** Demand Notice Date: **24/08/2026** Outstanding Loan **Rs. 54,92,420.42 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Rupees And Fourty Two Paise Only) as on 24.08.2026,+** Interest, expenses & costs from **25/08/2026 .Description of immovable Property** : All that part and parcel of the Flat bearing No.201 in Second Floor, in "KRISHNA KUTEER", having a plinth area of 1350 Sq.ft., (including common areas), along with a proportionate undivided share of land admeasuring 56.73 Sq. Yards, out of 800 Sq. Yards and one car parking area 100 Sq.ft., in stilt floor in the proposed residential complex constructed on bearing Plot Nos. 45, 46, 47 and 48, in Survey Nos. 169, 170 and 171, Ward No.4, Block No.9, Situated at BAGH HAYATHNAGAR VILLAGE, Hayathnagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga ReddyDistrict, under GHMC, Hayathnagar Circle, within the registration Sub-District: Hayathnagar,Telangana State. And Bounded By:**FLAT BOUNDED BY:-**NORTH :: Corridor, Staircase & Duct,SOUTH :: Open to Sky,EAST :: Open to Sky,West :: Open to Sky **ENTIRE LAND BOUNDARIES** NORTH :: Plot No. 49,SOUTH :: 30' Wide Road,EAST :: 25' Wide Road WEST :: Plot Nos. 44, 43, 42 and 41.
Symbolic Possession taken on 30.10.2026

3. Name of the Borrower: Mrs. MOTRU BABY USHA RANI D/o BHUSHANAM MOTRU (Applicant) A/c No. 7006020003504 Demand Notice Date: **21/08/2026** Outstanding Loan **Rs. 68,49,365.48 (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Fourty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Five Rupees and Fourty Eight Paise Only) as on 21.08.2026**, + Interest, expenses & costs from **22/08/2026 .Description of immovable Property** : All that part and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No.501, in Fifth Floor, in "SHILPI MYJ ARCADE", having a plinth area of 1471 Sft., (including common areas and balconies) and One Car Parking area in Stilt Floor, together with a proportionate undivided share and interest in the land admeasuring an area of 61.6 Sq.Yards or its equivalent to 51.49 Sq.Metres, out of the total extent of land admeasuring 608.11 Sq. Yards or its equivalent to 508.44 Sq.Metres, constructed on Northern Portion of Open Land, in Survey/No.203/, situated at BAGH HAYATNAGAR VILLAGE, Hayatnagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Ward No.4, Block No.9 of GHMC, Hayatnagar Circle, under registration Sub District Hayathnagar, Telangana State. And boundaries bounded by:- **BOUNDARIES FOR ENTIRE LAND:**NORTH :: 30 ft. Wide Road.SOUTH :: South Portion of Open land, in Sy. No.203/.EAST :: Neighbours House No.4-9-6/4.WEST :: Land in Sy.No.203/ and Neighbours Land.**BOUNDARIES FOR FLAT NO.501, IN FIFTH FLOOR:**NORTH :: Open to Sky.SOUTH :: Corridor, Staircase and Lift, thereafter Flat No.502.EAST :: Open to Sky.WEST :: Open to Sky. **Symbolic Possession taken on 30.10.2026**

The above borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said ruled on the above mentioned symbolic possession taken dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC Housing Finance Limited for the amounts mentioned against their names with further interest accrued interest thereon and costs.

Date :30.10.2026
Place:Hyderabad.

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
LIC Housing Finance Limited

Uttam reviews Tummidihatti project



HYDERABAD, TSIT Bureau: Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday directed officials to find practical solutions to Maharashtra's concerns over the proposed Tummidihatti barrage, particularly submergence and environmental impact. He sought detailed maps identifying affected forest areas, habitations, revenue lands and eco-sensitive zones. Officials were also asked to explore engineering changes to minimise environmental impact while protecting irrigation objectives. Telangana is seeking to increase the barrage's Full Reservoir Level from 148 to 152 metres, raising storage capacity from 2.182 TMC to 5.697 TMC. The project aims to divert 77 TMC and irrigate 5.85 lakh acres across seven districts.

Komatireddy Calls for Strong Participation in 'Chalo Delhi' Protest

HYDERABAD, : Telangana Roads and Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday called upon Congress workers to make the "Chalo Delhi" protest a success, saying the campaign to protect voting rights and demand Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation was receiving widespread support.

In a press release, the Minister said people and Congress workers from across the country were heading to Delhi to participate in the protest at Ramlila Maidan under Rahul Gandhi's leadership. He described voting rights as the foundation of democracy and stressed the need for transparency and accountability in the electoral process. Any attempt to weaken or deny eligible citizens their voting rights would face strong resistance, he said.

Mr. Venkat Reddy accused the BJP-led Union government of using central investigating agencies, including the CBI and Enforcement Directorate, to target political opponents. He further alleged that attempts were being made to influence the electoral system and undermine the spirit of the Constitution.



Drawing a parallel with Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha movement during the freedom struggle, the Minister said Rahul Gandhi was leading a democratic campaign to safeguard constitutional values. He described it as a struggle concerning the country's future and citizens' rights, extending beyond the interests of any single political party. The Minister also alleged that the Union government was obstructing transport arrangements and imposing restrictions to prevent protesters from reaching Delhi.

"The government may be able to stop trains, but it cannot stop people's democratic aspirations or the struggle to protect the Constitution," he said. Mr. Venkat Reddy asserted that the campaign would continue despite obstacles until transparency in the electoral system was ensured and the Chief Election Commissioner resigned.

Graduates should register to vote by November 6: MLA Yashaswini Reddy



Palakurthi, October 31 (TSIT): MLA Mamidala Yashaswini Reddy said November 6, 2026, is the last date for voter registration for the Warangal–Khammam–Nalgonda Graduate MLC constituency, urging eligible graduates to apply through Form-18.

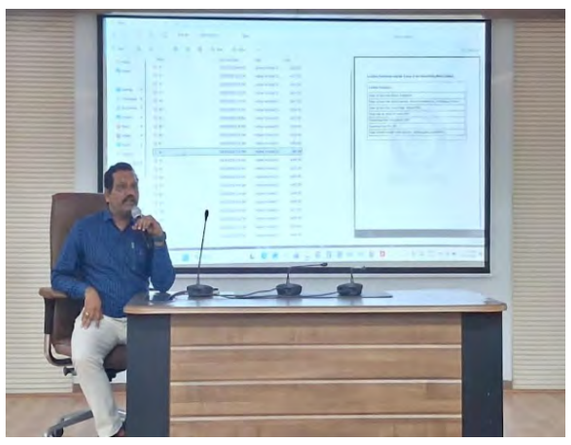
She clarified that those previously registered as graduate voters must submit fresh applications this time. The MLA called upon graduates in Palakurthi constituency to exercise their valuable right to vote, stating that a graduate's vote represents the views of educated people, youth's future and society's development. She urged graduates to complete registration and vote, saying educated graduates can strengthen democracy through informed decisions. "Your vote is not just your right; it is also the power to determine your future," she appealed.

COLLECTOR CALLS FOR NATIONAL UNITY



MAHABUBNAGAR, TSIT bureau: District Collector Khushboo Gupta called upon citizens to protect the unity, integrity and security of the nation on National Unity Day on Saturday. She paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Collectorate, recalling his significant role in uniting the country. Describing Patel as the Iron Man of India, she said his vision and leadership continue to inspire generations.

Complete LRS applications by November 30: Municipal Commissioner Mallikarjun



Siddipet, October 31, 2026: Municipal Commissioner Mallikarjun held a review meeting with municipal officials at the Siddipet Municipal Office on Saturday. During the meeting, he reviewed tax collection, disposal of pending Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) applications, sanitation management and other key municipal issues.

The Commissioner directed ward officers to clear all pending LRS applications by November 30 and instructed officials to expedite processing of pending files in the Bhuvan system. Emphasising the importance of tax collection, he stated that Siddipet Municipality must always remain at the forefront of tax revenue collection, directing revenue officials, Revenue Inspectors and ward officers to focus on improving collections and work in coordination to achieve targets.

Chitradhara 2026 celebrates tribal art heritage



Hyderabad: Chitradhara 2026, a four-day workshop on indigenous tribal art, concluded at Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Degree College (Men), Peddakanjerla, on Saturday. Organised by TGTWREIS from October 28 to 31, it focused on preserving Naikpod, Koya, Gond and Lambadi art through expert lectures, demonstrations and painting sessions. TGTWREIS Secretary K. Seetha Lakshmi stressed safeguarding tribal cultural heritage. Experts explained each art form's traditions, and students practised traditional motifs and storytelling techniques. The workshop ended with an exhibition of student artworks and distribution of certificates.

CHATANPALLY RESIDENTS HALT TRAIN, DEMAND RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE



Rangareddy: Hundreds of people from nearby villages staged a rail roko protest at the Chatanpally railway gate, demanding an overbridge to address persistent traffic problems caused by frequent gate closures. Expressing frustration over prolonged waiting periods, protesters entered the railway tracks and stopped an approaching train, seeking an immediate response from railway officials and the station master.They said the absence of an overbridge was causing daily inconvenience to commuters, students, employees and emergency services. Despite repeated appeals, no permanent solution had been provided, they alleged.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Lid., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise ol powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the dale of receipt of Notice, as per details given below. The said Notices have been relumed undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)).
The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.
As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

S. No.	Name of the Borrowers / Guarantors with Address	Description of the Secured Assets	Date of NPA	Amount Claimed As Per Demand Notice
1.	**1. Mr. Bathini Sai Teja, S/o. Bathini Rathnakar,** **Add.-1:** R/o. H.No. Plot No.287, Northern Part, Sy. No. 76/6 to 76/16, Dwaraka Nagar Colony, Phase-I, Chengicherla Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500092 **Add.-2:** R/o. RBM Fitness Cube, 2nd Floor, CCMB Colony, Sai Nagar Colony, Mallapur Road, Boduppal, Medipally, Medchal Malkajgiri, T.S **2. Mr. Bathini Rathnakar, S/o. B. Venkatamallaiah** **Add.-1:** R/o. H.No. Plot No.287, Northern Part, Sy. No. 76/6 to 76/16, Dwaraka Nagar Colony, Phase-I, Chengicherla Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500092 **Add.-2:** R/o.H.No.8-201-147/1945/R,New Bhavani Colony,Boduppal Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500092	All That The House On Plot No 287 Northern Part (PTIN 1197202761), In Survey No 76/6 To76/16, Admeasuring 100 Sq.yds., or 83.6 Sq.mtrs., Consisting Of Ground Floor With Plinth Area of 766 Sft, With R.C.c, Situated Atdwaraka Nagar Colony, phase-I, Chengicherla Village, Under Boduppal Municipal Corporation, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, Telangana and Boundaries As Under: Land Boundaries: North: Plot No.288, South: Plot No. 287, Southern Part, East: Neighbour's Land, West: 25ft Wide Road	29-10-2026	Rs.42,55,382/-
2.	**1. Mr. Ephraim Abraham, S/o. Abraham Atikalu,** **Add.-1:** R/o. H.No. Flat No. 301, Third Floor, UVS Residency-IV, Plot No. 75, Block 07, Sy. No. 313 & 314, Subhash Nagar, Jeedimetla Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500055 **Add.-2:** R/o. H.No.10-3-32/9/90, Ground Floor, Opp. Bharat Petroleum, Tukaramgate, East Maredpally, Secunderabad, Telangana-500026 **2. Mrs. Maria, W/o. Ephraim Abraham,** **Add.-1:** R/o. H. No. Flat No 301, Third Floor, UVS Residency-IV, Plot No. 75, Block 07, Sy. No. 313 & 314, Subhash Nagar, Jeedimetla Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500055 **Add.-2:** R/o. 14-169/1, First Floor, Raja Srinivas Nagar, Opp Andhra Bank, Tirumalagiri, Hyderabad-500047	All That The Flat Bearing No 301 In Third Floor With Built-up Area Of 1025.0 Sq.Feet, (Including Common Area) and car parking area of 80.0 Sq feet, Along with an UDS admeasuring 37.50 Sq.Yds or equivalent to 31.35 Sq.Mtrs, (Out of Total land 300.0 Sq.yds), in the building known as "U.V.S RESIDENCY-IV" Constructed on Plot no 75, covered under block no 7 in Survey no 313 and 314, Situated at Subash Nagar, Jeedimetla Village, QuthbullapurMandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telanganaand boundaries as under: **Land Boundaries:** North: Plot No.90, South: 30ft Wide Road, East:Plot No. 74, West: Plot No. 76. **Flat Boundaries:** North: Corridor And Staircase, South: Open To Sky, East:open To Sky, West: Open To Sky.	29-10-2026	Rs.57,82,440/-
3.	**1. Mr. Mandlem Rakesh Reddy, S/o. Janardhan Reddy,** **Add.-1:** R/o. H.No. Flat No. 301, Third Floor, Sri Brindavan Enclave, Plot No. 48 In Sy. No. 20/Part, Gajularamaram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500055 **Add.-2:** R/o.H.No. 6-102, Koppunur, Mahabubnagar, Telangana-509105 **2. Mrs. Putta Sowmya, W/o. Mandlem Rakesh Reddy,** **Add.-1:** R/o. H.No. Flat No 301, Third Floor, Sri Brindavan Enclave, Plot No. 48 In Sy. No. 20/Part, Gajularamaram Village, Quthbullapur Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500055 **Add.-2:** R/o. Flat No 103, Thota Ramakrishna Reddy Gardens, Ratna Nagar Colony, Macha Bollaram, P.O.: Alwal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500010	All That the Flat Bearing No 301 In Third Floor in the Building known as "SRI BRINDAVAN ENCLAVE" with a plinth area of 1065 Sq.feet(Including common area and one car parking), along with an UDS 37.50 Sq.yards (out of 300 Sq.Yards) constructed on Plot no 48, in Survey no 20/part and 32/part Situated at Gajula ramaram Village, QuthbullapurMandal, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telanganaand boundaries as under: **Land Boundaries:** North: Neighbours Land, South: Plot No.49, East: Plot No. 47, West: 40 Wide Road, **Flat Boundaries:** North: Open To Sky, South: Open To Sky, East: Corridor, Staircase And Flat No 302. West: Open To Sky.	29-10-2026	Rs.51,00,450/-

*** Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.**
You are hereby called upon to pay (he above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of ti me available to them to redeem the secured assets

Date : 31-10-2026
Place : Gachibowli
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd, Gachibowli Branch

CAN FIN HOMES LTD
2-52/88, Sai Teja Enclave, Indira Nagar, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, TELANGANA-500032. Landline: 040-40179219, Mobile No: 7625079155, Mail Id:gachi.bowli@canfinhomes.com, CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **05.05.2026** calling upon the borrowers **MRS.SANGISETTI JYOTHI W/o SRINUVAS,** and **MS.SANGISETTI SUCHARITHA D/o SRINUVAS,**to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.61,36,604/-(Rupees Sixty One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Four only)** and interest from 01/11/2026 to till date of final payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 01st day of November of the year 2026.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.61,36,604/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Four only)**and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Flat No. 503,in Fifth Floor of TULIP SHERYS HEIGHTS admeasuring 1485 sq. ft,respectively of Built up area with one car parking 75 sq.ft,(which includes the common area and facilities) along with undivided share of land admeasuring 60.80 sq.yards or 50.83 sq.mtrs,(out of total 665.00 sq.yrds or 547.58 sq.meters),constructed on Plot no.5 in sy no.223 &224 ,situated at GAJULARAMARAM Village ,Quthbullapur Mandal, GHMC, Gajularamaram Cricle,,MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT, Telangana-500055. And boundaries as under: **LAND BOUNDARIES:** NORTH: 30' FEET WIDE ROAD, SOUTH: LAND OF SURENDER RAJU, EAST: PLOT NO.1, WEST: NEIGHBOUR' S LAND **FLAT BOUNDARISE:** NORTH: OPEN TO SKY & LIFT, SOUTH: OPEN TO SKY, EAST: OPEN TO SKY, WEST: CORRIDOR.

Date: 31-10-2026
Place : Gachibowli
Sd/- Authorised Officer
CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; Tel: 022 4241 0400 , 022 4060 3100; Website: http://www.shriramfinance.in./auction
Branch Office Address: # 2-5-6/2, 1st, Nehru Road, Jangaon - 506167.
Authorized Officer Address: Shriram Finance Ltd, Zonal Office, # 1-8-588, 3rd, Nakkalagutta, Hanamkonda , Warangal -506001.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers /Guarantors	
1.	**Katkam Ravi,** S/O.Ramulu, Age: 52 Years, Occ: Bombay Sarees, R/O.H.No.9-195, Main Road, Aleru, Nalgonda Dist – 508 101. Cell: 9948129261. **And Also At** Katkam Ravi, S/O.Ramulu, Age: 52 Years, Occ: Business, All That The House Bearing No.9-195 (Old), 12-118 (Old), 12-119 (New), Sy.No.954, 174.00 Sq.Yards, 145.464 Sq.Mtrs, Rcc.1030 S.F.T, Aliar (V&M), Yadagiri Bhongir Dist.	Borrower
2.	**Katkam Vrusali,** W/O. Ravi, Age: 43 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.H.No.9-195, Main Road, Aleru, Nalgonda Dist – 508 101. Cell: 9848369615.	Co Borrower /Guarantor
3.	**Pasupunuri Veeresham,** S/O.Shankaraiah, Age: 62 Yrs, Occ: Business, (Cloth Store), R/O.H.No.12-116, Near Railway Station Road, Aleru, Nalgonda Dist – 508 101. Cell: 9885103467.	Co Borrower /Guarantor

Sub: Sale of property belonging to **Katkam Ravi (Borrower/Guarantor)** in the account of **JNGONTF2102170005** for realization of amount due to **Shriram Finance Limited** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, Janagaon - Branch,** the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **27.01.2025** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 18,58,936/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Six Only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23.02.2026.** And After the Authorized Officer of **Shriram Finance Limited** received Physical possession of the property on **08.10.2026.** Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: All that the House bearing No.9-195 (Old), 12-118(Old), 12-119(New) in Sy.No.954, admeasuring an area of 174.00 Sq.yards, equivalent to 145.464 sq.mtrs, with built up area of RCC 1030 S.Ft.situated at Alair village, Alair Mandal, Yadagiri Bhongir District, within the limits of Alair Municipality, Registration Sub-District: Yadagirigutta, Registration District: Nalgonda, **bounded by : - EAST:** House of Padma Rajaiah, **WEST:** House of Poddatoori Shivarajaiah, **NORTH:** Hanamkonda to Hyderabad Road, **SOUTH:** 8ft.wide road
Note "It is informed that **"SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED"** has been amalgamated with **"SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED"** as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of **"SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED"** was changed as **"SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED"** with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Date: 29.10.2026
Place: Warangal.
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Shriram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Regd Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032; Website: http://www.shriramfinance.in./auction
Office Address: # D.NO:3-6-629, 4TH Floor, Bhupal Reddy Complex, Street No.8, Himayath Nagar, Hyderabad-500029.

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO: Mr. SRI BOJJA LINGAM

E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now after expiry of 30 days of the Intending **sale Notice dated. 31.07.2026.** Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagers / co-applicants / co-borrowers as under.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagers / co-applicants / co-borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **03.12.2026 11.00 A.M. to 01.00P.M.**for recovery of dues of **Rs. 4063386/- as on 19.12.2024** with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from **20.12.2024** due to the Shriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per **Demand Notice dated 19.12.2024** issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantor(s) mentioned below.

Agreement No: VANASTF2303280006
Name And Address Of The Borrower/Guarantor(S) 1) Bojja Lingam, S/O:Bojja Ramulu, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O:H No: 2-5-147/3, Seetha Nagar, Bhongiri, Bhongir -Yadadri -508116, B/O: Proprietor Of "Mallikarjuna Swamy Coconut Oil Supply" At # Same As Residency Address, 9951159868. **And Also At: Bojja Lingam,** S/O:Bojja Ramulu, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No.2-1-37/North Part, Nalgonda Road To Police Station, (Kummariwada), Bhongir Town And Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District-508116, 9951159868. **2) Neelavathi Bojja @ Alias P Neelavathi,** W/O:Bojja Lingam, D/O: Late Jangaiah, Age: 38 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: Address-I: H No:2-1-37, Khila Nagar, Bhuvanagiri, Nalgonda Dist,Bhongir Post,Nalgonda-508116, Address-Ii: 18-8-401/27/5, Uppuguda, Narahari Nagar, Falaknauma, Charminar-500053. **3) Bojja Swamy, S/O: Bojja Ramulu,** Age: 39 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O:H No: 2-5-147/3, Seetha Nagar, Bhongiri, Bhongir -Yadadri -508116, B/O: Proprietor Of "Mallikarjuna Swamy Whole Sale For Coconut &Oil Mil " At # 2-1-37, Kummariwada, Khila Nagar, Bhuvanagiri. **4) Mallesham Siripanga, S/O:Maisaiah Siripanga,** Age: 29 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No:- 2-5-136/3, Sita Nagar, Bhuvanagiri, Bhongir, Turkapalli, Nalgonda-508116, 9989077701.

Description of immovable property: (Property belongs to SRI BOJJA LINGAM:

All That The House Bearing No.2-1-37/North Part, Consisting Of Two Rooms And Open Yard, Admeasuring 125 Sq.Yards Or 104.51 Sq.Mtrs, With A.C.C. Sheet Roof Area 470.81 Sft, Situated At Nalgonda Road To Police Station, (Kummariwada), Bhongir Town And Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Under Bhongir Municipality And Bounded As Follows: Towards East:Bhongir Fort. Towards West: Bhongir To Nalgonda Road, (Actual: 100' Wide Road); Towards North:House Of Dakuri Krishna,(Actual: Neighbours House); Towards South: H.No.2-1-37/South Part (Actual: Owner's Brother's House).**Encumbrances, if any: NIL**

AGREEMENT NO	RESERVE PRICE OF THE PROPERTY	EMD AMOUNT	BY WAY OF SUB EMD	BID INCREASE AMT	AUCTION DATE	EMD SUB DATE	PROPERTY INSPECTION DATE
VANASTF 2303280006	Rs. 17,66,400/- (Seventeen Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred Only)	Rs. 1,76,640/- (One Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Six Hundred And Fourty Only)	DD in favour of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs.10,000/-	04-12-2026	03-12-2026	02-12-2026

The interested bidders required assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s.Shriram Automall India Limited contact person: **Mr.Gaurav Namboodiri**, Contact No.9833922941 Mr.Gaurav Namboodiri <gaurav.n@samil.in> and for any property related query may contact Shriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, M RAGHAVENDRA, Ph.No :7207927929, during office hours and working days.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids without furnishing any further reasons. The online auction will be conducted on website **(https://eauctions.Samil.in/home)** of our auction agency **Shriram Auto Mall India Limited.** And for the place of Tender Submission/ for obtaining the bid form / Tender open & Auction, please visit the website **https://eauctions.Samil.in/home** and for detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link **https://www.shriramfinance.in/auction** provided in the Shriram Finance Limited website.
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Place: Vanasthalipuram,
Date: 31-10-2026
Sd/-Authorised officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd

BIS Standards Carnival inspires 700 students at RGUKT Nuzvid



Visakhapatnam: The Bureau of Indian Standards, Vijayawada Branch Office, in association with Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Nuzvid, organised the Standards Carnival 2026 at the university campus, attracting enthusiastic participation from around 700 students.

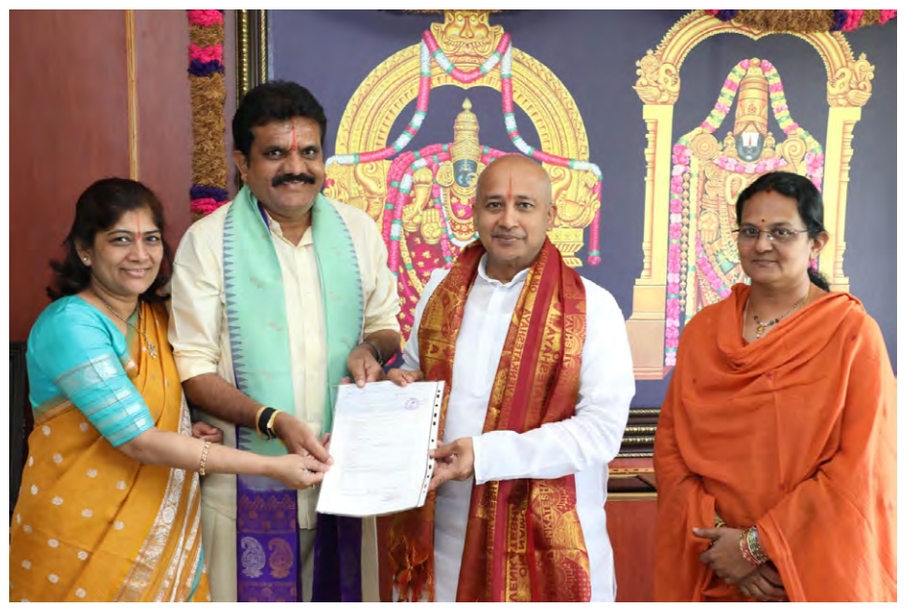
The carnival aimed to create awareness among young minds about the importance of standards in ensuring the quality, safety, reliability and energy efficiency of products used in everyday life. Through industry exhibitions, interactive student activities and technical presentations, participants were introduced to the role of standardisation in improving product quality and promoting innovation.

Organised as part of World Standards Day 2026 celebrations, the event focused on the theme "Shared Vision for a Better World", with special emphasis on Sustainable Development Goal 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy.

SBI donates Rs.5 crore to AP Chief Minister's Relief Fund



Amaravati, TSIT : The State Bank of India has extended financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh, which suffered extensive damage due to Cyclone Arnab, by donating Rs.5.01 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. An SBI delegation, led by Managing Director Amara Ram Mohan Rao, met Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu at his camp office and handed over the cheque towards the relief fund. The Chief Minister thanked the SBI management for its generous contribution towards supporting cyclone-affected people in the state. Those present during the meeting included SBI Amaravati Circle Chief General Manager Sushil Kumar, General Manager Kundan Jyoti and Assistant General Manager Shaik Shameem Bhanu.



TTD Board Member Sri Nannapaneni Sadashiva Rao donated Rs.10,01,116 towards the Annaprasadam programme for devotees at Sri Kodandarama Swamy Temple in Ontimitta.

South Zone Inter-University Table Tennis Championship Begins at GITAM



Visakhapatnam, TSIT. The Association of Indian Universities South Zone Inter-University Table Tennis (Men) Championship 2026-27 commenced at GITAM Deemed to be University on Saturday, October 31, with enthusiastic participation from universities across the region. Around 480 players and 150 coaches are taking part in the tournament. GITAM Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Y. Goutham Rao inaugurated the championship. Addressing the gathering, he said that platforms like AIU play a vital role in developing students' personalities through sports, promoting national integration and bringing talented players from diverse cultural backgrounds together. He said the participants represented the hopes and pride of their respective institutions.

Organising Secretary and Assistant Dean of Campus Life Arun Karthik described table tennis as "chess played at lightning speed", requiring quick decision-making, sharp reflexes, excellent hand-eye coordination and strong mental resilience. He urged players to respect the rules and referees' decisions and uphold true sportsmanship in both victory and defeat. GITAM Registrar Prof. D. Gunasekharan, Tournament Chief Referee and International Blue Badge Umpire D.V.S.Y. Sharma, AIU Observer Anand Singh Chauhan, Senior Manager of GITAM Sports Wing V. Tapaswi and 12 state and national-level umpires attended the inaugural ceremony.

SCoR Concludes Vigilance Awareness Week



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : South Coast Railway concluded Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, observed under the theme "Probity for Prosperity," reaffirming its commitment to integrity, transparency and corruption-free governance. The week-long programme commenced on October 26 at the Zonal Headquarters in Visakhapatnam, where General Manager Sandeep Mathur administered the Integrity Pledge to Principal Heads of Departments, senior officers and staff. Similar pledge-taking programmes were conducted across all divisions of the zone.

Various awareness activities, including seminars, interactive workshops, essay-writing competitions, debates and drawing contests, were organised to promote ethical conduct, preventive vigilance and accountability among railway employees. Addressing the valedictory programme, General Manager Sandeep Mathur emphasised the importance of integrity, transparency and public participation in ensuring corruption-free administration. He also presented awards and mementos to the winners and runners-up of various competitions, appreciating their participation and commitment.The annual observance, coinciding with the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 31, aims to strengthen vigilance awareness and promote ethical practices in public service.

TTD to provide AI training to all employees



Tirupati: TTD Executive Officer Sri Muddada Ravichandra said all TTD employees will be provided training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve their professional skills and enhance the efficiency of services to devotees. He also said steps are being taken to provide promotions to all eligible employees.

The EO was speaking at a felicitation programme organised by the TTD Employees Welfare Department at Mahati Auditorium in Tirupati on Saturday to honour 29 employees who retired from service. He inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp.The EO said employees must upgrade their skills in line with changing technology. Training will be provided with the support of experts from reputed institutions such as IITs and ICAR. The use of AI in official work will help employees complete tasks faster and deliver better services to devotees.

The EO urged retired employees to share their experiences, important incidents and best practices with serving employees. Their knowledge and experience would guide future generations and help improve the quality of TTD services. He appreciated the valuable contribution of employees to TTD's development and service to devotees, and wished the retired employees a happy, peaceful and healthy life with their families.

On the occasion, the 29 retired employees were honoured with shawls and presented with Srivari Laddu Prasadam. Vedic scholars blessed them with Vedic benedictions. Special pujas were performed to the presiding deity before the programme commenced.

TTD JEO (Education and Health) Sri Prabhala Gopinath, Additional FA and CAO Sri Ravi Prasad, Deputy EO Sri Anandaraju, retired officials, employees' union representatives, employees, family members of retired employees and students participated in the programme.

ANNUAL EYE CHECK-UP VITAL FOR DIABETICS TO PREVENT VISION LOSS



Vijayawada, TSIT : Diabetic patients should undergo a comprehensive eye examination at least once a year to prevent vision loss caused by diabetic retinopathy, an eye complication that can lead to permanent blindness if left untreated, doctors have advised. Diabetic retinopathy occurs when prolonged high blood sugar levels damage the blood vessels in the retina, causing fluid leakage and bleeding. The condition often progresses without noticeable symptoms and may eventually result in severe vision loss.

Uncontrolled diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and kidney problems are among the major risk factors. Doctors recommend maintaining fasting blood sugar levels between 80 and 130 mg/dL, post-meal levels below 180 mg/dL and HbA1c below 7 per cent, subject to individual medical advice. Dr Aditya Kapoor, Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Kode Venkatadri Chowdary Campus, Vijayawada, said diabetic patients should undergo an annual comprehensive eye examination, including a dilated retinal check-up, even if their vision was normal.

He advised Type 2 diabetic patients to get their eyes examined immediately after diagnosis and annually thereafter. Type 1 diabetic patients should undergo their first examination within five years of diagnosis. Those diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy may require check-ups every three to six months. The condition can be treated through laser procedures and eye injections, while surgery may be necessary in advanced cases. However, vision already lost may not be fully restored.

Dr Kapoor stressed that regular retinal screening and proper control of blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol were essential to prevent blindness. He urged diabetics not to wait for symptoms and to make annual eye examinations a priority.

CENTRAL TEAM LAUDS AP'S MANA MITRA INITIATIVE IN CYCLONE MANAGEMENT



Amaravati, TSIT : A seven-member Central Government assessment team has appreciated Andhra Pradesh's Mana Mitra WhatsApp Governance initiative and the disaster management measures undertaken through the Real Time Governance Society during Cyclone Arnab. The team observed that the innovative WhatsApp-based grievance redressal system could serve as a model for other states. The team, led by Chitranjan Dash, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, visited the RTGS Centre at the State Secretariat on Saturday to assess the cyclone damage and review the preparedness, response and relief measures taken by the State Government.

RTGS Secretary Katamneni Bhaskar and CEO Prakhar Jain welcomed the team. On the occasion, RTGS officials made a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining the precautionary measures, emergency response, inter-departmental coordination and relief operations undertaken during the cyclone.

Alerts to 7.23 crore mobile users

Officials informed the Central team that cyclone-related warnings had been issued to the public six days in advance through RTGS and the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority. Alerts were sent to 7.23 crore mobile users. During the cyclone's landfall, restrictions were imposed on public movement and vehicular traffic to minimise casualties. To ensure effective coordination, 3,455 control rooms were established at district and mandal levels, with 3,918 nodal officers appointed. As many as 2,199 cyclone shelters were set up across 20 districts, providing shelter to 34,716 people.

For rescue and relief operations, 16 NDRF and 11 SDRF teams were deployed across 14 districts, while 1,355 ambulances were kept ready for emergency medical services. As a precautionary measure, 3,012 pregnant women were shifted to hospitals.

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

ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES ON AN ENTHUSIASTIC NOTE IN VISAKHAPATNAM SOUTH



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

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

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

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

YSRCP Mayor Candidate Varudu Kalyani Campaigns in Visakhapatnam South



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

Local corporator candidates, party leaders and activists accorded a warm welcome to Varudu Kalyani during her campaign visit. A large number of YSRCP leaders, workers and supporters took part in the campaign and expressed their solidarity and full support for the Mayor candidate and the respective ward candidates in the forthcoming GVMC elections.

Fast Justice for Litigants: High Court Judge Praveen Kumar



NARSAPUR (TSIT): High Court Judge Gadi Praveen Kumar emphasized that litigants must receive prompt and timely justice. On Saturday, he inaugurated the First Class Magistrate Court in Narsapur. Upon his arrival at the court premises, he was accorded a traditional welcome with Purna Kumbham. He later planted a sapling and inaugurated the meeting by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Speaking on the occasion, Justice Praveen Kumar urged advocates to tread the path of righteousness and firmly stand against injustice. He called upon the bar and the bench to work in close harmony, like brothers. Medak District Principal Judge Neelima stated that the establishment of the new court will ensure speedy justice for the people of the Narsapur region. She also requested the District Collector to provide drinking water facilities across court premises and set up a 'Mahila Shakti' canteen for affordable meals. The event witnessed the presence of District Collector Pratima Singh, District Superintendent of Police D.V. Srinivasa Rao, Additional Superintendent of Police Vikrant Kumar Singh, various judicial officers, Narsapur Bar Association President Srinivas Goud, and local advocates.

Everyone must strive to uphold the nation's unity: Collector B. Chandrashekhar



Nalgonda: District Collector B. Chandrashekhar has called upon everyone to work towards preserving the unity and integrity of the nation. He attended as the chief guest at the "National Unity Day" (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) event held on Saturday at the District Collector's office conference hall to mark the 151st birth anniversary of the 'Iron Man of India' and the country's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The Collector noted that Sardar Patel had dedicated himself to India's freedom since his youth. Responding to Mahatma Gandhi's call, he participated in the freedom struggle, the Non-Cooperation Movement and the Quit India Movement. He worked alongside leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose for the nation's independence, and his contributions toward safeguarding India's unity and integrity remain unforgettable.He urged everyone to recall how, following India's independence, Sardar Patel facilitated the integration of the princely states—specifically the merger of the Hyderabad State on September 17, 1948. He further mentioned that the "Statue of Unity" has been erected on the banks of the Narmada River in Kevadia, Narmada district, Gujarat, to honour Sardar Patel's services.

FOLLOW SARDAR PATEL'S IDEALS, SP URGES YOUTH ON NATIONAL UNITY DAY

Jogulamba Gadwal, October 31: District Superintendent of Police T. Srinivasa Rao, IPS, called upon the youth to follow the ideals and principles of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of national integration, and work towards strengthening the unity and integrity of the country. The 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, was celebrated at the District Police Office in Jogulamba Gadwal district on Saturday.

On the occasion, SP T. Srinivasa Rao garlanded the portrait of Sardar Patel and paid floral tributes. Speaking at the programme, he recalled Patel's remarkable contribution to national unity and his crucial role in integrating the princely states into the Indian Union after Independence. He said Patel's vision, leadership and commitment to building a united India would remain an inspiration for future generations. Referring to the observance of National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas), the SP urged everyone to reaffirm their commitment to protecting the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the nation.

Police officers, personnel and students subsequently took the National Unity Day pledge, expressing their commitment to safeguarding national unity and integrity.



On the occasion, the SP distributed certificates of appreciation to the district-level winners of essay writing, short film and photography competitions organised in connection with Police Commemoration Day, observed on October 21.

In the Police Department SI and above category, Chandrakanth (RSI) won first prize, Balachandrudu (RSI) second and Ramakrishna (SI, Alampur) third. In the PC to ASI category, Mallikarjun (ARPC) won first prize, Saraswathi (WPC) second and Srilatha (WPC) third. In English essay writing, Chandramohan (PC) won first prize and Bharat Kumar (ARPC) second. Among school and intermediate students, Irfan (ZPHS Anantapur) won first prize in English, Hiba Rainad (MALD Girls College) second and Lalitha (Sri Vidya Junior College) third. In Telugu, Indu (ZPHS Amaravai) won first prize, Airavathi (ZPHS Anantapur) second and Shailaja (ZPHS Irkichedu) third.

St. John's School students visit Machareddy police station



Kamareddy, October 31: As part of Police Martyrs' Week observances, students of St. John's School, Machareddy, visited the local police station on Saturday. During the visit, Machareddy Sub-Inspector Vijay Konda explained the duties and responsibilities of the police department and its role in protecting the public. The students were briefed on various police station activities, including receiving complaints, preventing crime, maintaining law and order, and providing essential services to the public.

The SI also educated the students about important emergency helpline numbers, including 112 for police assistance, 1930 for reporting cyber fraud and 1098 for child protection services.

Students were advised to remain alert to cybercrime, avoid sharing personal information with strangers and use social media responsibly. They were also encouraged to understand children's rights, women's safety and the importance of respecting laws.

Remembering the sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the service of society, the SI highlighted their dedication to maintaining peace and security. The visit provided students with practical knowledge of police functioning and helped them better understand the role of law enforcement in society. SI Vijay Konda, police personnel, St. John's School teacher Ramesh Acharya and students participated in the programme.

Valedictory of A National Level Technical Symposium "SUMSHODHINI'26" at KITS WARANGAL Campus

Hanumakonda, October 31, TSIT : The Indian Society for Technical Education(ISTE) KITSW student chapter, Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW) in association with Technical Club, Student Activity Center(SAC), all the 11 departments jointly organizing a national level student technical symposium named as "SUMSHODHINI'26" told by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy. Today, its valedictory was organised successfully which was held at Silver Jubilee Seminar Hall, KITS Warangal campus.



On the eve of Valedictory former Rajya Sabha MP, KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshmikantha Rao, Treasurer P. Narayana Reddy, KITSW additional secretary & former MLA, V. Satish Kumar and Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy have congratulated and appreciated the student community and faculty coordinators for the grand success of national tech fest-SUMSHODHINI'26.On this occasion, Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy highlighted that Sumshodhini'26 was organised effectively in alignment with its theme, "Beyond Conventional Thinking," which emphasizes the power of innovative ideas in driving meaningful change in society. He stated that the two-day symposium witnessed active participation from eleven academic departments, including Computer Science and Engineering – Networks (CSN), Computer Science and Engineering – Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (CSM), Civil Engineering (CE), Mechanical Engineering (ME), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electronics and Communication Engineering – VLSI (ECV), Information Technology (IT), and MBA. On this valedictory ceremony convener and Dean student affairs Prof. K. Sridhar gave the presidential remarks.

Ramappa Educational Institutions Director Aili Karnakar receives 10TV Eduvisionary Award



Hanumakonda/ Hyderabad, October 30: Mr. Aili Karnakar, Director of Ramappa Educational Institutions, has been honoured with the prestigious 10TV Eduvisionary Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of education. The award acknowledges his continuous efforts, innovative initiatives and visionary leadership in promoting educational development, delivering quality education and nurturing skills among students.

The award was presented at a special ceremony organised by 10TV on October 30, 2026, at the Prataparudra Hall, Hotel Daspalla, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The event was attended by Professor Ganta Chakrapani as the special guest, Professor M. Kodandaram as the guest of honour and former Member of Parliament Mr. Madhu Yashki Goud as a guest. The ceremony recognised talented individuals rendering exceptional services in the education sector by presenting them with Eduvisionary Awards. A special highlight was the launch of a coffee-table book titled "Shaping Tomorrow – Where Skill Meets Purpose."

Mr. Karnakar's vision extends beyond managing educational institutions. His aim is to provide students with quality education along with discipline, leadership qualities, communication skills, computer knowledge and the ability to excel in competitive examinations.

Established in 2016–17, Ramappa Educational Institutions have grown steadily and are now providing educational opportunities to numerous students. Along with MPC, BiPC and CEC courses, the institution is moving forward by offering quality coaching for IIT, NEET, NDA, Defence and other competitive examinations. Through the Vedantu Learning Centre, the institution offers JEE, NEET and Foundation education with enhanced teaching methodologies. In addition, the TG Doon Sainik School Preparatory Academy has been initiated to instil patriotism, discipline, physical fitness and leadership qualities among students.

Apollo Hospitals Financial District Launches 24/7 Stroke Command Centre to strengthen Emergency Care



Hyderabad, October 31: Apollo Hospitals Financial District has launched a 24/7 Stroke Command Centre on the occasion of World Stroke Day to strengthen emergency stroke care through faster coordination, improved pre-hospital services and greater public awareness.

Dr.G.Ranjith Consultant Neurologist Apollo Hospitals Financial District said Stroke is a time-critical medical emergency where every minute is crucial in preventing permanent brain damage and saving lives. The newly launched command centre will function as a central coordination hub, connecting surrounding hospitals, healthcare professionals, ambulance services and communities to ensure faster access to specialised stroke treatment.Dr.Vemula Srikanth Consultant Neurologist Apollo Hospitals Financial District said the initiative aims to improve awareness of stroke symptoms, promote early identification and ensure prompt emergency response. It will also streamline the transfer of suspected stroke patients to Apollo Hospitals by strengthening communication between referring hospitals, ambulance teams and stroke specialists.

Mr.Harkaran, Chief Operating Officer Apollo Hospitals Financial District said the 24/7 facility will facilitate early notification of suspected stroke cases, enabling the medical team to prepare in advance and reduce delays after patients reach the hospital. This coordinated approach is expected to help minimise door-to-needle time for eligible patients requiring intravenous thrombolysis, improving the chances of better treatment outcomes. The centre will also focus on strengthening the network between hospitals and emergency services, ensuring that patients receive timely medical attention, from the first point of contact to definitive treatment.

Apollo Hospitals reiterated its commitment to taking advanced stroke care beyond hospital walls by building a connected healthcare network, empowering communities with knowledge and improving access to time-sensitive treatment. The hospital emphasised that recognising stroke symptoms early, seeking immediate medical assistance and ensuring rapid access to specialised care are essential to saving lives and preserving brain function.

GITAM Hyderabad hosts 'The Forgotten Fair – Halloween 2026'

Hyderabad: The Directorate of Student Life, GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, organised 'The Forgotten Fair – Halloween 2026' on 31 October 2026 with great enthusiasm and festive spirit.



The event celebrated the essence of Halloween through spooky themes, creative costumes and vibrant activities. Students from various disciplines participated enthusiastically, showcasing their creativity and imagination through exciting Halloween-inspired attire.

The programme provided a wonderful opportunity for students to express themselves, interact and enjoy a lively campus experience. The participants appreciated the initiative and expressed their gratitude to the university management for encouraging such engaging and creative student activities.

NMDC organises 'Run for Unity and Integrity' to mark National Unity Day

Hyderabad: NMDC Limited proudly organised a "Run for Unity & Integrity" to celebrate National Unity Day at Chacha Nehru Park, Hyderabad, on 31st October 2026, falling in Vigilance Awareness Week 2026, being observed under the theme "Probity for Prosperity" , commemorating the 151st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, popularly known as the "Iron Man of India".



The initiative celebrated the values of national unity, integrity and ethical conduct. The run was flagged off by Shri Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), and Shri C. Neelakanta Reddy, Chief Vigilance Officer, NMDC Limited, in the presence of NMDC employees and young participants from the National Cadet Corps and the National Service Scheme.

Addressing the participants, the Director (Personnel) and the Chief Vigilance Officer highlighted Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's pivotal role in the unity and integration of India and his enduring legacy as an architect of modern India, and paid tribute to the selfless efforts of national leaders and predecessors who helped shape the nation. They urged participants to draw inspiration from his selfless service, dedication and unwavering commitment to the nation, and to uphold integrity and ethical conduct in their personal and professional lives. Through this initiative, NMDC reaffirmed its commitment to preventive vigilance, ethical values and a culture of integrity.

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'Don't make citizens beg for their vote': Prakash Raj slams SIR, warns of threat to democracy

Mangaluru: Actor and activist Prakash Raj on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the hurried and arbitrary exercise could deprive lakhs of eligible citizens of their fundamental right to vote. He called for collective action cutting across political party lines to safeguard democracy and ensure transparency in the electoral process.

Addressing a press conference in Mangaluru, Prakash Raj questioned the Election Commission's decision to undertake an extensive voter verification exercise involving more than five crore voters within a short span of just one month.

He termed the timeline impractical and warned that such hurried implementation could result in genuine voters being unnecessarily excluded from the electoral rolls. He expressed concern over the classification of voters under categories such as Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate (ASDDO), pointing out that several genuine voters were being placed in these categories. He questioned why ordinary citizens should be forced to stand in queues, produce documents and repeatedly prove their eligibility to exercise a right they already possess.

Highlighting the difficulties faced by vulnerable communities, he said the exercise could disproportionately affect the poor, working class, slum dwellers, nomadic communities, minorities, Dalits and Adivasis. Many among these groups may lack the necessary documents or resources to respond to sudden official notices within stringent deadlines. Questioning the rationale



behind the so-called 'logical discrepancies' cited during voter verification, Prakash Raj said the authorities had failed to adequately address concerns raised by opposition parties. Referring to Bengaluru and other urban centres, he pointed to the large number of voters facing discrepancies and questioned the credibility of the verification process. He also questioned claims that foreign nationals from countries such as Pakistan and Bangladesh were appearing on voter lists, arguing that such cases should not become a justification for subjecting crores of Indian citizens to difficulties in retaining their voting rights.

Raising concerns over the appointment of Election Commissioners, he stressed the need for a transparent and independent selection mechanism to ensure the neutrality of constitutional institutions. He also called for greater accountability from democratic institutions, including the judiciary, and criticised what he described as attempts to suppress dissent and intimidate journalists, media organisations and independent voices. Prakash Raj further criticised the country's political leadership, alleging that constitutional institutions were being weakened and those questioning the government were being targeted. He maintained that democratic accountability could not be replaced by avoiding difficult questions or restricting public criticism.

Emphasising that voting rights are central to democracy, he urged citizens, civil society organisations and political parties to come together, setting aside ideological and political differences, to oppose any arbitrary changes to electoral rolls.

"Eligible citizens should not ave to run from office to office to reclaim a right that already belongs to them," he asserted, warning that people would not remain silent if their democratic rights were threatened.

He called upon the public to remain vigilant and united in protecting electoral integrity, constitutional values and the right of every eligible Indian citizen to vote.

Activist seeks CBI probe into alleged illegal iron ore transport from NMDC's Donimalai mines

Bengaluru: Social activist Dinesh Kallahalli has urged the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to conduct an independent and comprehensive investigation into the alleged illegal transportation of iron ore from NMDC Limited's Donimalai mining lease area in Ballari district.

In a complaint addressed to the CBI Director, Kallahalli referred to Crime No. 0005/2026 registered at Sandur Police Station in connection with the alleged transportation of around 20 metric tonnes of iron ore in a lorry bearing registration number KA-35-C-8787 from the C Back area of NMDC's Mining Lease No. 1111 without the requisite statutory permits and transportation documents.

The activist has sought an investigation not only into the specific incident but also into the possibility of larger-scale unauthorised mineral transportation, the role of officials and private parties, potential interstate links and the extent of any financial loss to the government exchequer or NMDC.In his complaint, Kallahalli said that public discussions had raised apprehensions that the quantity of iron ore allegedly transported without authorisation could be substantially higher, possibly between 20,000 and 50,000 metric tonnes or more. However, he emphasised that these figures required independent verification and should not be treated as established facts.

He has called for a comprehensive reconciliation of production records, stock registers, loading slips, weighbridge records, dispatch permits, electronic transit permits and sales documents to establish the actual quantity of mineral transported during the relevant period. The complaint also highlights the need to examine digital records maintained under the Integrated Lease Management System (ILMS) and the One State One GPS system. Kallahalli has urged the CBI to preserve vehicle movement details, electronic permit records, system-generated timestamps and digital audit logs to rule out possible manipulation or unauthorised alterations.

He has sought an examination of the responsibilities of mine management personnel, security staff, loading-section employees, transport contractors and others involved in the loading, verification and movement of the mineral. According to the complaint, the investigation should establish who authorised the loading, verified the documents and permitted the vehicle to exit the mining premises.

The activist has also sought verification of information suggesting that the consignment was intended for Sai Balaji Screening in the Nandyal region of Andhra Pradesh. He has urged investigators to examine purchase orders, invoices, mineral receipt registers, weighment records and other commercial documents to establish the intended destination and actual recipient of the iron ore.

Diwali celebrations in Karnataka: Firecrackers allowed only between 8 pm and 10 pm

Bengaluru : Residents of Karnataka will have to follow strict time restrictions while bursting firecrackers during this year's Diwali celebrations, with the state government permitting the activity only between 8 pm and 10 pm from November 8 to 10.The restrictions have been introduced to minimise air and noise pollution in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court. The government has made it clear that bursting crackers outside the two-hour window will not be permitted.



The decision followed a high-level meeting involving Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Ramalinga Reddy and senior officials of the Environment Department. District commissioners and police superintendents have been directed to ensure that the guidelines are implemented strictly across the state.

As part of the measures, authorities have been asked to identify and maintain firecracker-free zones around hospitals, educational institutions and important places of worship. The move is intended to protect vulnerable people and prevent noise-related disturbance in sensitive locations.The government has also restricted the sale and use of firecrackers to green crackers. Manufacturers and sellers must ensure that the packaging carries the mandatory QR code. Officials have warned that products without the required QR code will be confiscated.

Those involved in the sale or illegal transportation of unauthorised crackers will face criminal cases, the government has cautioned.The government has appealed to citizens to celebrate Diwali responsibly by choosing traditional lamps and reducing fireworks. It has emphasised that a restrained celebration would help protect senior citizens, children and animals from the harmful effects of excessive noise and pollution.

Fujifilm Spectrum Tour 2026 arrives in Bengaluru, photography enthusiasts to get hands-on experience

BENGALURU, October 30: Fujifilm India's Spectrum Tour 2026 has arrived in Bengaluru as its third destination, following successful editions in Gurugram and Ahmedabad. The three-day event, being held at Venkatappa Art Gallery from October 30 to November 1, will bring together photography enthusiasts, visual storytellers, students and content creators.



Organised under the theme 'Imagine. Create. Inspire.', Spectrum Bengaluru features interactive Touch & Try zones, photography exhibitions, expert-led masterclasses, workshops, live demonstrations and community engagement activities.

Renowned photographers Sudhir Ramachandran and Prashant Godbole are among the leading experts conducting masterclasses during the event. The sessions will cover various genres, including architecture, landscape, street, wildlife, sports and astro-photography.

Other prominent participants include X-Ambassadors Chenthil Mohan and Rajharsha, next-generation creator Arun Siddharth and Fujifilm Technical Evangelist Abhimanyu Pandey. The sessions will also focus on portfolio development and creative approaches to visual storytelling.

Koji Wada, Managing Director of FUJIFILM India, said the response to the earlier editions in Gurugram and Ahmedabad reflected the growing interest among creators in experiences that go beyond products and focus on the art of photography.

Karnataka sugarcane agitation spreads as farmers block highways, clash with police

Belagavi, : The agitation by sugarcane farmers demanding a fair price for their crop has spread to several districts of Karnataka, with protesters resorting to road blockades, demonstrations and shutdowns. Belagavi, Chikkodi, Gokak, Hukkeri, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Dharwad and Haveri witnessed protests as growers stepped up pressure on the government.

Farmers lay down on roads, stopped buses and raised slogans demanding an immediate announcement on sugarcane prices and minimum support price. Several district administrations imposed



prohibitory orders to prevent the situation from escalating, but demonstrations continued despite the restrictions.

In Belagavi, protesters gathered at the central bus stand and lay on the road to prevent the movement of buses. Their attempt to disrupt services was resisted by police, resulting in tense scenes, arguments and pushing between the two sides. Police eventually detained farmers who had gathered inside the bus stand.

The agitation also spread to rural areas. Farmers blocked the road between Mahalingapur and Mudalagi near Musaguppi village. On the Gokak-Hidkal Dam-Belagavi highway, protesters stopped traffic and even prepared food on the road to continue their demonstration. Bus operations were disrupted in several areas of Gokak taluk. Hukkeri town also witnessed a road blockade, with Chandrashekhar Shivacharya Swamiji extending support to the farmers. At Bhavanasoundatti, protesters set tyres on fire and forced commercial establishments to remain closed. Employees and workers heading to Shakti Sugar Factory were prevented from proceeding to the factory.

Athani town came to a standstill as traders voluntarily shut their shops in support of the growers' demands.

In Bagalkot, Deputy Commissioner Sangappa imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS from 6 am to 10 pm on Friday, anticipating attempts to block national highways. However, farmers staged a protest at Bilagi Cross, placing stones and thorny branches on the road and parking tractors to obstruct traffic.

Swimming pool tragedy at Bengaluru's Conrad Hotel claims two foreign lives; complaint filed

Bengaluru, : A swimming pool accident at a luxury hotel in Bengaluru claimed the lives of two foreign nationals, reportedly after they suffered electric shocks while swimming. The incident occurred at the Conrad Hotel in Ulsoor, where the victims had been residing for several days.



The deceased were identified as a 45-year-old Slovakian national, Oreat, and a German citizen, Alexander Maximilian, aged 59. The tragedy took place at the swimming pool situated on the third floor of the hotel.

Alexander's wife has lodged a complaint with the police in connection with the incident. Following the complaint, Halasuru police visited the hotel premises and conducted an inspection. The bodies were subsequently taken to Manipal Hospital.

The incident also left two people seriously injured when they attempted to rescue the foreign nationals. An American guest staying at the hotel and a pool attendant rushed to help the victims but sustained injuries during the rescue attempt.The circumstances surrounding the deaths have raised concerns over the safety standards maintained at the hotel's swimming pool.

Kalamandir opens 87th showroom in Bengaluru's Yelahanka

BENGALURU : Sai Silks Kalamandir Ltd. (SSKL) has inaugurated its 87th showroom under the Kalamandir brand at Dairy Circle in Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

Kannada film actress Rachita Ram inaugurated the new showroom on Saturday in the presence of customers, well-wishers and company representatives.

The new outlet offers a wide range of ethnic and family fashion collections, including silk sarees, fancy sarees, readymade garments, menswear and kidswear. The showroom caters to customers looking for clothing for weddings, festivals, special occasions and everyday needs.



Kalamandir, which is celebrating 21 years in the retail sector, was established under the leadership of its Founder and Managing Director, Prasad Chalavadi. The brand has built its presence across South India by offering a variety of fashion collections at competitive prices.

Speaking on the occasion, Durgarao Chalavadi, Director of Sai Silks Kalamandir Ltd., said the launch of the 87th showroom marked another milestone in the company's expansion.

He said the company remained committed to offering quality products, a wide range of collections and value to customers while providing a complete family shopping experience.

With the new outlet, SSKL aims to further strengthen its retail presence in Bengaluru and expand the reach of the Kalamandir brand.

'Kalyani' audio released; film set for November or December release

Bengaluru: Director B.M. Giriraj, known for making films with distinctive storylines such as Jatta and Maitri, is gearing up to present another different narrative through his upcoming film Kalyani. Based on a story by writer Basava Reddy, the film has completed shooting and post-production work, and the team has begun promotional activities. The songs were released at a press conference held in Bengaluru, where the filmmakers shared details about the project.



Produced by Kumaraswamy R. under the R.K. Cinemas banner, the film features Samrat Shetty, who has made a mark in theatre, in the lead role, while North Indian actress Simran plays the female lead. Rahul Jaitley, Shamanth Rao, P.D. Satish Chandra, Yamuna Srinidhi, Vijay Chendur, Shailendra and Rangu Samarpan are among the supporting cast.

Speaking at the event, director B.M. Giriraj said the film revolves around a gentle love story, exploring themes of trust, friendship and identity. "The film portrays the coming together of two different cultures through the characters of a young woman from North India and a young man from South India. It is a completely different attempt from the films I have directed so far," he said.

Music for the film's three songs has been composed by B.J. Bharath. The songs feature lyrics by renowned Kannada poet D.R. Bendre and Vijay Eshwar. Popular rapper All OK (Alok) has written and sung the rap number Ninna Looku Fantastic-u, and also appears in the song. Prithvi Bhat has lent his voice to the film's songs. Veteran director Shashank released the audio and wished the team success.

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TN jailbreak: CM Vijay suspends deputy jail superintendent, orders major transfers

The directives include the immediate suspension of the deputy jail superintendent (in-charge) N Ramalingam until further orders and a strategic reshuffle of top prison administrators across the state.



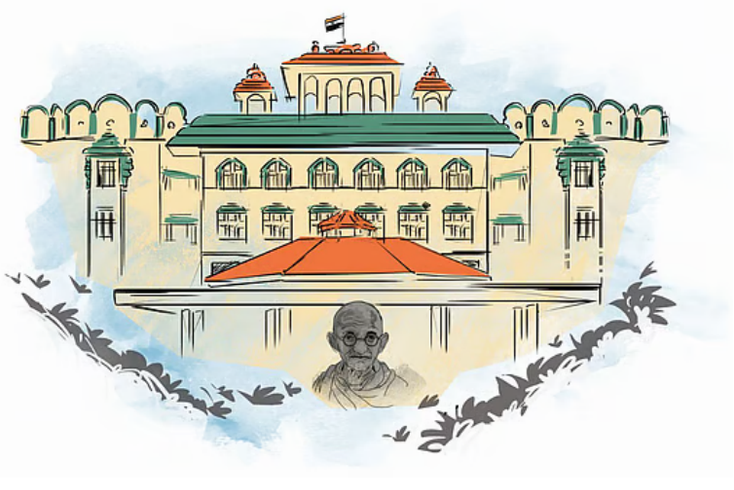
CHENNAI: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Saturday ordered the suspension of the deputy jail superintendent in charge of Thekkampatti sub-jail for dereliction of duty and initiated action against the prison personnel for security lapses leading to the major jailbreak on October 26.

In a decisive response to the jailbreak in Theni district, in which 17 prisoners escaped after staging a fake medical emergency and overpowering prison guards but were later recaptured, Chief Minister Vijay has ordered stringent disciplinary actions against prison officials for dereliction of duty and security lapses.

The directives include the immediate suspension of the deputy jail superintendent (in-charge) N Ramalingam until further orders and a strategic reshuffle of top prison administrators across the state.

The incident occurred on the night of October 26, 2026, when 17 remand prisoners lodged in the sub-jail escaped after violently overpowering and assaulting the prison guards on duty. Alerted by the security breach, the Tamil Nadu Police launched a massive multi-agency combing operation, successfully tracking down and recapturing all 17 escapees within a short span before lodging them back in safe custody.

Premature demolition of govt infrastructure wastes public funds, opines Madras HC



MADURAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has observed that public funds are wasted unnecessarily if the government constructs public infrastructure without sufficient provision for expansion and then demolishes it within five to ten years. The division bench of Justices P Velmurugan and KK Ramakrishnan made observations while hearing a petition in which the petitioner contended that the Nagercoil Corporation has proposed to demolish a corporation market complex before it has been even ten years since it was opened for public use.

The petitioner runs a small business in the market complex, which was constructed in 2015 and officially opened to the public in 2017.

The judges further observed that the government should ensure sufficient land is acquired, and adequate space is earmarked for future expansion whenever it establishes public infrastructure such as bus stands, railway stations, colleges, hospitals and other public institutions.

"Such a forward-looking approach would help avoid premature demolition, prevent the wasteful expenditure of public money, and ensure the efficient and sustainable utilisation of public resources," the judges said, adding that adequate space should be provided at the initial stage itself to accommodate future needs.

The petitioner's counsel contended that public buildings constructed by government authorities are designed and engineered to remain structurally sound for 30 to 50 years, yet the Corporation proposes to demolish the market complex within ten years.

The Government Pleader, appearing for the Nagercoil Corporation, informed the Court that 150 of the 260 shops in the complex have already been demolished to expand the bus stand. The vacated area has been earmarked for a new market complex, and shops there have been allotted to those whose shops were demolished, he said.

Thoothukudi fishermen return to sea after six day weather shutdown



THOOTHUKUDI: Fishing activity resumed at Thoothukudi fishing harbour on Saturday as fishermen ventured out in around 260 mechanised boats after spending six days ashore following warnings of stormy weather along the Tamil Nadu coast. The resumption followed an easing of restrictions imposed to protect fishermen amid forecasts of rough seas and adverse weather.

The departure of the boats brought relief to fishing families and workers whose livelihoods had been interrupted by the suspension of operations. For nearly a week, mechanised fishing boats had remained berthed at the harbour, with their crews unable to undertake regular trips.

The weather warning had prompted fishermen to stay ashore as a precaution, bringing mechanised fishing operations from the harbour to a halt. The shutdown affected both fishermen and workers dependent on the fishing industry. With boats remaining idle, those relying on fishing and associated activities were left without their usual work during the six-day interruption. Following the relaxation of restrictions, fishermen prepared to resume operations early on Saturday. Around 260 boats subsequently left the harbour, marking the return of mechanised fishing activity after the prolonged break.For the crews heading back to sea, the departure offered an opportunity to restart their livelihoods after days of uncertainty.

Villupuram man argues with wife, then throws six-year-old son into well; arrested

CHENNAI: A 40-year-old man was arrested for allegedly throwing his six-year-old son into an agricultural well following an argument with his wife over money near Senji in Villupuram district. According to a Daily Thanthi report, the deceased boy, identified as Sanjay, was the couple's only son. His father, Selvaraj, allegedly threw him into a well behind the government hospital in the area after a prolonged argument with his wife, Devi, over the spending of borrowed money.

Madras HC bans protests, public gatherings targeting, abusing sitting judges

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu government not to permit public gatherings or marches targeting, defaming or intimidating sitting judges, observing that personal abuse and coordinated intimidation over judicial decisions would strike at the root of the legal system.A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice SA Dharmadhikari and Justice G Arul Murugan said judicial independence required judges to decide cases solely based on law and facts. While citizens were free to disagree with court verdicts, abusive, defamatory or caste-based attacks against sitting judges could not be protected as free speech.The court was hearing a petition filed by R Karthikeyan of Chennai, who alleged that the Tamil Nadu Thowheed Jamaath (TNTJ) and Tamil Nadu Muslim Munnetra Kazhagam (TMMK) had organised protests across the state following an order dated June 25, 2026, by a Division Bench of the Madurai Bench. The judgment had declared the government order dated March 9, 2024, unconstitutional, holding that religious conversion alone could not entitle a person to backward class benefits. The petitioner alleged that the protests subsequently turned into personalised campaigns against one of the judges, with posters, public rallies and social media videos carrying abusive and caste-based remarks intended to undermine public confidence in the judiciary. He contended that the state had a duty to protect judges from external pressure and accused the police of failing to prevent targeted gatherings and the circulation of objectionable online content.

Rising pollution, delayed diagnosis fuel growing asthma burden in India



New Delhi — India is witnessing a growing burden of asthma cases, particularly in urban areas, with experts warning that poor awareness, delayed diagnosis, and worsening air pollution are leaving many patients undertreated and at risk of long-term complications.A nationwide study published in 2015 found that a majority of Indians diagnosed with asthma did not have their symptoms adequately controlled and experienced a poor quality of life. Medical experts believe the actual number of asthma sufferers could be significantly higher than official figures suggest, as many cases remain undiagnosed or are mislabelled under terms such as "allergic bronchitis," "seasonal bronchitis," or "chronic cough."

Doctors point out that asthma symptoms often fluctuate, especially in the early stages, leading many patients to underestimate the seriousness of the condition. The stigma associated with using inhalers has also contributed to underdiagnosis and a lack of proper treatment. Many patients avoid inhalers due to misconceptions that they are habit-forming or indicate a more severe illness, delaying effective management of the disease.

Contrary to common perception, asthma does not always present as severe breathlessness. Experts say persistent coughing after viral infections, difficulty climbing stairs, discomfort in closed spaces, wheezing at night, and coughing triggered by strong smells such as perfumes or incense fumes can all indicate asthma. These subtle symptoms are frequently overlooked by patients and sometimes by clinicians, allowing the condition to progress untreated.

Health professionals have expressed concern over deteriorating air quality in Indian cities, which is expected to aggravate respiratory illnesses. According to pollution data, cities like Mumbai recorded only a handful of days with "good" air quality during recent winter seasons. Pulmonologists warn that increasing pollution levels, sudden temperature fluctuations, and extreme weather conditions are making asthma harder to control and could lead to a rise in cases in the coming years. The combination of environmental triggers and delayed diagnosis creates a particularly dangerous situation for vulnerable populations, including children and the elderly.

Medical experts emphasise that asthma diagnosis requires spirometry testing and cannot be confirmed solely through X-rays, CT scans, or blood tests, which may often appear normal. Spirometry, a lung function test that measures how much air a person can breathe out and how quickly, is essential for accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment planning. Without it, many cases are missed or misdiagnosed.

Experts also stressed that inhaled corticosteroids, commonly used to treat asthma, are safe and effective in controlling symptoms and reducing hospitalisations and deaths linked to the disease. Despite their proven safety and efficacy, misconceptions about these medications continue to contribute to poor adherence and uncontrolled asthma among Indian patients.

On the occasion of World Asthma Day, doctors urged people not to ignore recurring cough, wheezing, or breathlessness and called for greater awareness and early diagnosis to prevent long-term complications. They emphasised that timely intervention can significantly improve quality of life and reduce the burden on the healthcare system. The growing asthma burden in India reflects a combination of environmental, social, and healthcare-related challenges. Addressing it will require not only stricter air quality measures but also public education campaigns to combat stigma, improve awareness of symptoms, and promote accurate diagnosis through spirometry. Doctors believe that with early detection and proper treatment.

Irregular bedtimes during midlife may increase heart disease risk: Study



Helsinki — Frequently going to bed at different times during midlife could significantly increase the risk of serious heart problems later in life, according to a new study conducted by researchers at the University of Oulu in Finland.

The study found that people with highly irregular bedtimes, particularly those spending less than eight hours in bed, faced nearly double the risk of major cardiovascular events compared to individuals with more stable sleep schedules. Researchers noted that irregular wake-up times, however, did not show a strong link with heart-related complications. The cardiovascular events examined in the study included serious medical conditions such as myocardial infarction and cerebral infarction that require specialised treatment and hospital care. These are among the most severe outcomes of cardiovascular disease, often resulting in long-term disability or death.

"Previous research has linked irregular sleep patterns to heart health risks, but this is the first time we've looked separately at variability in bedtime, wake-up time and the midpoint of the sleep period — and their independent associations with major cardiac events," said postdoctoral researcher Laura Nauha from the University of Oulu.The researchers monitored sleep patterns using activity trackers that recorded the amount of time participants spent in bed and their sleep timing habits. This objective measurement approach offered a more reliable picture of participants' sleep behaviour than self-reported data alone.

According to the findings, maintaining a consistent bedtime appeared to play a particularly important role in long-term heart health. "Our findings suggest that the regularity of bedtime, in particular, may be important for heart health. It reflects the rhythms of everyday life — and how much they fluctuate," Nauha explained.

The long-term study tracked 3,231 people born in Northern Finland in 1966. Participants' sleep habits were recorded over a one-week period when they were 46 years old, and their health outcomes were then monitored for more than a decade using healthcare registry data. This extended follow-up period allowed researchers to capture cardiovascular events that developed years after the sleep assessments were conducted.

Researchers said the findings highlight how daily routines and lifestyle habits can significantly influence cardiovascular health over time. The results add to a growing body of evidence suggesting that sleep — not just its duration but its consistency — is a meaningful modifiable factor in heart disease prevention.

"Maintaining a regular sleep schedule is one factor that most of us can influence," Nauha added. Unlike genetic predisposition or age, bedtime regularity is a behaviour that individuals can adjust with relative ease, making it a practical target for public health interventions and personal lifestyle changes. The study's authors suggest that future research could explore the mechanisms linking bedtime variability to cardiac events, including how disrupted circadian rhythms may affect blood pressure, inflammation, and metabolic function. They also note that the findings may have implications for workplace policies and public health messaging aimed at promoting heart-healthy lifestyles.

For now, the message is clear: going to bed at roughly the same time each night may be a simple but powerful way to protect cardiovascular health in midlife and beyond.

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EDITORIAL

The future of coastal India under the shadow of cyclones

As life-giving as the ocean is, its fury can be equally destructive. India's nearly 7,500-kilometer coastline is crucial to the country's economy, trade, fisheries, and tourism. However, these same coastal areas face the threat of cyclones, storm surges, floods, and coastal erosion every year. Cyclone Arnab has once again raised questions about coastal India's vulnerability and disaster management preparedness. The question is not only when and where a cyclone will strike, but also how strong our preparedness is to deal with it. In this era of changing climate, we must now develop strategies to mitigate damage in advance, rather than providing relief after a disaster strikes.

The biggest challenge in dealing with cyclones is predicting their changing nature and intensity. Despite modern technology and improvements in weather forecasting, cyclones often become more powerful in a short period of time, leaving authorities with little time to evacuate people and mobilize relief supplies. Heavy rains, accompanied by strong winds, high sea waves, and flooding rivers can wreak havoc. Climate change and rising sea temperatures have exacerbated this challenge.

Poor infrastructure in coastal areas is also a major problem. During cyclones, power poles collapse, roads become submerged, and communication services are disrupted. This hampers relief and rescue operations. In many coastal cities, unplanned construction, poor drainage systems, and the expansion of settlements in low-lying areas increase the risk. This makes it a major challenge to not only rescue people during a disaster but also to quickly restore essential services like electricity, water, health, and transportation.

The India Meteorological Department's early warning system has improved, but the challenge remains ensuring that warnings reach everyone in a timely manner. Disseminating information to fishermen at sea, people living in remote villages and small islands is not easy. People often don't take warnings seriously or delay moving to safer locations due to fear of abandoning their homes and livelihoods. Therefore, simply issuing warnings is not enough; it's also crucial to educate people about the dangers and how to avoid them. Cyclones don't affect everyone equally. Poor families, women, children, the elderly, and the disabled are most affected. Families whose livelihoods depend on farming, fishing, or daily wage labor find it difficult to leave their homes and move to safety. They worry about their property, livestock, and jobs. Following a cyclone, fishing ceases, fields become inundated with saltwater, and small businesses come to a halt. This leaves affected families with long-term economic hardship. The weakening of natural protective shields is also a matter of concern. Deforestation of mangrove forests, destruction of wetlands, and increasing construction on beaches increase the risk of cyclones. Mangrove forests play a vital role in reducing the force of sea waves and protecting coastal areas. Despite this, natural resources are being damaged in the name of development. Development in coastal areas is necessary, but development at the expense of the environment can become a major threat for the future. To address these challenges, the first step is to strengthen the early warning system. Along with enhancing the technical capabilities of the Meteorological Department, it is essential to expand satellites, Doppler radar, and marine monitoring systems.

Rizwan Arshad: From Grassroots Politics to Karnataka's Cabinet

A political journey shaped by youth leadership, grassroots connections and a commitment to inclusive politics

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In Karnataka's diverse and competitive political landscape, Rizwan Arshad has emerged as a prominent Congress leader whose journey reflects a steady rise from student and youth politics to the state legislature and the Karnataka Cabinet.Currently serving as Karnataka's Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Rizwan Arshad represents the Shivajinagar Assembly constituency in Bengaluru. The Food and Civil Supplies Department is one of the most important departments connected directly with the daily lives of ordinary citizens, particularly through food security, essential commodities and the public distribution system. In August 2026, he was also appointed as the district in-charge minister for Udupi.

From Student Politics to Youth Leadership

Rizwan Arshad's political journey began with the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) during his student years in Mysuru. He later rose through the ranks of the Youth Congress, serving in important organisational positions at both the state and national levels.One of the significant milestones in his political career came in 2011, when he became the first elected president of the Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress. His rise through the organisation gave him extensive experience in working with young political workers and building leadership at the grassroots level.

His political journey demonstrates an important principle: committed workers who begin at the grassroots can rise to major positions through organisational experience, dedication and public engagement.

A Strong Electoral Journey

Rizwan Arshad entered the Karnataka Legislative Council after being elected by MLAs in 2016. He subsequently contested the Shivajinagar Assembly by-election in December 2019 and won, marking his entry into the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. He retained the Shivajinagar constituency in the 2023 Karnataka Assembly election, strengthening his position as an important Congress leader from Bengaluru.Before his Assembly victories, he had also contested the Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha constituency in the 2014 and 2019 general elections. Although he was unsuccessful in those contests, his continued political journey reflects persistence and long-term commitment to public life.

A Minister Connected to the Common People

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs portfolio is particularly important because its policies directly affect ordinary families. Food security and access to essential commodities are matters that concern millions of people.

For this reason, the role of the minister heading this department carries significant public responsibility. Rizwan Arshad's supporters believe that public policy in this sector must remain focused on the interests of common citizens and economically vulnerable sections of society.His political career has been built largely through organisational work and direct engagement with people, which has helped him maintain a strong connection with party workers and constituents.

Secular Politics Beyond Community Identity

One of the qualities frequently highlighted by his supporters is his commitment to secular and inclusive politics.Rizwan Arshad comes from the Muslim community, but his political identity has not been confined to one religious or social group. He has worked within the broader framework of the Indian National Congress and its principles of secularism, social harmony and inclusiveness.In a diverse state such as Karnataka, political leaders have an important responsibility to build bridges between communities. A leader should be accessible to people irrespective of religion, caste, language or economic background.This is the kind of political approach that many of Rizwan Arshad's supporters associate with him: representing all citizens rather than limiting public service to any one community.

Respect for Grassroots Party Workers

One of the biggest challenges in modern politics is maintaining a connection with grassroots workers after attaining power and position.It is often said that political parties are built not only by prominent leaders but by thousands of ordinary workers who spend years strengthening the organisation. These workers campaign during elections, organise local activities and remain connected to people at the grassroots.

Rizwan Arshad's political background in the NSUI and Youth Congress has given him a close understanding of the importance of party workers. His supporters often describe him as a leader who remains accessible to ordinary Congress workers and recognises the contribution of people who have worked for the party without wealth, influence or political family connections.This is an important quality for any political leader. When ordinary workers believe that dedication and hard work can lead to greater opportunities, it strengthens the democratic culture within a political organisation.

Fairness and Integrity

When he was the party in-charge for Kerala, he served as an observer there. Corruption allegations were raised against a Youth Congress in-charge in that state. Rizwan reported the matter to the party high command, and the party took disciplinary action. Those who know his work say he does not let personal bias affect his decisions. During his time as in-charge of Kerala, he took some exceptional decisions. He encouraged the party to field an ordinary party worker, a woman from a backward community, as a candidate. She went on to be given a ministerial berth

Accessibility Is a Measure of Leadership

Political power should not create a wall between elected representatives and the people. A public representative's true strength is often measured by how easily an ordinary citizen or party worker can approach him.

People from his constituency and political colleagues have often described Rizwan Arshad as a leader who remains connected with people at the personal and community level.

In today's political environment, influential businessmen and prominent personalities can often find easy access to powerful leaders. However, the real test of public leadership is whether an ordinary party worker or citizen receives the same respect and attention.

A political leader who gives importance to grassroots workers and ordinary constituents helps maintain the original spirit of democratic politics.

From Organisational Politics to the Cabinet

Rizwan Arshad's elevation to the Karnataka Cabinet in 2026 marked another important stage in his political career. His journey from student politics to Youth Congress leadership, the Legislative Council, the Karnataka Assembly and finally the state Cabinet represents a gradual progression through different levels of public and political life.His career also demonstrates the value of organisational experience. Leaders who have worked at the grassroots often understand the concerns of ordinary workers and citizens because they have spent years within the political organisation before reaching positions of greater authority.

The Kind of Politics India Needs

India's democracy needs leaders who can rise above divisions and remain connected to ordinary people. Political leadership should not be based solely on wealth, family background or social influence. There must always be room for committed workers to rise through dedication and service.

Rizwan Arshad's political journey offers an example of a leader who rose through student and youth politics and continued his journey through organisational and electoral responsibilities.His supporters see in him the qualities of a modern political leader: accessibility, secularism, organisational experience and respect for grassroots workers.The true value of a political leader should not be measured only by the office he holds. It should also be measured by whether an ordinary citizen can approach him, whether a party worker is treated with respect and whether the leader remains committed to serving people from every section of society. In that sense, Rizwan Arshad's journey from a student activist to a Cabinet Minister is not only a story of political success. It is also a reminder that politics remains meaningful when leaders stay connected to the people who form the foundation of democracy. Power may bring a position, but public service and accessibility are what create a lasting political legacy

FARMERS HOPE FOR CHEAPER FERTILIZER FROM GREEN AMMONIA

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Indian agriculture has long been grappling with the challenges of rising costs and declining incomes, along with outdated, conservative technologies. Rising prices of diesel, electricity, seeds, pesticides, and fertilizers have exacerbated the economic crisis facing farmers. Fertilizers also play a significant role in farming costs. In particular, the availability and price of urea has always been a major issue for farmers. In this context, exploring the use of green ammonia by the government is a significant initiative. If successful, this initiative could lead to a significant change in providing affordable fertilizers to farmers in the future. However, the true success of this initiative should not be limited to the application of technology alone; its benefits must also reach the farmers working in the fields.

There's good news for farmers: The government is testing the use of green ammonia on approximately 10,000 acres of land in six states. The aim is to understand how effective and cost-effective its use can be as an alternative to traditional nitrogen-based fertilizers. Green ammonia is produced using hydrogen produced from renewable energy. In contrast, conventional ammonia production primarily uses hydrogen obtained from natural gas. This process is energy-intensive and results in carbon emissions. Therefore, green ammonia is considered a promising option not only for reducing agricultural costs but also for protecting the environment.

According to Santosh Sarangi, Secretary of the Ministry of Renewable Energy, direct application of ammonia to the soil could reduce fertilizer costs by approximately one-third from current levels. If this estimate proves to be practical, it would be a significant achievement for fertilizer production and the agricultural economy. But a fundamental question remains: how will farmers benefit from this potential reduction in production costs? Will this reduce the retail price of urea, or reduce the burden of government subsidies? These questions will be answered only by the results of the trials and the government's policy framework.

In fact, urea in India is not just an industrial product, but a vital foundation of the agricultural production system. A large number of farmers in the country depend on urea for nitrogen supplies. The government provides substantial subsidies to ensure urea is available to farmers at affordable rates. Despite this, fluctuations in gas and raw material prices in the international market impact the fertilizer sector. India also faces numerous challenges in the availability of raw materials and gas required for fertilizer production. In such a situation, clean energy-based ammonia options could also help reduce the country's import dependence. However, it would be premature to consider green ammonia as a direct and immediate substitute for urea. While ammonia is an effective nitrogen source, its safe storage, transportation, and field use require special technical precautions. It is a toxic chemical, and its leakage can cause serious harm to human health and the environment. Therefore, it is essential to provide farmers with proper information, safety equipment, and modern agricultural techniques for its use. Furthermore, a scientific evaluation of its effectiveness based on soil characteristics, crop needs, weather, and irrigation conditions is also essential.

The most significant challenge is the production cost of green ammonia. Generating hydrogen from renewable energy and converting it into ammonia requires significant investment, modern technology, and sufficient energy. Unless production is achieved on a large scale at competitive prices, the goal of providing affordable fertilizer to farmers will be difficult to fully achieve. The government must also ensure that the financial burden of developing this technology does not ultimately fall on farmers.

Discussions of agricultural reforms in India are often limited to new technology and modern production systems, while the farmer's primary concern is his input costs and a fair price for his produce. The Green Ammonia initiative should be judged against this very criterion. If it reduces fertilizer costs, improves soil health, and reduces environmental damage, it could prove to be a far-reaching transformation for the agricultural sector. However, merely claiming a reduction in production costs is not enough. This requires ensuring transparent pricing, distribution systems, and access to technology for farmers.

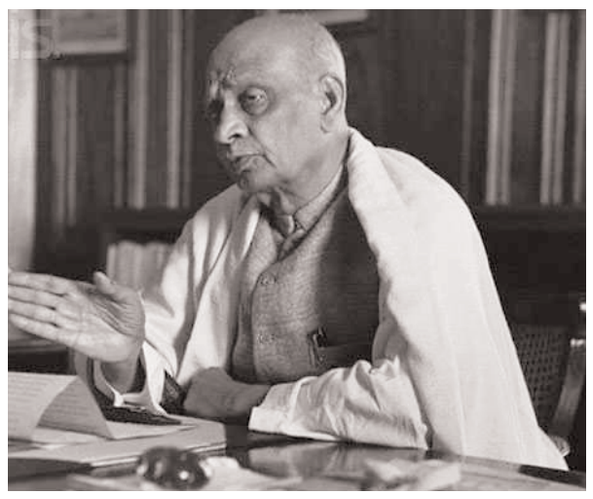
Additionally, it's crucial to focus on the balanced use of chemical fertilizers. Excessive urea use disrupts the soil's nutrient balance and impacts agricultural land quality. Therefore, green ammonia should be developed not simply as a cheap fertilizer alternative, but as a comprehensive component of a sustainable agricultural system. It requires balanced coordination with systems such as organic fertilizers, nano-fertilizers, natural farming, and soil testing.

Undoubtedly, the government's efforts toward green ammonia offer hope for the future of agriculture. But farmers shouldn't wait years for the results of such schemes. The government should make the test results public, realistically assess production costs, and clearly outline the potential benefits to farmers. In an agricultural country, technological innovation is meaningful only when its benefits reach the farm and the farmer. Ultimately, the goal of green ammonia should not only be to promote green energy but also to reduce the burden on farmers' pockets. Affordable fertilizer, healthy soil, and prosperous farmers will be the true measure of this new initiative's success.

SARDAR PATEL, AND THE ART OF HOLDING A NATION TOGETHER



SHASHI THAROOR



When the legendary jurist Nani Palkhivala delivered the 1992 All-India Radio Patel Memorial Lecture, he made a comparison that cuts straight to the core of modern Indian history: questioning the enduring relevance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to India, he said, is like questioning the relevance of the sun to the solar system. You cannot conceive of a solar system without the sun, and you cannot conceive of modern, unified India without the Iron Man. As the nation marks the 151st birthday of Sardar Patel today (October 31), there can be no more appropriate tribute.

While history often celebrates the visionary idealism of Jawaharlal Nehru and the moral leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, it was Vallabhbhai Patel who possessed the administrative genius, unwavering resolve, and pragmatic courage required to build a functioning, sovereign state out of a fractured subcontinent. Exploring the central pillars of Patel's legacy reveals why his leadership remains the bedrock of Indian statehood.

The Making Of The 'Indian Union'

In August 1947, as the British departed, India faced an existential threat far greater than the challenges faced by any other newly-free nation. The subcontinent was fragmented into British India and over 550 princely states, covering two-thirds of the newly-independent nation's geographical area. Some sovereign rulers harboured ambitions of independence, threatening to turn the country into a chaotic chessboard of warring territories. Sardar Patel, serving as India's first Home Minister and Minister of States, accomplished a political feat unprecedented in human history. Through a masterclass in domestic diplomacy, combining patriotic appeals, patient negotiation, and the firm threat of force (he was noted for his "iron fist in a velvet glove"), Patel integrated 554 princely states into the Indian Union within months. International observers noted that Sardar Patel's unification of India rivalled and likely surpassed Otto von Bismarck's unification of Germany or Mazzini's of Italy. Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev later expressed astonishment that India had managed to liquidate the princely states without liquidating the princes themselves. Patel recognised that territorial integration meant little without a strong administrative apparatus to hold the nation together. While many nationalist leaders viewed the British-era Indian Civil Service (ICS) with hostility as an instrument of colonial repression, Patel understood its operational necessity. He conceived and built the modern Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS) on the ICS model. Patel famously referred to the permanent civil services as the "steel frame" of India, institutions that would preserve rule of law, administrative continuity, and national stability regardless of political shifts. Crucially, Patel governed his officers with trust and respect. He shielded bureaucrats who acted in good faith from political interference, establishing a precedent that administrative integrity must never be sacrificed at the altar of political convenience. Patel's political philosophy was rooted in firm, uncompromising pragmatism. He was deeply devoted to national unity and fiercely opposed to religious extremism of any kind. When communal tensions ran high during Partition, Patel took decisive action: he banned the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) following Gandhiji's assassination to curb fanatical violence, while simultaneously protecting law-abiding citizens across communities.

THE PARTITION DAYS

As Home Minister, Patel dealt with the communal disturbances that accompanied Partition firmly and even-handedly. Concerned that the local security forces might be inflamed by the prevailing communal passions, he transferred army units from Poona and Madras to restore order in Delhi. When violence and rioting still broke out against the Muslims in Delhi in 1947, Patel immediately and effectively moved to ensure their protection, herding 10,000 in the most vulnerable areas to the security of the Red Fort. Patel also made it a point to send a reassuring signal to the Muslim community by attending prayers at the famous Nizamuddin Dargah to convey a clear message that Muslims and their faith belonged unquestionably on the soil of India.

Crypto giant Binance attempting to recover $6.3bn stolen in hack linked to North Korea



Ari Redbord, chief policy officer of the crypto analytics company TRM Labs, tells the BBC what stands out in this incident is the speed of the theft. Binance earlier said its initial investigation suggests the security incident may have involved a "compromised DevOps engineer's laptop" which allowed the hackers to gain access and submit unauthorised transactions. Most of the $6.36bn left Binance wallets in about 20 minutes, Redbord says, starting at 20:05 GMT on Thursday. "That speed is the product of long preparation," he says. He explains that an "operator wallet" was funded 36 hours earlier by the hacker, and was most likely used to make transactions which allowed the hacker to gain access to the authorisation system. The "signatures" to authorise those transactions would have been prepared in advance, Redbord adds. Binance co-CEO Richard Teng has posted a video on social media outlining the latest in the investigation into how the hack happened. Teng says that the initial idea that hackers compromised Binance through a developer's laptop is only part of the story. "This was not carried out by one person. Our initial investigation suggested that the security incident may have involved a compromised laptop, however our subsequent investigation has uncovered additional points of breach," he says. Teng also describes how the hackers used sophisticated methods to hide their tracks. They used "a self-destruct mechanism that destroyed tooling and traces as they went, making it more difficult for us to trace and investigate", he says. Self-destructing traces is not that uncommon for skilled hackers and has been observed in many previous attacks. Teng also confirms that the hackers used a new and controversial system to steal the coins. By abusing something called "multi-signature protocol EIP-7702", the thieves were able to bypass the usual methods of verification used by the platform. The transfers "did not pass through our normal approval controls", Teng says. But the full details about how the hack happened are still being figured out and Binance says it will update people - and the industry soon. In short, the thinking is that you can use the blockchain - the cloud technology that underpins cryptocurrency - to create a publicly accessible list of every purchase and sale of cryptocurrency. And that ledger of transactions is impossible for any one person or computer to alter for their own ends. And yet, here we are reckoning with the fallout from yet another massive crypto hack. So what's going on? The short version is that the blockchain wasn't hacked. Rather, the exchange on which people trade cryptocurrency was hacked. Because cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin cost so much money, many people choose to buy shares in a Bitcoin - or some other cryptocurrency - via an exchange. When people do this, the actual digital key to the cryptocurrency itself is held by the exchange, which is Binance in this case, on the costumer's behalf. Purists would argue this undermines the whole philosophy of crypto as a decentralised currency that no single person can control. However, for those who are just looking to buy crypto in the hope its value will rise, exchanges are a handy shortcut. That is, of course, until a massive issue like the Binance hack happens. More now from Binance co-CEO Richard Teng, who has released a video statement on X. The attacker used a known multi-signature protocol EIP-7702 to obtain on-chain execution approval over a hot wallet, Teng says. He says the delegation did not pass through the firm's normal approval controls, adding that this is why the withdrawal service needs to be paused so that investigations can be carried out.

KTR questions IDBI valuation rule change after bids fall short



Hyderabad: Amid the row over the IDBI Bank disinvestment, BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Saturday, October 31, said reports of the bank's undervaluation were "really concerning." He noted that IDBI owns valuable real estate, including prime land in Hyderabad, and asked whether its value had been properly accounted for.

"Reports about undervaluation of IDBI Bank are really concerning. Why were the rules and valuation methodology changed when bids fell below the reserve price?" he said in a post on X, responding to an appeal from the All India IDBI Officers' Association to raise the issue of the bank's privatisation. He asked why the concerns raised by IDBI employees were not being addressed. "Before selling off a reputed public sector bank to a private player, the union government owes the country some straight answers. What's the hurry?" he said. Public sector undertakings and public sector banks are national assets that must be safeguarded, he added.

Nirmala Sitharaman responds to Rahul Gandhi

Responding on Friday to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's criticism of the NDA government over the disinvestment, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said IDBI Bank "was handed over to us in poor shape, as IDBI itself was forced to lend to large business groups with close connections to @INCIndia leaders such as Videocon, Winsome, ABG Shipyard, and Kingfisher." "These turned into bad loans, causing huge losses for IDBI Bank, which we recognised," she said in a social media post. "The NDA govt led by Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi revived the IDBI Bank through professionalism, prudence and recapitalisation of more than Rs 25,000 crore. The IDBI Bank is now poised for its next phase of growth," she said, adding that all due process had been followed in the bank's strategic restructuring.

IDBI BANK ISSUE

On Thursday, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said the second round of bidding was conducted under a procedure determined by the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD). The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had empowered the CGD to address procedural issues and deviations. The first round of bidding was held in 2025-26, but the bids were not approved, after which that round became functus officio, or ceased to have further effect, DIPAM said in a statement.

The clarification followed questions from several quarters, including the bank's union, about IDBI Bank's valuation and the price quoted by the proposed bidder, Canada's Fairfax Financial Holdings. On October 14, the government approved the sale of a 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax for about Rs 53,000 crore (USD 5.5 billion). It would be the largest foreign investment in an Indian bank and a major milestone in the country's long-delayed bank privatisation drive. The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of the current financial year, subject to regulatory clearance from the Reserve Bank of India. He noted that IDBI owns valuable real estate, including prime land in Hyderabad, and asked whether its value had been properly accounted for.

Bandhan Bank's Q2 FY26-27 total business grew by 11%



Hyderabad, October 2026: Bandhan Bank announced its results for the second quarter of FY26-27. The bank's total business grew by more than 11% YoY, to close at over Rs.3.3 lakh crore. The Bank's share of retail to total deposits now stands at nearly 73%. The business growth observed in the financial year 2026-27 was driven by the Bank's expanded distribution network, improved operational efficiency, and a consistent endeavour towards excellence. Net Profit earned for Q2 FY27 stood at Rs.622 crore. The Bank now serves around 3.2 crore customers through more than 6,400 banking outlets across the 35 out of 36 states and UTs of India. The total number of employees working at Bandhan Bank is more than 75000.

During Q2 FY26-27, the Bank registered a 9% year-on-year growth in its deposit base, and the deposit book now stands at Rs 1.73 lakh crore. Total advances have reached Rs 1.58 lakh crore for the same period. The Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) ratio stands at 26.7%. The Bank's Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR), a key indicator of financial stability, is at a robust 18.3% well above the regulatory threshold.

Speaking on the Bank's performance, MD & CEO, Partha Pratim Sengupta said: "Our performance in Q2 FY26-27 reflects our focus on maintaining healthy business growth, accelerating deposit mobilisation, improving the composition of our loan portfolio, protecting asset quality and steadily strengthening profitability. We are making steady and significant improvement over the quarters in operating profit and PAT. We will continue to focus on strengthening our retail franchise, deepening customer relationships, and delivering long-term value to all stakeholders."

PhysicsWallah (PW) Expands Presence in Andhra Pradesh by Opening Info Centre in Tirupati for JEE & NEET Counselling



Tirupati, 31st October 2026 - Education company PhysicsWallah (PW) has opened a new PW Info Centre in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh, with plans to launch a new tech-enabled offline Vidyapeeth centre around the same location in the near future. The new facility is located on Air Bypass Road and will operate from 9 AM to 7 PM, seven days a week. Students can visit the Info Centre to seek counselling on exams such as JEE and NEET. Additionally, Amit Singh Rathore, SVP- PW Vidyapeeth, was present at the inauguration ceremony. Full Address of New PW Info Centre: 23-8-162/A, Air Bypass Road, Revenue Ward No 23, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh-517501 The new PW Info Centre is set to meet the requirements of educational counselling and competitive coaching in areas like Naidupeta, Kadapa, Madanapalli and Puttur and beyond. This is aimed towards providing students in these regions access to guidance and resources, reducing the need for long-distance travel. The PW Info Centre serves as a one-stop destination for information on admissions, financial aid, and registration for PW batches, along with offering counselling and support services to help students make well-informed decisions about their educational journey. Students can walk in for personalised counselling on JEE and NEET preparation, and receive advice on study plans, exam strategies, and comprehensive course details. Ankit Gupta, CEO of Vidyapeeth-Offline, PhysicsWallah (PW), said, "The opening of the first PW Info Centre in Tirupati reflects our efforts to provide students in that region with access to counselling and educational guidance, as well as expand our presence in Andhra Pradesh. This step aims to reduce the need for travel in search of these services. Going forward, we plan to integrate the Info Centre with a Vidyapeeth centre in the same area, where courses related to NEET and JEE Test Preparation and Foundation will be offered to students." PW Vidyapeeths are tech-enabled offline centres where students attend in-person classes taught by experienced teachers. These centres offer a comprehensive curriculum for JEE/NEET/Foundation & also focus on scholastic exams such as Olympiads, and provide recorded lectures, assistance with NCERT materials, offline doubt-solving, Daily Practice Problems, specialised modules, activity-based learning, Previous Year Questions, and PW-AITS. The centres also have a dedicated Student Success Team (SST) desk and a parent-teacher dashboard for updates on student progress.

Highlights

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PIOXAZON®, INDIA'S FIRST DISCOVERED INSECTICIDE MOLECULE BROUGHT TO FARMERS BY PI



Hyderabad, October 31, 2026: PI Industries today launched Pioxazon® (Pioxaniliprole 20% SC), powered by India's first indigenously discovered insecticide molecule. Developed for rice, maize and Bengal gram, Pioxazon marks a significant milestone in PI's journey from original scientific discovery to commercial application.

Its molecule, Pioxaniliprole, is a defining moment in India's agricultural innovation journey. It shows that India can now discover, develop, register and commercialise crop protection innovation of its own, and Pioxazon® is the first product to complete that journey.

Rice, maize and Bengal gram are among the most important crops in Indian agriculture, and across southern India they form the backbone of farming. Andhra Pradesh is considered as "the rice bowl of India", Karnataka is its largest maize producer, and Bengal gram is the leading pulse crop grown in Andhra Pradesh. For millions of farming families across the region, protecting these crops means protecting their livelihoods.

Indian farmers face evolving pest pressures, erratic weather and rising crop-protection costs. Yellow Stem Borer in rice, Fall Armyworm in maize and Pod Borer in Bengal gram remain significant challenges for farmers.

Drawing on PI's eight decades of engagement with Indian agriculture, Pioxazon® has been evaluated through multilocation field trials under diverse growing conditions. It is registered by the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee (CIB&RC) for use against Yellow Stem Borer in rice, Fall Armyworm in maize and Pod Borer in Bengal gram.

Commenting on the launch, Mayank Singhal, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director, PI Industries Ltd, said, "Pioxazon® marks a defining milestone in PI's innovation journey. With Pioxaniliprole, we have demonstrated our ability to originate proprietary science and take it through the complete innovation lifecycle, from discovery and development to registration. As Pioxazon® reaches farmers, we are taking Indian innovation from discovery to the field, guided by a deep understanding of India's diverse farming realities. For farmers, it means a solution built for the pests and weather they face today. For PI, it strengthens our ambition to take the best of Indian innovation to the world."

Pioxazon® brings together four distinct advantages. It offers the fastest absorption, within 30 minutes of application, delivering excellent rainfastness and the best performance in erratic weather. Its unique molecular structure gives it excellent binding affinity to the pest, delivering the highest efficacy and consistent, robust protection.

With maximum availability in the plant system and exceptional translaminar action, it moves quickly through the plant to provide the longest duration of control, along with a phytotonic effect.

It is also the safest for beneficial insects, including predatory spiders, predatory beetles, ladybird beetles, damselflies and green lacewings, which help keep pest populations in check naturally. This makes Pioxazon® an environmentally conscious choice, well suited to Integrated Pest Management practices.

Saket Bhatnagar, CEO – India Brands, PI AgSciences, said, "Farmers judge a crop-protection product by what happens in the field after they spray. Pioxazon® has been built to deliver where it matters most: fast action that holds up when the weather turns, and control that lasts. We will take Pioxazon® to farmers across rice, maize and Bengal gram growing regions through our distributor and retailer network, supported by field demonstrations and farmer training on its correct use."

Global nature talks reach deal but money remains an issue



In Armenia's capital this week a fight between politicians broke out - not the mass brawl in its parliament that was so widely documented on social media - but between delegates from nearly 200 countries. The world's nations have been gathered in Yerevan for nearly two weeks negotiating, and arguing, over a new agreement on nature. Early on Saturday morning, hours after talks were due to finish, they finally agreed the key parts of a new action plan. "And that's it. Perfect," said the meeting president, Hambardzum Matevosyan. Four years earlier the same countries had signed a landmark deal committing to "halt and reverse" the decline of nature. That global deal in 2022 - the Global Biodiversity Framework - contained 24 targets including putting 30% of the world's land and seas into protection by the end of the decade. They agreed that action was urgent. The world is currently in a sixth mass extinction event with species becoming extinct at 100 times the natural rate because of human activities, scientists say. But according to the UN this week, the world is on track to achieve just one of those two dozen targets. As part of this week's deal, countries acknowledged they were falling behind. "While not particularly exciting or detailed, it's good news that countries could reach agreement," said Catherine Weller, from environmental charity Fauna & Flora. "We cannot just plod on to 2030 without a course correction; nature is critical to all life on Earth: to our economies, to our wellbeing," she added. This was echoed by Craig Bennett, CEO of The Wildlife Trusts, who told BBC News: "We are still seeing an appalling loss, threatening the collapse of ecosystems globally. We run out of words really about how serious this is." But he added "the better news is there are so many examples worldwide about how... to turn things around". Countries have put 623 million acres (252m hectares) of degraded land into protection - an area bigger than Greenland. Just last month the WWF praised conservation efforts which had achieved the recovery of key species including elephants, green sea turtles and tigers.

Residents leave devastated Russian-occupied Oleshky as evacuation corridor opens



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

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



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

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



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

Democratic senator blames Egypt press crackdown on US military aid decision



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

PROMINENT RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER SHUTS DOWN UNDER PRESSURE FROM AUTHORITIES



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



Six dead after helicopter crashes in northern Indian state

US tech stocks see sharp falls over AI cost fears



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

'PHENOMENAL MATCHUP': KAMARU USMAN ENDORSES ISLAM MAKHACHEV'S UFC TITLE STANCE

Former UFC welterweight champion Kamaru Usman has backed Islam Makhachev's decision to wait for the winner of Carlos Prates vs. Michael Morales. He believes the interim-title fight at UFC 336 will establish a clearer challenger for Makhachev's undisputed belt. Makhachev was initially scheduled to defend his welterweight title against Prates at UFC 336 in Toronto on January 30. The champion declined the date because he wanted to wait until after Ramadan. It prompted the UFC to book Prates against Morales for the interim title. Usman makes a bold call on Prates and Morales' UFC future Kamaru Usman said both contenders are close to being elite, but neither has enough star power to headline a major UFC event alone. He called the Prates-Morales matchup "phenomenal" and said the winner could become an A-tier fighter. The Nigerian-American fighter maintained that Prates and Morales need one more win over a top opponent with genuine drawing power. According to him, their interim-title clash provides exactly that opportunity. "I think this is a phenomenal matchup. Either guy wins this here; they are A-tier to potentially succeed if Islam Makhachev loses the belt or gives up the belt," Usman said on the Pound 4 Pound podcast. Makhachev defended his position by saying Prates had recently lost to Ian Machado Garry, whom Makhachev had beaten. He stressed that Morales would still be waiting for a title shot if he fought Prates, so the two contenders should settle the pecking order themselves. Dana White refuses to let Makhachev hold up the welterweight division Dana White criticised Makhachev for delaying his return, saying the champion fights only once a year on average. White said the UFC could not allow a division to be held up while Makhachev observes Ramadan from February to March. The interim bout will serve as the co-main event at UFC 336, beneath Joshua Van versus Manel Kape for the flyweight title. The winner of Prates vs. Morales is expected to face Makhachev later in 2027. Prates is 24-7 and has won all seven of his UFC fights by knockout. His recent victims include former champions, Jack Della Maddalena and Leon Edwards. Morales is 19-0 and 7-0 in the UFC, with five knockouts. Four of those finishes have come in the first round, including his stoppage of Sean Brady. Bisping and Covington divided over the decision Former UFC middleweight champion Michael Bisping called the interim-title fight "bull***t" and accused Makhachev of taking the easiest route by letting Prates and Morales damage each other before facing the winner.



Charles Leclerc Dominates Again As Ferrari Set Pace In Mexico



Ferrari's Charles Leclerc dominated practice for the Mexico City Grand Prix on Friday, topping the timesheets in both sessions for the second consecutive race weekend. The Monegasque driver produced a best lap of 1:17.827 in the second practice session to finish 0.103 seconds ahead of McLaren world champion Lando Norris. George Russell was third for Mercedes, followed by teammate and championship leader Kimi Antonelli. Antonelli, 20, who missed Thursday's media activities while recovering from a virus, can become Formula One's youngest world champion on Sunday and the first Italian driver to win the title since 1963 if he finishes in the top nine. He could also secure the championship if his two remaining title rivals, Russell and Ferrari's seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton, fail to win the race. Leclerc's impressive showing mirrored his performance at last week's United States Grand Prix in Austin, where he also led the practice sessions. Max Verstappen, a five-time winner of the Mexico City Grand Prix, finished fifth for Red Bull despite suffering damage in an early clash with Racing Bulls driver Liam Lawson. Red Bull teammate Isack Hadjar was sixth, while Lawson's teammate Arvid Lindblad finished seventh ahead of Pierre Gasly, Lawson and Oscar Piastri in the second McLaren. Hamilton ended the session down in 11th after a power failure curtailed his running midway through. The session began with Gasly leading Alpine teammate Franco Colapinto out onto the track, while local favourite Sergio Perez, preparing for his 300th Formula One start, was quickly cautioned for a pit-lane infringement. Following the appearance of 10 rookie drivers in the opening practice session, all full-time drivers returned for FP2, experimenting with a variety of tyre compounds on the low-grip circuit. A red flag halted the session after 15 minutes when debris had to be cleared from the Foro Sol section following contact between Verstappen and Lawson, which damaged the Dutchman's car.

"DECLARE HOLIDAY":

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif Trolled For Post On Team's Hong Kong Sixes Win Over India

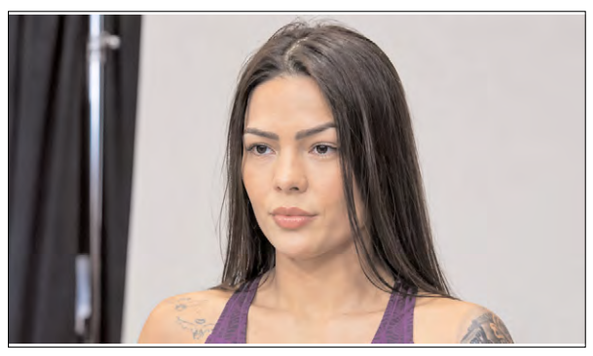
India and Pakistan faced off in a Hong Kong Sixes 2026 match on Friday. The Hong Kong Sixes is an international, fast-paced six-a-side cricket tournament organized by Cricket Hong Kong, China and sanctioned by the International Cricket Council (ICC). Pakistan captain Abbas Afridi won the toss and elected to bowl, restricting India to 88/5 in six overs despite a fiery 40-run knock off just 11 balls from Shashank Singh. In response, Pakistan chased down the target of 89 in just 3.5 overs, powered by Khawaja Nafay's explosive 41 off 12 balls and a captain's knock of 35 off just eight deliveries from Abbas Afridi, sealing a comfortable four-wicket victory. Interestingly, after the win, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif congratulated the Pakistan team. While any India-Pakistan contest draws widespread attention, the Hong Kong Sixes is neither a global tournament nor a continental event like the Asia Cup. Therefore, such praise from a senior politician for a victory in the Hong Kong Sixes drew intriguing reactions on social media. Notably, India have held the upper hand over Pakistan in recent Asia Cup meetings. In World Cups too, barring a defeat in 2021, India have won all the other contests. "Congratulations to our boys on a superb four-wicket victory over India in the opening clash of the Hong Kong Sixes 2026! It was a good game of cricket. I also commend Chairman PCB Mohsin Naqvi @MohsinnaqviC42 and his team for their dedicated efforts in preparing and supporting our players," Sharif wrote on X.



"I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO ASK FOR THE TITLE SHOT":

UFC RISING STAR LUANA SANTOS HAS HER EYES LOCKED ON BANTAMWEIGHT GOLD

Luana Santos believes a win over Yana Santos at UFC Vegas 123 could put her in line for a bantamweight title shot. The Brazilian is ranked fourth and meets Yana Santos, who is sixth, on the main card at Meta APEX in Las Vegas on Saturday. Both fighters enter on three-fight winning streaks. Luana Santos is 11-2 and 6-1 in the UFC. Yana Santos brings a wealth of experience from fights against former champions and top contenders. A win would give Luana Santos four straight UFC victories and strengthen her case for a bantamweight title shot. Santos has a message for the UFC According to Luana Santos, an early stoppage would strengthen her case to move ahead of Ailin Perez and Joselyne Edwards. The Brazilian claimed the UFC was unhappy with Perez's most recent performance and believes a fourth UFC finish would make her a more attractive challenger. "I'm definitely going to ask for the title shot," Luana Santos told MMA Fighting. "That's what I want; that's my goal, and then we'll see what makes the most sense for the UFC." "I have two contenders ahead of me, Ailin and Joselyne, who are coming off very good winning streaks," Santos said. "If I get a submission or a knockout, and I'm not next in line, then I'll be one win away from a title shot." She has five submission wins and one knockout. Her UFC run includes a first-round TKO of Juliana Miller, a submission of Mariya Agapova and an Americana finish of Tainara Lisboa. Harrison vs. Nunes could shape the division The women's bantamweight title picture is currently on hold ahead of Kayla Harrison's defence against returning former champion Amanda Nunes at UFC 334. Santos said the outcome could determine whether either champion retires.



Finn Bálor's First Message After The Demon's WWE SmackDown Return

Finn Balor has spoken for the first time since bringing The Demon back to SmackDown, and he kept it to one line: "Very Demon, very evil #HappyHalloween." He posted backstage photos with Danhausen after the Halloween-themed episode, where the former Universal Champion ended a Gunther attack with a Coup de Grâce on the commentary table. It was more than a cameo, since Balor fought The Ring General before he finished the segment. The brawl has also revived talk of a Balor and Gunther match at Crown Jewel on November 7, although WWE hasn't announced one.

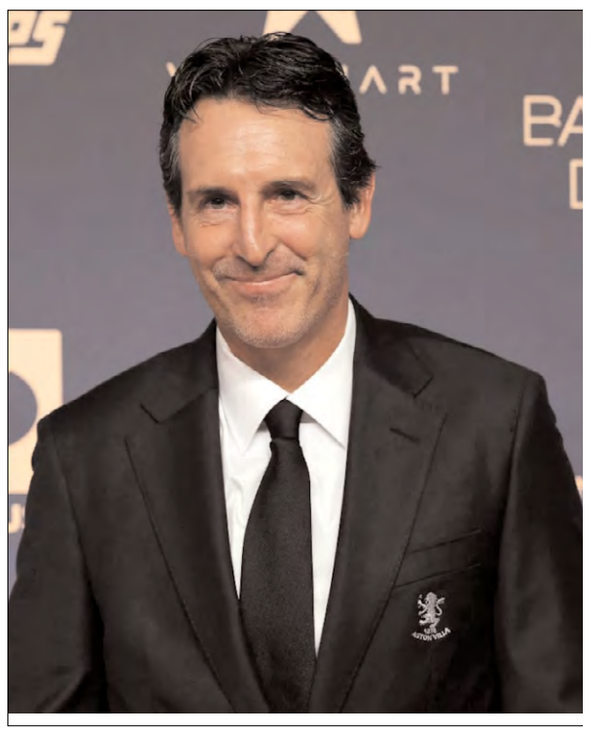


Candice LeRae's SmackDown Moment May Have Teased a Shocking WWE Betrayal

Candice LeRae's reaction to Sami Zayn in the opening segment of SmackDown has people wondering if she is getting ready to walk away from him. When the Undisputed WWE Champion pulled her into a hug, The Poison Pixie held a stiff smile, and it was gone as soon as he turned around. It lasted a few seconds, with no words and no attack. But LeRae has been tied to Zayn and her husband Johnny Gargano for months, so a split would be a real change and could open the door to a babyface turn and a singles run on the blue brand. WWE hasn't confirmed anything. Candice LeRae's Awkward Reaction to Sami Zayn Could Hint at a SmackDown Betrayal LeRae has been working in Zayn's corner since he won the Undisputed WWE Championship from CM Punk on September 11 in Mexico City. She and Gargano were at ringside for that match, and she distracted the referee at one point so Gargano could try to hit Punk with the belt. He missed. She had done the same thing a week earlier, when Punk defended against Gargano on SmackDown and the referee was looking away as Zayn struck Punk with the title. That history is why the hug stood out. LeRae has been actively helping Zayn win, and the camera stayed on her face once he looked away instead of cutting back to him. There was nothing more to it than that, no confrontation and no hint of what she was thinking, but the length of the shot made it feel planned. If WWE wants to start a turn on her, it could easily start with something this small.



UNAI EMERY'S FOCUS FULLY ON FULHAM DESPITE BARCELONA TIE



Aston Villa manager Unai Emery insists his side's full focus is on Saturday's Premier League clash against Fulham, despite a high-profile UEFA Champions League trip to Barcelona looming next week. Villa will be chasing a third consecutive Premier League victory when they host the Cottagers at Villa Park before turning their attention to the Spanish champions. "If I am thinking, if we are thinking, after the match tomorrow against Fulham, we are making a mistake, and we are wrong, completely wrong," Emery told reporters on Friday. "Tomorrow is about Fulham. The Premier League is clearly the priority and that is the message." The Spaniard, whose team ended leaders Manchester City's perfect start to the season with a 2-1 victory last week, stressed the need for consistency. "To keep our consistency, to keep our demands and work every day. To get this commitment to maintain the consistency we showed last year. Every match is a test. "In the Premier League, we still need more points. Of course, we are progressing and getting better. But if we want to be as consistent as we were last season and remain among the top teams, we must focus fully on tomorrow's match and respect Fulham." Villa currently sit ninth in the Premier League table, three points ahead of Fulham.

HARDIK PANDYA TRADE:

R Ashwin Warns CSK That MI Will Want 1 Specific Star: "Won't Proceed Without Him"

Hardik Pandya is expected to move away from Mumbai Indians (MI) on a trade deal ahead of the IPL 2027 auction, and a number of franchises are reportedly keen. Kolkata Knight Riders (CSK), Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Rajasthan Royals (RR) and Delhi Capitals (DC) are among the teams who've been linked with a trade move for Hardik. Legendary India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who won two IPL titles with CSK, stated that Mumbai Indians will want one player in particular in order to do a deal with their fellow five-time champions. Ashwin said that CSK will likely offer Shivam Dube in a possible trade for Hardik, but suggested that MI won't be happy with just Dube. "MI obviously won't accept only Shivam Dube for Hardik Pandya. They will want Mhatre along with Dube. I don't think MI will proceed without Mhatre," Ashwin stated, speaking on his YouTube channel, as quoted by Sportskeeda. Ashwin then hinted that CSK could try and include the likes of pacer Nathan Ellis or top-order power-hitter Urvil Patel along with Dube, in the potential trade for Hardik. "CSK could try other options too, like offering Dube and Ellis for Hardik. Ellis will be a great replacement for Trent Boult, and he'll be a great death-bowling partner for Jasprit Bumrah. If MI don't accept that also, CSK should try with Dube, Ellis and Urvil Patel. That way, MI will get a keeper-batter too," Ashwin said. "CSK must remember that to get a player like Hardik, MI have to believe they are also getting stronger through the trade. So they have to offer something MI can't refuse," he added. Ashwin even suggested that both teams could trade multiple players in order to make the deal work. "A multi-player deal both ways also might be a possibility. CSK could give Dube, Ellis, Urvil, and another pacer for Hardik and Deepak Chahar in return. That way, CSK will get a new-ball bowler and someone who has played for them in Chahar. This strengthens both teams," he said. The last date for teams to finalize their retentions for IPL 2027 is November 15.



Venkatesh thanks fans for film response

TRIVIKRAM SRINIVAS EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR THE LOVE AND APPRECIATION SHOWERED ON 'AADARSHA KUTUMBAM'

The prestigious film 'Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47', starring Victory Venkatesh and directed by the acclaimed filmmaker Trivikram Srinivas, has opened to an encouraging response from audiences. Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under the banner of Haarika & Hassine Creations, the film features Srinidhi Shetty as the female lead. Thaman S has composed the music, while Nara Rohith and Nivetha Pethuraj play pivotal roles.

Marking the reunion of Venkatesh and Trivikram after two decades, the film generated tremendous anticipation among Telugu movie lovers across the globe.

Released on Friday, October 30, amid huge expectations, the film received a positive response from audiences across all sections right from its first show. With collections reportedly witnessing an upward trend with every show, the film is heading towards a successful theatrical run.

Following the encouraging response, the team of 'Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47' organised a press meet to express their happiness and extend heartfelt gratitude to audiences for the love and appreciation showered on the film.

Victory Venkatesh said, "My heartfelt thanks to all the audiences. We sincerely attempted a film in a new genre, with the intention of



giving viewers a wonderful cinematic experience. I am extremely happy that our effort, with Trivikram garu and Chinababu garu, has received such an overwhelming response. My thanks to everyone who was part of this film. Since morning, several people have been calling me and appreciating the film. I am also grateful to our media friends for supporting good cinema. I have always believed in giving quality films to family audiences, and I am delighted that they are enjoying this film."

Trivikram Srinivas said, "My sincere thanks to audiences who have embraced our film right from the first show. On occasions like this, the less we speak, the better, because this is the time for audiences to speak and for us to listen. Thank you for your wonderful response and love. You have given us immense happiness, and I sincerely hope this joy continues. What more can I say other than thank you? My special thanks to our media friends as well. Many people called me this morning to congratulate us. I was particularly happy to hear so many people discussing the interval block. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of this film."

Telugu film journalists who attended the event also appreciated 'Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47', praising the film and expressing their admiration for the team's efforts.

'Korivi' title glimpse unveiled

Director Sridhar Gade, who impressed audiences across all sections with his film SR Kalyanamandapam and showcased his talent as a filmmaker, is now gearing up for his next project, titled Korivi. The film is being produced as Production No. 3 under the Sree Iswarya Lakshmi Movies banner by producer Venkat Talari, who previously produced the family entertainer Chuttalabbayi with Aadi Saikumar and the unique thriller Highway with Anand Deverakonda.

Eeswar Rachiraju, known for his performance in Committee Kurrollu, plays the lead role in Korivi, while Nandu Muralidhar and Likhitha play the female leads. Pujita Ponnada and Sindhu Kasaram appear in other important roles. The film is currently progressing with its regular shoot at a brisk pace.

On the occasion of director Sridhar Gade's birthday today, the makers announced the film's title as Korivi and unveiled an intriguing title glimpse. The glimpse promises goosebumps with its gripping visuals and mysterious atmosphere. The story revolves around a ghost named Korivi, which guards a treasure located in the Mayaa River region. Set against a village backdrop, this unique horror film is being crafted with a fresh storyline and distinctive narrative elements. The title glimpse also offers interesting visuals that highlight the film's making and promise audiences a thrilling experience on the big screen. With the title announcement and glimpse, the team of Korivi extended their birthday wishes to director Sridhar Gade.



Sonu Sood and MLA T. Prakash Goud Launch 'Oh Na Siddayya' Song on a 70mm Screen

The song launch witnessed a grand turnout of over 5,000 people despite heavy rain, offering audiences a unique outdoor experience with a massive 70mm screen and Dolby Atmos sound.

In a unique attempt to recreate the experience of watching a film in a theatre in an outdoor setting, the team of 'Oh Na Siddayya' introduced an innovative concept and created a new sensation. For the first time in India, a private album song was launched on an outdoor stage featuring a massive 70mm screen and a Dolby Atmos sound system.



The grand event was held on Friday evening, October 30, at the grounds of the Government College and School in Shamshabad, Hyderabad. More than 5,000 people attended the celebration.

Despite heavy rainfall, the enthusiasm of the audience remained undiminished. Fans and music lovers turned up in large numbers, making the event a spectacular success.

Popular actor Sonu Sood attended the event as the chief guest and launched the song 'Oh Na Siddayya'. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed happiness over witnessing a song launch on a massive 70mm screen in an open-air venue. He appreciated the Siddayya team for attempting such an innovative concept and wished the song great success. Rajendranagar MLA T. Prakash Goud, who attended as another chief guest, expressed his happiness at being part of the celebration. He wished 'Oh Na Siddayya' tremendous success and hoped that the song would receive widespread appreciation from audiences.

'Summer Holidays' to evoke childhood memories



Producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni has earned a reputation for bringing content-driven films to audiences and delivering successful ventures. Under his banner, Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments, he is now producing a children's film titled "Summer Holidays". Directed by Srikar, the film promises to take audiences on a nostalgic journey through a beautiful story that brings back memories of childhood. Master Rohan, Master Arun and Baby Khushi play pivotal roles. Summer Holidays is set for a grand theatrical release on November 6.

In a recent interview, producer Dheeraj Mogilineni shared several interesting insights about the film and its highlights.

- When I first heard this story, it deeply touched my heart and reminded me of my real-life experiences and childhood memories. The dialogues delivered by Jayasudha garu, who plays the grandmother, reminded me of the way my own grandmother used to speak. Similarly, the words spoken by Vasuki garu felt exactly like the way my mother used to talk to me. I believed audiences would experience the same emotional connection. We could have changed the children's characters into teenagers and added a love story to make the film more commercial. But that would have taken away the innocence of childhood. The sensitivity and innocence of these characters are the soul of this story.

- We often see films that break existing trends and create new ones. After films like Pelli Choopulu, people felt that the trend of romantic comedies had faded. Later, Premalu arrived as a dubbed Telugu film and received a wonderful response, followed by Little Hearts. Similarly, we believe Summer Holidays can inspire filmmakers to explore children's stories once again. We hope that after watching our film, more filmmakers will come forward to make such movies. Jayasudha garu, who plays the grandmother, was supposed to attend our recent trailer launch. She will be joining us at our next event.

- I am making every effort to take the story I believe in strongly to audiences. We initially wanted to release the film during the summer season, but that did not work out. Now that the release has been finalised, we felt the Diwali festive season would be an appropriate time. We were initially concerned that films scheduled for October 30 might get postponed to November 6, but fortunately, that has not happened. We can say that our film has almost secured a solo release. I also feel the government should consider offering certain incentives to films that make special attempts, small films made by new producers and locally produced content. Theatre revenues have declined, and OTT platforms are largely acquiring big films. In such circumstances, government support would be very helpful for small films.

- We are getting good theatres for our November 6 release, and the number of screens could increase further once the film receives positive word of mouth. Our film does not carry a specific message; instead, it is driven by beautiful emotions. It captures the emotional experiences of children who spend two months of their summer vacation at their grandmother's home before returning to their routines. The bond they share with their grandmother and village friends, the friendship between Arun and Rohan's characters, and the emotional scenes between a father and son are some of the heartwarming elements. As a producer, I am not looking for awards. I simply want audiences to come to theatres and make our film a success.

Suriya's 'Scene' promises action and fun

The makers of director Jithu Madhavan's eagerly awaited film 'Scene', featuring actor Suriya in the lead, on Saturday released the film's trailer, much to the delight of fans and filmbuffs. Sharing the link to the trailer on his X timeline, actor Suriya wrote, "Murder. Mystery. Madness... and a whole lot of laughter! Enjoy #Scene in theatres with friends and family! With Love from us to you. In cinemas from 6th Nov 2026! #DiwaliRelease."

The trailer begins with Inbaraj (Suriya) opting to resign from the police force, much to the surprise of his seniors, his colleagues and his subordinates. The man looks to chill at his home, disregarding his superior officer Stephen's(played by Lal) repeated orders to him to report to his office. At one point, Stephen sends policemen to Inbaraj's house to have him arrested and brought to his office. The officer, who arrives to arrest Inbaraj, requests him to co-operate.



The rebel that he is, Inbaraj refuses to co-operate. Left with no other option, the officer threatens Inbaraj saying he had been instructed to carry him if there was a need. The cops expect Inbaraj to be intimidated by this warning. However, instead, Inbaraj raises his arms and legs as if wanting them to carry him. They eventually carry him to the superior officer's office.



Sai Pallavi says 'Ramayana' will make history

Actress Sai Pallavi, who is set to portray Sita Maa in the upcoming film 'Ramayana', opened up about her preparation for the revered character. Appearing on the popular quiz reality show, Kaun Banega Crorepati, Sai said that she relied on prayer and meditation to approach the role with the dignity it deserves. During a conversation with megastar Amitabh Bachchan, Sai Pallavi spoke about the immense responsibility of portraying a figure as revered as Sita Maa. She emphasised that the film would go beyond being a cinematic experience and become a part of history for generations to come.

Emphasizing the reverence attached to the role, Sai Pallavi shared by saying, "Maine iss patra ke liye sirf prayer kiya aur prarthana kiya ki main jitne bhi obstacles ho mujhe voh patra karne mein, voh saare obstacles nikal jaaye. Kyuki hum jo film bana rahe hain, voh sirf film nahi hain voh itihaas bhi banega aur aage ka generations bhi dekhega, aage ka future dekhega tab hum sab yaha nahi honge. Uss samay voh dignity honi chahiye, toh main sirf prarthana hi kar rahi thi for this role." (For this role, I only prayed and asked that whatever obstacles I might face in portraying this character would be removed. Because the film we are making is not just a film; it will also become a part of history, and future generations will watch it. People in the future will look back at it when none of us will be here. At that time, the portrayal should have dignity.

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