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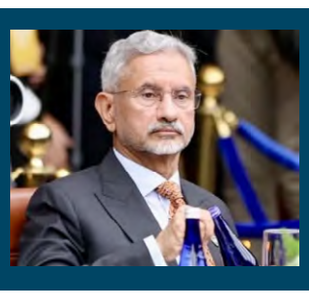
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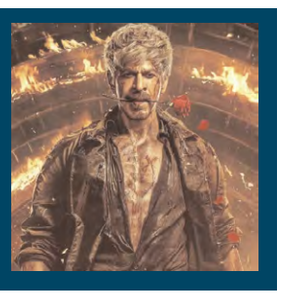
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2 BODIES FOUND IN ODISHA, CYCLONE ARNAB DEATH TOLL UP TO 6

Bhubaneswar/ Phulbani: The death toll in Odisha due to Cyclone Arnab rose to six on Sunday, November 1, with the recovery of two bodies from a landslide-hit village in the southern part of the state, while a search was underway to trace 10 other missing people, officials said. Home to around 26 people, the hilltop Gidipabali village on the border of Ganjam and Kandhamal districts disappeared from the map as an enormous amount of sludge and debris cascaded down the hills due to cyclone-induced rainfall earlier this week and levelled houses. At least 13 people who could escape the landslide have been sheltered at a relief centre near G Udaygiri, said Kandhamal District Collector Vedbhusan.

3 KUKI MEMBERS KILLED IN MANIPUR GUNFIGHT

Imphal, Nov 1: Three people belonging to the Kuki community were killed in a gunfight between rival armed groups in Manipur's Noney district on Saturday, police said. The exchange of fire broke out in the morning at Kekru Naga village and continued for several hours in the forested hill area, leaving three people dead. Police said necessary security measures had been taken in the area to prevent further escalation. Meanwhile, the Kuki Inpi Manipur (KIM), the apex body of the Kuki community, condemned the killings and alleged that Naga militant groups were responsible for the attack. In a statement, the organisation demanded justice and accountability and urged the state government to take immediate action against those responsible.

Rahul warns Modi, Shah of legal action over vote theft



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT)

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday asserted that Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar will be removed from his post and put in jail for "treason" in future over "vote chori", while Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah will face legal action and should not think of escaping the law.

Addressing the INDIA bloc rally here against alleged electoral irregularities and SIR, Gandhi hailed the turnout and said it has sent a message to Prime Minister Modi, Home Minister Shah and CEC Kumar."Narendra Modi ji and Amit Shah ji, understand this — after Gyanesh Kumar, we will stand against you and don't forget that for the vote chori you have done, there will be legal action against you and Narendra Modi," he said.Gandhi said if he is asked about his religion, he would say that 'making the voice of the people of the country heard' is his religion.'Referring to the large turnout, Gandhi said, "This is not the voice of a political party or leaders but the voice of youth, farmers, labourers, and it is declaring that 'we will not let democracy and Constitution be destroyed in India'".

CM Revanth alleges plot to delete 20 cr voters' names

Thousands of Telangana Congress workers gather in Delhi for 'Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao' rally



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday alleged that attempts were being made to delete the names of nearly 20 crore voters from electoral rolls, targeting the poor, Dalits, Adivasis and women. Addressing Congress workers at Telangana Bhavan ahead of the INDIA bloc's 'Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao' public meeting at Ramlila Maidan, he called upon party cadres to take the campaign to every village and household.Thousands of Congress leaders and workers from Telangana welcomed the Chief Minister on his arrival at Telangana Bhavan.

Revanth Reddy alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had sought more than 400 seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections with the intention of changing the Constitution and abolishing reservations. He claimed that, after voters denied the BJP such a mandate, attempts were being made to undermine the voting rights of disadvantaged communities.

Invoking Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's contribution to constitutional voting rights, the Chief Minister accused Modi of using Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to facilitate electoral roll deletions. He alleged that 13.50 crore names had already been removed and claimed that the proposed deletions could affect 15–20 per cent of the electorate.

These figures and allegations were presented by the Chief Minister in his address. Revanth Reddy said the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee had planned train arrangements to enable approximately 15,000 people to attend the Delhi meeting. He alleged that the arrangements were cancelled at the last minute to prevent Congress workers from travelling.

Shah accuses Congress of insulting 1984 riot victims by holding Delhi rally on Nov 1

CHANDIGARH ■ (TSIT)



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday accused the Congress of being responsible for the "brutal killing" of Sikhs during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and alleged that Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi was "rubbing salt into the victims' wounds" by holding the INDIA bloc's rally in Delhi on the same date. Shah made the remarks while referring to the bloc's 'Dilli Chalo' rally at Ramlila Maidan in the national capital.

Addressing a public gathering at Tiranga Park in Chandigarh, the Union Home Minister recalled that on November 1, 1984, thousands of Sikhs were allegedly burned alive in riots in Delhi that he claimed were instigated by the Congress.

Many were forced to flee their homes, children were orphaned, women lost their husbands and thousands of families were devastated, he said. Referring to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's controversial remark, "when a big tree falls, the earth shakes", Shah said people still remembered the statement and alleged that only Congress leaders could have the audacity to describe the massacre of thousands of Sikhs in such terms.He said that after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government came to power, cases related to the riots were reopened, victims were provided financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh each, and prominent Congress leaders implicated in the violence were sent to jail. "The country had never before witnessed riots sponsored by a political party on such a scale," Shah alleged.

Questioning the INDIA bloc's decision to hold its rally in Delhi on November 1, Shah said he had initially thought Rahul Gandhi was too young during the riots and might not have studied history or understood the significance of the date.

Cyclone Murasu to make landfall on Nov 3, states put on alert

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the latest storm is set to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm and make landfall on the morning of November 3.

A deep depression over the Bay of Bengal on Sunday, November 1, intensified into a cyclone which has been named 'Murasu' by India, meaning war drum.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the latest storm is set to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm and make landfall on the morning of November 3 between Nellore and Narsapur in Andhra Pradesh, with wind speeds of 100-110 kmph, gusting to 120 kmph.The previous cyclone to hit the Andhra Pradesh coast was Arnab. It had wind speeds up to 150 kmph when it made landfall on October 28.



Neighbouring Odisha has also to stepped up preparedness in its southern region for another high-intensity storm in less than a week.Manorama Mohanty, the director of the meteorological centre in Bhubaneswar, said Odisha will receive rainfall from November 2, and its intensity would increase on November 3, continuing through November 4 under the cyclone's influence.State Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said the government was fully prepared to tackle the impending cyclone and assured people not to panic.The state has already sounded a high alert in the southern region, including Ganjam, which was severely hit by Cyclone Arnab, he said, adding that the state government has ordered the evacuation of people from low-lying areas and hilly terrain before Cyclone Murasu makes landfall.

Ghaziabad court sends Samajwadi Party's Azam Khan to 14-day judicial custody

Ghaziabad: A special Ghaziabad court on Sunday sent senior Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan to judicial custody for 14 days. The order was given by Special Court Judge Avanish Kumar Pandey. The SP heavyweight will spend 14 days at Ghaziabad's Dasna District Jail, Khan's advocate said. Earlier, Khan was brought to the court under heavy security as scores of his supporters stood outside the premises to catch a glimpse of their leader, who has been battling a series of legal cases filed against him over the past few years. Khan has consistently dismissed these cases as part of a political conspiracy.



Seifert, Milne power NZ to 7-wicket win; India clinch series 3-2



Hamilton: Tim Seifert rediscovered his big-hitting form with a powerful 93 as New Zealand defeated a low-intensity India by seven wickets in the fifth and final T20 in Hamilton on Sunday, November 1. Despite the loss, India claimed the five-match series 3-2.

Seifert (93 off 50 balls, 11 fours, 5 sixes) shared an 86-run third-wicket partnership with in-form Glenn Phillips (65 not out, 38 balls) as the hosts chased down India's 191 for eight, finishing on 195 for three. India's total was built around fifties from Shreyas Iyer (50, 23b) and Ishan Kishan (61, 32b), who shared a 107-run stand in just over seven overs. New Zealand's chase began shakily, losing Finn Allen early to Arshdeep Singh, but Seifert added 73 for the second wicket with Daryl Mitchell (29, 16b). Seifert, dropped on 13 by Naman Dhir, made India pay, bringing up his fifty in 34 balls and carting Bhuvneshwar Kumar for 4, 6, 6, 4, including a 108-metre six. An unfortunate inner edge off Nitish Kumar Reddy ended his stay just short of a maiden T20 hundred, but Phillips ensured the effort was not wasted.

Jagan alleges widespread rigging in Andhra municipal polls, demands repoll

Pulivendula (Andhra Pradesh), Nov 1: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Sunday alleged that democracy had been "murdered in broad daylight" during the municipal elections in Andhra Pradesh, accusing Telugu Desam Party (TDP) workers of occupying polling booths, driving out YSRCP agents and resorting to widespread rigging with police support.

Speaking to IANS, Jagan claimed that YSRCP polling agents were not allowed inside 70 of the 80 polling booths in Pulivendula.

"In a democracy, if opposition party agents are not allowed to sit inside polling booths, who will identify the voters? No one will be there to identify them because YSRCP polling agents have either been



forcibly removed from the booths or denied entry into the polling stations," he said.Jagan, who arrived in his hometown of Pulivendula in YSR Kadapa district to cast his vote, staged a protest outside the Returning Officer's office, demanding repolling. He was accompanied by party agents who were allegedly prevented from performing their duties.

"Is this democracy? Are we even functioning in a democratic system?" he asked.Alleging widespread electoral malpractice, Jagan claimed that TDP workers occupied polling booths as early as 4 a.m., intimidated voters and prevented YSRCP agents from entering polling stations.

He alleged that chairperson candidate Prameelamma was attacked, while polling agent Sunanda suffered a fractured hand. Voters arriving at polling centres were allegedly stopped, threatened and sent back after their voter slips were forcibly taken away. He further claimed that bogus votes were cast even before genuine voters arrived.

Jagan accused the police of assisting TDP workers and conducting lathi-charges at several places. He also alleged that a YSRCP councillor candidate was forcibly taken away in a police jeep. The YSRCP chief claimed that journalists and cameramen recording the alleged electoral irregularities were attacked, while their cameras and mobile phones were damaged. He said even voters who staged protests after being denied their right to vote were ignored.Similar conditions prevailed in Kadapa, Jammalamadugu, Chittoor, Macherla, Chilakaluripet, Tadipatri, Madanapalle, Chimakurthy and Kuppam, he alleged.

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DROUGHT NOT CAUSED BY NATURE, CREATED BY CONGRESS, ALLEGES KTR



Adilabad: The Revanth Reddy government must take responsibility for the agrarian crisis in the state and fulfil its promise to farmers and agricultural labourers, said BRS working president KTR on Sunday, November 1, as he addressed the Rythu Garjana here. He demanded that every farmer be paid Rs 60,000 per acre, comprising the three instalments of Rythu Bandhu withheld by the Congress government and the investment assistance due for the current Yasangi season.

"This is not a drought caused by nature; this is a drought created by Congress," he said. Farmers were facing distress due to the failures of the Revanth Reddy government, though the state has adequate irrigation resources.

In contrast, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, which experienced nearly twice the rainfall deficit, were not facing similar drought conditions, he pointed out. The Congress government could not escape its responsibility by citing El Niño, he said.

While the BRS government provided Rs 10,000 per acre annually under Rythu Bandhu, Revanth Reddy promised to increase the assistance to Rs 15,000, KTR said. However, after coming to power, Congress failed to honour its commitment.

He also questioned the status of the Rs 2 lakh loan waiver, tenant farmer assistance, Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmeeya Bharosa for 36,000 beneficiaries and other electoral promises. He said farmers were being forced to submit self-declarations and were even being discouraged from cultivating their own lands.

On his part, KTR extended financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh each to the families of five children who died in the recent fire accident at Adilabad's RIMS hospital on behalf of BRS. He criticised the BJP-led Centre for failing to provide national projects, medical and nursing colleges and major educational institutions to Adilabad. Calling Congress and BJP "partners in neglect", he questioned BJP leaders for not holding Revanth Reddy accountable.

The government failed to utilise Godavari waters despite availability, he said. Without being lifted, nearly one lakh cusecs of water were flowing downstream from the Kannepalli pump house. He also criticised the government for allowing 750 TMC of water to go unused.

Had the Kaleshwaram and Palamuru-Rangareddy projects been properly utilised, not even one acre would have dried up, he said. He also alleged that the government neglected the Chanaka-Korata project's canal works.He questioned the closure and dismantling of the CCI factory in Adilabad and the alleged shifting of Telangana industries to Gujarat.

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B.P. Nayak Demands Apology from BRS Leader



Bonakal (TSIT): Congress leader B.P. Nayak condemned the alleged derogatory remarks made against him by BRS district leader Lingala Kamal Raju and demanded an apology within seven days. Addressing a press conference at the Bonakal Mandal Congress office on Sunday, Nayak warned that failure to apologize would result in a legal notice and defamation suit. He dismissed rumours of joining the BJP and reaffirmed his commitment to the Congress Party, stating that political criticism should not turn into personal attacks.

Nayak also demanded the removal of unauthorized flexi banners in Bonakal Mandal and objected to dragging tribal woman sarpanch Banothu Jyothi into political controversies. He stressed that women should be treated with dignity and respect. TPCC senior leader Paidipalli Kishore Kumar, Congress leaders and sarpanches from various villages attended the press conference.

PG SPOT ADMISSIONS AT TARA GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE



Spot admissions will be conducted to fill the remaining vacant seats in various postgraduate (PG) courses for the academic year 2026–27 at Tara Government Degree College (Autonomous), Sangareddy, according to college Principal Professor M. Praveen. Candidates must submit their relevant certificates at the college from November 2 to 6, and the TG CPGET-2026 spot admissions will be conducted on November 7.

A total of 378 vacant seats are available across 10 courses: M.A. English (48), M.A. Telugu (32), M.A. Political Science (38), M.Com. (39), M.Sc. Botany (37), M.Sc. Organic Chemistry (7), M.Sc. Computer Science (51), M.Sc. Mathematics (55), M.Sc. Physics (54) and M.Sc. Zoology (17).

Candidates who qualified in the TG CPGET-2026 examination, as well as those who did not qualify or did not appear, may apply subject to the eligibility criteria prescribed for the respective courses. Applicants must be Indian citizens belonging to Telangana State, and rules concerning local and unreserved categories under G.O. Ms. No. 15, Higher Education Department, dated February 27, 2026, will apply.

Candidates must attend the college in person and submit original certificates along with two sets of photocopies. Admissions will not be granted to those who fail to produce originals. The principal clarified that students admitted through spot admissions will not be eligible for fee reimbursement, and an admission processing fee of 2,100 must be paid at the time of admission.

Required documents include the TG CPGET-2026 rank card (if available), SSC and intermediate marks memos, degree provisional certificate, consolidated marks memo, study certificates, transfer certificate, latest caste and residence certificates, and an equivalence certificate wherever applicable. Principal Professor M. Praveen urged interested candidates to submit certificates between November 2 and 6 and participate in the spot admissions on November 7.

CYCLONIC STORM "MURASU" OVER SOUTHWEST AND ADJOINING WESTCENTRAL BAY OF BENGAL

Machilipatnam, Nov. 1(TSIT: The Cyclonic Storm "Murasu" over Southwest and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards with speed of 27 kmph during past 6 hours and lay centered on Sunday evening over the same region near Latitude about 480 km east-southeast of Chennai (Tamil Nadu), 550 km east-southeast of Nellore (Andhra Pradesh), 560 km southeast of Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh), 600 km southeast of Ongole (Andhra Pradesh) and 610 km south-southeast of Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh),said Machilipatnam Doppler wether Radar station source this evening.

It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify further into a Severe Cyclonic Storm over Westcentral Bay of Bengal around 2nd November morning. Thereafter, it is very likely to move northwestwards and cross south Andhra Pradesh coast as a Severe Cyclonic Storm with wind speed of 100 to 110 kmph gusting 120 kmph between Nellore and Narsapur during midnight (2330 Hrs IST) of 2nd to early hours (0400 Hrs IST) of 3rd November, 2026., source added. Meanwhile Balaji Collector Krishna District allerted all officials to meet the possible devastation due to Murusu cyclone.

TELANGANA HIGH COURT STAYS NEW FEE ON BARS, RESTAURANTS



Hyderabad: In a relief to restaurant and bar owners, the Telangana High Court on Friday, October 30, stayed the collection of the newly introduced Special Privilege Fee for four weeks. The Telangana government's Special Privilege Fee is an additional levy imposed on Form 2B bar and restaurant licence holders based on the volume or value of liquor stocks purchased from the Telangana State Beverages Corporation Limited (TSBCL)

Introduced via a Government Order (GO) on October 19, 2026, the fee ranges between 8 per cent and 16 per cent (with some proposals or slabs scaling up depending on the category and purchase tier) and is applied directly to liquor supplies purchased by bars.

Traditionally, the excise department collected privilege fees based on annual turnover multipliers. Due to difficulties tracking actual turnover and complaints that some bars underreported or faced poor business, the state shifted toward a Point-of-Sale/purchase-based slab system tied to stock invoices from TSBCL. The stay order comes after 114 bars and restaurants approached the High Court challenging the government's decision to impose the additional fee, questioning its legal validity.

They argued that neither the Telangana Excise Act nor the rules framed under it specifically empowered the government to impose such a fee.

Representing the excise department, Counsel A Jagan argued that bar licensees had already submitted undertakings agreeing to pay any fees levied by the government in the future. He said that approaching the court after accepting the agreement violates the conditions of the agreement. Jagan also told the court that the agreement was legally valid.

SHAH GHOUSE, HOTEL NAYAAB AMONG 14 HYDERABAD RESTAURANTS SUSPENDED; TAJ FALAKNUMA PALACE SERVED NOTICE OVER FOOD SAFETY VIOLATIONS

THE ENFORCEMENT DRIVE EXPOSED SEVERE HEALTH HAZARDS, RANGING FROM COCKROACH INFESTATIONS AND RAT DROPPINGS TO ROTTEN VEGETABLES.



Hyderabad: Popular Hyderabad eateries Shah Ghouse Cafe, Hotel Nayaab, Mehfil Restaurant, and Al Saba Restaurant were among 14 establishments ordered to suspend operations after food safety officials uncovered serious hygiene violations during inspections on Saturday, October 31.

The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) also issued show-cause notices to the luxury Taj Falaknuma Palace and seven other establishments over serious food safety violations.

The enforcement drive exposed severe health hazards, ranging from cockroach infestations and rat droppings to rotten vegetables, fungal contamination, unhygienic refrigerators, and the repeated reuse of cooking oil.

In one particularly alarming discovery, inspectors found cockroaches inside a drinking water storage tank at 'Aeezebo The Royal Arabian Restaurant' in Rethibowli. At another establishment, Siddique Kabab Central Kitchen in Gudimalkapur, officials found live cats roaming inside the kitchen, rat droppings, and prepared gravies stored in buckets near broomsticks and slippers.

According to a press note issued by TG SAFE on October 31, 22 enforcement teams, comprising food safety officers and police personnel, inspected 22 restaurants and food establishments across the Golconda and Charminar zones. "The FSSAI Licenses of the (14) Restaurants/eating establishments were suspended with instructions to stop the business operations immediately in the interest of public health," the authority stated.

Taj Falaknuma Palace, one of Hyderabad's prominent luxury heritage hotels, was among the eight establishments served show-cause notices following the inspections. The other establishments were Hotel Sabzi near Itebar Chowk in Charminar, Pista House Restaurant in Shahalibanda, Sweekar Hotel in Santosh Nagar, Mandi at 36 Arabian Kitchen in Charminar, Golconda Hotel and Resorts in Masab Tank, Imperial Multicuisine Restaurant in Tolichowki, and Taiba Bakery in Lakdikapool.

TG SAFE noted that the notices were issued "for the serious violations noticed during the inspections," adding that further action will be initiated against these establishments.However, the press note did not specify the individual violations found at Taj Falaknuma Palace or the other seven establishments served notices.

At Shah Ghouse Cafe in Shahalibanda, inspectors reported broken walls, dusty and rusty ceilings, houseflies, rotten fruits and lemons, expired food items, and ingredients affected by pests and fungal contamination. Officials also found that newspapers were being used to wrap or cover dough, while some workers were consuming gutka or pan masala on the premises. The authority cited "rotten fruits and lemons, expired food articles, food articles found with pest infestation and fungal contamination" among the violations leading to the suspension of the restaurant's license.

The inspection also revealed that the establishment had failed to maintain mandatory records.

At Hotel Nayaab near Nayapool, another popular dining destination in Hyderabad's Old City, inspectors discovered unhygienic refrigerators, rusty and unclean storage containers, and stagnant dirty water in the biryani preparation area. Officials reported that gravies and raw meat were stored together, while vegetarian and non-vegetarian food items were kept in the same compartments without proper segregation. The restaurant was additionally found using newspapers to cover food, and inspectors flagged insufficient lighting alongside missing records.

At Aeezebo The Royal Arabian Restaurant in Salarjung Colony, Rethibowli, inspectors found live cockroaches in the kitchen, on freezer doors and walls, and inside the drinking water storage tank. The authority also reported the "presence of mayonnaise made from raw eggs," along with fungal contamination of vegetables, dirty refrigerators, and improper storage of vegetarian and non-vegetarian ingredients. Telangana government had banned the preparation of mayonnaise using raw eggs. The authorities also found the kitchen floor to be broken, dirty, and slippery, while its walls were coated in dust and greasy deposits. Officials also reported inadequate personal hygiene among food handlers, leading to the immediate suspension of the establishment's food safety license.

At Siddique Kabab Central Kitchen in Gudimalkapur, inspectors reported conditions that raised severe sanitation concerns. The kitchen had damaged, wet flooring, accumulated food waste, cobwebs, and unclean walls and ceilings. Prepared gravies were found stored in buckets placed adjacent to broomsticks, slippers, and other unhygienic materials."Heavy housefly infestation was observed. Live cats were found roaming freely inside the kitchen premises; rat droppings were observed," the authority stated. Inspectors also noted greasy, unclean, and corroded kitchen utensils, along with open drainage outlets inside the kitchen. The establishment had failed to maintain mandatory operational records.

At Mehfil Restaurant in Dilsukhnagar, inspectors found open garbage bags, damaged drainage lines, housefly infestations, and unhygienic refrigerators containing leftover food. TG SAFE stated that "10 Kg of used cooking oil" was discarded at the establishment on suspicion of repeated reuse, leading to the suspension of its food safety license.

At Lucky Restaurant in Santosh Nagar, officials reported greasy exhaust chimneys, poor drainage, stagnant wastewater mixed with food debris, spoiled vegetables, and expired food items. Inspectors suspected repeated reuse of cooking oil and found unused waste materials dumped alongside raw food ingredients in the storeroom.Inspections also uncovered major hygiene lapses at vegetarian eateries across the city. At Hotel Sri Raghavendra Udupi Veg on Brindavan Colony Road in Tolichowki, officials reported rat droppings, open drains clogged with food waste, houseflies, cockroaches, and inadequate ventilation and lighting. The kitchen was unhygienic, mandatory records were missing, and food handlers were working without protective clothing such as hairnets and aprons.

Similarly, at another Hotel Sri Raghavendra Udupi Veg establishment in Santosh Nagar, inspectors found heavy cockroach infestations, rotten fruits, and overflowing dustbins emitting a foul odour, alongside unhygienic kitchen, washing, and refrigeration areas.

At Hotel Akshaya Tiffins in Malakpet, officials discovered rotten potatoes and fungus-infested ginger alongside waterlogging in the kitchen. Food items were left uncovered and exposed to dust, storage containers were dirty, and pest control and employee health records were absent.

Violations were also reported across several other prominent establishments. At Al Saba Restaurant in Tolichowki, inspectors flagged the use of industrial-grade citric acid, housefly infestations, greasy chimneys, broken flooring, rusty refrigerators, peeling wall paint, and a lack of employee health and pest control records.

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CM Revanth Reddy Urges Use of Treated Water to Conserve Drinking Water



Hyderabad TSIT: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has appealed to government departments, industries, construction agencies and commercial establishments to use treated wastewater for non-drinking purposes and conserve potable water for essential domestic needs.

Extending greetings to officials, employees, staff and their families on the occasion of the 37th Foundation Day of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), the Chief Minister appreciated its contribution to drinking water supply and sewerage services.

He commended the Board's role in supporting Hyderabad's development, safeguarding public health and meeting the needs of the city's residents over the past 37 years.

With Hyderabad expanding rapidly, Revanth Reddy stressed the importance of water security and sustainable management of water resources. Referring to El Niño conditions, he called for proactive measures to protect drinking water sources and reduce the use of potable water for non-domestic purposes.

Describing the launch of the 'Dial Green Tanker – Green Tanker Operations' initiative as a timely step towards sustainable water management, the Chief Minister urged stakeholders to extensively use treated wastewater for landscaping, construction and industrial requirements.

Such practices would help preserve drinking water supplies and ensure their availability for essential household needs, he said.

The Chief Minister called upon citizens and stakeholders to treat water conservation as a collective responsibility and contribute towards building a sustainable, water-secure Hyderabad. He expressed hope that HMWSSB would achieve further milestones in serving the people of the Core Urban Region (CURE).

Rice must be sold at government-fixed prices: District Additional Collector



Nalgonda: Following directives from the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Hyderabad, the District Additional Collector (Civil Supplies) of Nalgonda has instructed all rice traders in the district to sell rice strictly at government-fixed prices. Strict legal action will be taken against those who charge consumers more than prescribed prices, manipulate weights, or sell rice that fails to meet quality standards, with authorities conducting continuous monitoring to ensure compliance.The fixed prices per kilogram are: Telangana BPT/KNM at Rs.66, RNR/ Telangana Sona at Rs.74, and HMT/JSR at Rs.79. All rice millers, as well as wholesale and retail rice traders in the district, are mandated to adhere to these fixed prices, weight standards and quality requirements. Traders must clearly display rice prices and provide proper bills to consumers. Consumers are urged to report to the relevant authorities if they observe rice being sold above the fixed prices or at rates higher than those prescribed. Upon receiving complaints, officials will conduct inspections and take legal action against violators. The District Additional Collector (Civil Supplies) stated that relevant officials are continuously monitoring pricing, stock levels, weighing and sale of rice within the district, and that appropriate action is being taken as and when necessary.

ILLEGAL BETTING: CBI EXTRADITES MAHADEV APP PROMOTER FROM OMAN

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has extradited Saurabh Chandrakar, promoter of the Mahadev app, in the illegal betting case from Oman, the agency said on Sunday, November 1. He has been escorted back and will now be produced before the CBI Special Court in Raipur on Monday. Chandrakar is wanted in two CBI cases in which charge sheets have already been filed. He is also an accused in a separate Enforcement Directorate (ED) case, in which a prosecution complaint has been filed.

MP DK ARUNA EXTENDS SUPPORT TO NHM EMPLOYEES' INDEFINITE STRIKE



Narayanpet, November 1 (TSIT):NHM contract employees across Telangana have been continuing their indefinite strike for the past 20 days, demanding the resolution of their long-pending issues. On Sunday, MP DK Aruna visited the protest camp at the Narayanpet district headquarters and extended her solidarity with the employees, assuring them of the BJP's full support.

Speaking on the occasion, MP DK Aruna criticised the Congress government for failing to fulfil its election manifesto promise of regularising NHM contract employees. She demanded that the Chief Minister respond positively and take immediate steps to regularise their services.

She stated that NHM contract employees had already been regularised in seven states and urged the Telangana government to implement all their legitimate demands. Highlighting the contribution of NHM employees to public healthcare, she said their dedicated services had helped reduce the maternal mortality rate from 25% to 19% and the newborn mortality rate from 15% to 5%. She also appreciated their efforts in ensuring that nearly 70% of deliveries take place in hospitals and in creating awareness about tuberculosis prevention under the TB Mukt Bharat programme.She further expressed concern that NHM employees were not being provided maternity leave and were not receiving their salaries on time. She urged the government to address these issues without further delay. BJP State Executive Committee members Ratang Pandu Reddy and Pagadakula Srinivas, District President Satya Yadav, Bhaskar and other leaders participated in the programme.

NATIONAL AWARD FOR BIBIPET RESIDENT



Kamareddy (TSIT) Dr. Kapil Dev Agarwal, Delhi BJP MLA Tilak Ram Gupta, IVF National President Ashok Agarwal, National Senior Working President Uppala Srinivas Gupta, and senior BJP leader Shyam Jajula.

Dr. Balu, a resident of Bibipet in Kamareddy district, has received national recognition for his outstanding contributions to blood donation services. He was honoured with the Ramdas Agarwal Jan Seva Samman Award 2026 at a national conference organised by the International Vaish Federation (IVF) in New Delhi.

The award was presented to Dr. Balu by Uttar Pradesh Minister for Vocational Education and Skill Development Dr. Balu stated that since 2007, he has been organising blood donation programmes and has helped collect more than 30,000 units of blood. He also highlighted his efforts to collect 7,000 units of blood in a short period for children suffering from thalassemia, a serious blood disorder.

Expressing his happiness over receiving the prestigious award, Dr. Balu said the recognition was an honour for his 19 years of dedicated service in the field of blood donation. He expressed his gratitude to Ganji Rajamouli Gupta, Uppala Srinivas Gupta, and everyone who supported and helped him receive the honour. Former Member of Parliament Anil Agarwal, IVF National Treasurer Dinesh Chand Gupta, Central Committee members Kakkirala Ramesh and Neela Bhairayya, along with others, attended the programme. The award acknowledges Dr. Balu's long-standing commitment to voluntary blood donation and his efforts to support thalassemia patients through sustained collection drives in the region.

INDI ALLIANCE CONSPIRING TO CREATE UNREST IN THE COUNTRY: D.K. ARUNA



Narayanpet, November 1, 2026 (TSIT): BJP MP D.K. Aruna criticised the INDI Alliance and CJC leaders, alleging that they were conspiring to create unrest in the country by staging protests in the name of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). On Sunday, D.K. Aruna participated in a discussion with intellectuals at Metro Function Hall in Narayanpet on the theme, "Let Us Protect Democracy and Drive Out Anarchic Forces."

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **THUMU CHANDRAKALA** Mother of No. 18015262H, Rank-NK/W/M, Name. **T. JAGAN MOHAN REDDY** serving in Unit 52 Engr Regt, C/o. 56 apo, I have changed my name from **T.CHANRAKALA** to **THUMU CHANDRAKALA.** Hence forth shall be known as **THUMU CHANDRAKALA** for all record purposes.

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

Whereas,

The undersigned being Authorized Officer of the Mahaveer Co-operative Urban Bank Ltd., H.O. Ameerpet , Hyderabad under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13 (12) read with (Rule 3) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **demand Notice dated 22-01-2026** for Rs.is **Rs. 1,06,04,073.76/- (Rs. One Crore Six Lakhs Four Thousand Seventy Three and Seventy Six Paisa Only),** calling upon borrower **Smt. Rajasree Gopi Reddy, W/o G.Sunilkumarreddy,** R/o. Plot No. 261, Sai Tejacolony, Isnapur Village, Patancherumandal Sanga Reddy Dist - 502319 & **Guarantors- 1) G. Sunil Reddy,** Plot No. 261, Sai Tejacolony, Isnapur Village, Patancherumandal Sanga Reddy Dist-502319. **2) M. Krishna Reddy,** H.No.2-43 Sakireddypalli, Kothakota, Mahabubnagar.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower , property owner, guarantor, and Public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of said Ordinance read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **27-10-2026.**

The borrower, Property Owner and the Guarantors and Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Mahaveer Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd. for an Amount **Rs. 95,73,463.76- (Rupees Ninety Five lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundered Sixty Three and Paisa Seventy Six Only)** which includes interest up to **30-09-2026,** With future interest and charges there on.

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.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that the residential house bearing constructed on Plot No. 207, in Sy. No. 282/1, 369 and 370 admeasuring 300 sq.yds with Ground floor, First floor & Second floor built up area of 1957 Sq. Ft. each situated at Isnapur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, Telangana State.

Bounded by : NORTH: 60' Wide Road, **SOUTH :** Plot No.208, **EAST :** Plot No. 234, **WEST :** 33' Wide Road.

Date : 27-10-2026
Place : Hyderabad

Sd/- Mahaveer Cop Op Urban Bank Ltd
EktaPatel
Manager/Authorized Officer

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

NHFL has sanctioned home loan/mortgage loan/construction loan to the following borrowers against mortgage of residential premises. The repayment of the said loans were irregular and the accounts are finally classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with directions and guidelines of National Housing Bank/RBI.
NHFL has therefore invoked its rights and issued a notice under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 and called upon the below listed borrowers to repay the total outstanding mentioned below within 60 days from the date of the demand notice. The following borrowers are hereby called upon by this publication to pay the total dues mentioned against them plus further charges & interest accrued till payment within 60 days from the date of the said demand notice, failing which NHFL shall resort to all or any of the legal rights to take possession of the secured assets, dispose/sale it and adjust the proceeds against the outstanding amount.
The borrowers are also restrained from alienating or creating third party interest on the ownership of the properties.

Sr. No	Location/ Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/Guarantor	NPA Date	Date & Amount as per Demand Notice
1	MEDCHAL LNMED0HL-12220027701	RAMESH SHINGARABOINA (BORROWER) HAMSAMMA SHINGARABOINA (CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 667333 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- ALL THAT THE OPEN LAND IN SY.NO. 660/A4, ADM. 121 SQ.YARDS, SITUATED AT BONTHAPALLI VILLAGE, GUMMADIDALA MANDAL, SANGAREDDY DISTRICT, T.S. AND BOUNDED BY NORTH LAND BELONGS TO PONNABOINA RAMULU, SOUTH-LAND BELONGS TO CHAKALI MAHESH, EAST-AGRIL LAND VUPUNUTHULA KISTA GOUD, WEST : 15 FEET WIDE ROAD			
2	MEERPET LNMRPLAP-08230034853	SAROJANA KASTHURI (BORROWER) ANAND KASTHURI(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 852303 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE HOUE NO. 3-108/7/28/1 (PTIN NO. 1000015766) ON PLOT NO. 28 SOUTHERN PART, IN SURVEY NO. 44, ADMEASURING 105 SQ.YDS., OR 87.78 SQ.MTRS., (WITH PLINTH AREA 200 SFT., WITH A.C.C.), SITUATED AT CHENGI CHERLA VILLAGE, UNDER BODUPPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MEDIPALLY MANDAL, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI DISTRICT, UNDER S.R.O. NARAPALLY AND BOUNDED BY: NORTH :: PLOT NO. 28 NORTHERN PART, SOUTH :: PLOT NO. 29, EAST :: SURVEY NO. 44 PART,WEST :: 25' WIDE ROAD."			
3	SIDDIPET LNSID0HL-10230037026	BOJJA KISHAN (BORROWER) BOJJA VANITHA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 843768 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "HOUSE NO.4-4/7/50/1 TOTAL EXTENT 149.87 SQ.YARDS OR 125.29 SQ.MTRS., A.C.C HOUSE PLINTH AREA 384.9 SFT,SITUATED AT KATKUR, AKKANNAPET MANDAL, SIDDIPET DISTRICT, AND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUB-DISTRICT HUSNABAD BOUNDARIES: EAST : HOUSE OF BOJJA VENKATAIAH, WEST : ROAD, NORTH : HOUSE OF BOJJAANKUSH, SOUTH : HOUSE OF AKUNURI KOMURAIAH"			
4	KURNOOL LNKURLAP-11230039274	SUJATHA G (BORROWER) VENKATRAMULU G(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 824148 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING H.NO.5-5-56/1,(PART) VADDE VEEDHI, GADWAL TOWN, GADWAL MUNICIPALITY, GADWAL MANDAL, JOGULAMBA GADWAL DIST, TELANGANA, 509125. ADMEASURING 58.8 SQ.YARDS OR RCC 529.2 SFT THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES ARE EAST-RASTHA, WEST-EEDANNA & THIMMAPPA GARLA HOUSE, NORTH-G.VENU GOPAL PART OPEN PLACE, SOUTH- G.NARSIMHULU PART OPEN PLACE			
5	SANGAREDDY LNSGR0HL-01240039819	MALDODDY SHANKER GOUD (BORROWER) NIRMALA MALDODDY(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 1460711 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE BEARING NO.4-93, TOTAL ADMEASURING 900.00 SQ FTS., OR 100.00 SQ YARDS OR 83.61 SQ MITRS., SITUATED AT MEERKHANPET GRAMPANCHYATH MEERKHANPET, MANDAL KALHER, DIST.SANGAREDDY, TELANGANA STATE.. ZPP AT SANGAREDDY, REGISTRATION SUB-DISTRICT NARAYANAKHED, AND REGISTRATION DISTRICT SANGAREDDY. AND BOUNDED BY:-NORTH: - HOUSE OF M.RAJA GOUD, SOUTH:- C.C. ROAD,EAST: - HOUSE OF BOKKA LAXMAIAH,WEST:- C.C.ROAD"			
6	SANGAREDDY LNSGRLAP-01240039798	MAHESH MANGALI (BORROWER) LAXMI MANGALI(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 628065 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "THE RESIDENTIAL HOUSE BEARING NO.5-8-124/14/2, (PTIN NO.1112009846) ADMEASURING 100.00 SQ. YARDS OR 83.61 SQ. MTRS. BUILT UP AREA IS 400 SQ FEETS, ROOF COVERED WITH ACC SHEETS, AT OLD KALVAKUNTA, UNDER THE CITY MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF SANGAREDDY TOWN AND MANDAL, SANGAREDDY DISTRICT., AT S.R.O. SANGAREDDY, SANGA REDDY DISTRICT, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH : HOUSE OF SHASHIKALA, SOUTH : HOUSE OF ANJANEYULU CHARY AND HOUSE OF SRINU,EAST : ROAD., WEST : HOUSE OF SRI RAMULU."			
7	KHAMMAM LNKMMLAP-01240040111	KHAJA PASHA MOHAMMED (BORROWER) ABEDHA MOHAMMAD(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 486874 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- ALL THAT SEMI FINISHED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT H.NO 14-7-179, OLD (7-179,) BALLEPALLI SIVARU, PANDURANGAPURAM, AN EXTENT OF TOTAL ADMEASURING 145.12 SQ.YARDS OR EQUIVALENT TO 121.33 SQ. MTRS, WITH AN BUILTUP PLINTH AREA 676 SQ.FT, ACC ROOF COVERED, SITUATED AT H.NO 14-7-179, OLD (7-179,) BALLEPALLI SIVARU, PANDURANGAPURAM, KHAMMAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LIMITS , TELANGANA.-507002. REGISTRATION KHAMMAM SUB-DISTRICT KHAMMAM REGISTRATION DISTRICT KHAMMAM AT KHAMMAM AT AND BOUNDED BY: EAST : HOUSE OF BRAHMAROUTHU SIVALAXMI MID WAII OWNED, WEST : HOUSE OF CH GOVINDAMMA MID WALL OWNED, NORTH : MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ROAD, SOUTH : OTHER HOUSE MID WALL OWNED TOGETHER WILL ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTIONS, BUILDINGS AND SUPERSTRUCTURES.			
8	KHAMMAM LNKMM0HL-03240042626	MYLABOINA NAGESH (BORROWER) PAVANI MYALABOINA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 968018 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING H NO 1-3-36/1, S NO 71/2, AN EXTENT OF TOTAL ADMEASURING 150.00 SQ.YARDS OR EQUIVALENT TO 125.41 SQ. MTRS, WITH AN BUILTUP PLINTH AREA 906.00 SQ.FT, RCC ROOF COVERED, SITUATED AT H.NO: 1-3-36/1, S NO 71/2, NEW NEHRU STREET, DORNAKAL MUNICIPALITY LIMITS AND MAHABUBABAD DISTRICT, TELANGANA.-506 381. REGISTRATION MAHABUBABAD SUB-DISTRICT MAHABUBABAD REGISTRATION DISTRICT MAHABUBABAD AT MAHABUBABAD AND BOUNDED BY: EAST : PLACE OF PANU, WEST : PLACE OF KATHERASALA HANUMANTHA RAO, NORTH : 10 FT WIDE ROAD, SOUTH : PLACE OF MYLAVARAPU SHANTHAMMA, TOGETHER WILL ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE CONSTRUCTIONS, BUILDINGS AND SUPERSTRUCTURES."			
9	WARANGAL LNWGL0HL-10240049149	RAGI VEERABRAHMA CHARI (BORROWER) RAGI UMA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 901861 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "HOUSE WITH OPEN PLACE BEARING 16-9-1103, TO AN EXTENT OF 71.66 SQ.YDS., OR59.91SQ.MTS,SITUATED AT A.C. REDDY NAGAR, SHIVANAGAR, WARANGAL CITY &DISTRICTWITHIN THE LIMITS OF WARANGAL, RCC PLINTH AREA IS 418.75 SQ FEETS WITHIN THE REGISTRATION JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT REGISTRAR WARANGAL AND SUB REGISTRAR WARANGAL (FORT) BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH : 20'-0"" WIDE C.C ROAD, SOUTH : H.NO 16-9-1120 OF T. MAHESH, EAST : HOUSE OF OTHERS, WEST : H.NO 16-9-1102 OF TALLURI SHARADA"			
10	KURNOOL LNKURLAP-12240051594	PRATHAP KUMAR (BORROWER) SAMRUTHI(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 714734 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE H.NO: 5-76,BALEGRA (V), GHATTU (M), JOGULAMBA GADWAL -509125, ADMEASURING 106.66 SQUARE YARDS, & 700 SFT., SITUATED AT BALEGRA (V), GHATTU (M) JOGULAMBA GADWAL DIST,TELANGANA STATE., BOUNDARIES: EAST BY : PLACE OF PUTAKAL YOHAN,WEST BY : ROAD.,NORTH BY : HOUSE OF DEVID ,SOUTH BY : ROAD."			
11	BODUPPAL LNBOD0HL-01250052277	NARSIMHA GUDLA (BORROWER) HAIMAVATHI GUDLA (CO-BORROWER) MANI GUDLA (CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 755452 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE PARCEL OF THE HOUSE BEARING NO.3-1 (PTIN NO.321012300201), ADMEASURING AREA 193.9 SQ. YARDS., OR EQUIVALENT TO 162.11 SQ.METERS. HAVING PLINTH AREA 666 SQ. FEETS, FOR RCC., ROOF SITUATED AT MUCHERLA VILLAGE, KANDUKUR MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT, UNDER MUCHERLA GRAMPANCHAYAT, UNDER S.R.O. MAHESHWARAM, AND BOUNDED BY: NORTH : : HOUSE BELONGS TO M. SATHAIAH, SOUTH : : ROAD., EAST : : OPEN PLACE BELONGS TO G. SATHAIAH. WEST : : ROAD."			
12	BODUPPAL LNBOD0HL-01250052674	SRINU GULVI (BORROWER) MAMATHA GULVI (CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 1434764 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE BEARING HOUSE NO.7-62, (ASSESSMENT NO. 321012000916) ADMEASURING 182.00 SQ.YARDS, WITH R.C.C PLINTH AREA 630.00 SQ.FTS, SITUATED AT LEMOOR REVENUE, VILLAGE AND GRAMPANCHAYAT KANDUKUR MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT,AND BOUNDED BY : NORTH : HOUSE OF GULVI BHASKAR, SOUTH : 15'-0"" WIDE ROAD, EAST : 25'-0"" WIDE ROAD, WEST : HOUSE OF GULVI RAMESH"			
13	KURNOOL LNKURLAP-03250054815	SRIKANTH T (BORROWER) RENUKA LAXMI(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 713200 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE HOUSE BEARING OPEN PLACE NO:6-23-78/4, (ASSESSMENT NO.1190006647), CONSISTS OF ONE ROOM, ONE BED ROOM AND OPEN PLACE WITH TOILETS, IN ALL ADMEASURING AN AREA OF 57.77 SQ.YARDS OR 195 RCC EQUIVALENT TO SITUATED AT IEEJA MUNICIPALITY, IEEJA TOWN , JOGULAMBA GADWAL DISTRICT. WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITY. AGE OF THE BUILDING (10) YEARS, BOUNDARIES AS FOLLOWS:- NORTH : HOUSE OF PRABUDAS, SOUTH : ROAD, EAST : HOUSE OF KUMMARI NAGARAJU,WEST : HOUSE OF DEVID."			
14	WANAPARTHY LNWNRLAP-03250055755	M MAHESH (BORROWER) PATHLAVATH JYOTHI(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 514395 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE IN HOUSENO.1-33.IN RCC PLINTH AREA 889.54 SFT. OPEN PLACE AREA 133.33 SQ.YARDS BUGGAPALLI THANDA VILLAGE , PEDDAMANDADI (MDL), WANAPARTHY (DIST) 509103. ADMEASURING 889.54 SFT,133.33 SQUARE YARDS OR 111.47 SQUAREMETERS., BOUNDARIES: NORTH: MATTI ROAD., SOUTH: AGRICULTURE LAND OF VARTHYA MANYAM., EAST: AGRICULTURE LAND OF M.KESHAMMA., WEST: HOUSE OF MUDAVATH RAMESH ."			
15	BODUPPAL LNBODLAP-05250058557	MALLESH I (BORROWER) SHYAMALA INDRAKANTI (CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 1014343 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT THE PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE HOUSING BEARING OLD HOUSE NO.2-61, (NEW HOUSE NO:2-19, AND NEW HOUSE NO.2-18/1) ADMEASURING 147.00 SQ.YARDS, IN WHICH R.C.C ROOFING PLINTH AREA 603.00 SQ FEETS AND A.C.C ROOFING PLINTH AREA 720.00 SQ FEETS SITUATED AT SIRIGIRIPURAM VILLAGE AND GRAMPANCHAYAT, MAHESHWARAM MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT, S.R.O: MAHESHWARAM RANG REDDY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS FOLLOWS:- NORTH-HOUSE OF INDRAKANTI SATHAIAH., SOUTH-HOUSE OF R. SOMESH., EAST ROAD., WEST HOUSE OF INDRAKANTI SATHAIAH."			
16	HYDERBAD L B NAGAR LNLBN0HL-11250066078	RAVI MALA (BORROWER) THIRUPATHAMMA MALA(CO-BORROWER)	07-Oct-2026	16-Oct-26 Rs. 1985625 as on 15-Oct-2026
	Description Of Property/secured Asset:- "ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE OPEN LAND BEARING SOUTH SIDE PART OF PLOT NO.110 NORTHERN PART, ADMEASURING 40 SQ.YARDS OR 33.44 SQ. METERS, (OUT OF 140 SQ.YDS), IN SURVEY NO.59 PART, SITUATED AT MUNUGANOOR VILLAGE, PREVIOUSLY HAYATHNAGAR REVENUE MANDAL, PRESENTLY ABDULLAPURMET REVENUE MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT, PREVIOUSLY UNDER MUNUGANOOR GRAMPANCHAYAT, NOW UNDER TURKAYAMJAL MUNICIPALITY, UNDER REGISTRATION SUB DISTRICT VANASTHALIPURAM AND BOUNDED BY:- NORTH :: NORTH SIDE PART OF PLOT NO.110 NORTHERN PART; SOUTH :: PLOT NO.110 SOUTHERN PART; EAST :: PLOT NO.109; WEST :: 25 FT. WIDE ROAD;"			

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Central Team Inspects Cyclone Arnab-Hit Paddy Fields in Kakinada District

KAKINADA, TSIT : A Central Inter-Ministerial Team, constituted to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Arnab in Kakinada district, inspected cyclone-affected paddy fields in Thallarevu and Kajuluru mandals on Sunday and interacted with farmers to assess the extent of crop losses. The team, led by Chittaranjan Das, Joint Secretary (IS-II), Union Ministry of Home Affairs, visited Polekurru and Bapanapalli villages in Thallarevu mandal and Kolanka village in Kajuluru mandal. The members inspected paddy fields damaged by inundation and strong winds, which caused crops to lodge and paddy ears to fall to the ground, affecting the expected yield.



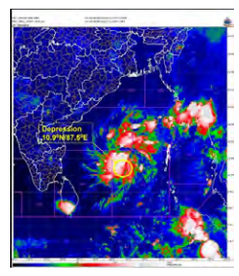
The team collected details from farmers regarding the extent of damaged crops, cultivation investments, losses incurred and the impact on agricultural production. Agriculture officials explained the extent of crop damage and the assessment carried out in the affected areas. Tenant farmers informed the Central team that they had invested between Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 35,000 per acre in paddy cultivation and suffered heavy losses just before harvesting. They appealed to the government to extend financial assistance and support for their survival. Farmers also sought exemption from land revenue (sist) on endowment lands, stating that the cyclone had severely affected their livelihoods and left them without adequate fodder for cattle.

The farmers urged the authorities to expedite input subsidy and insurance payments. They also requested relaxation of quality norms for paddy procurement to enable the purchase of discoloured grain damaged by the cyclone. They sought free crop insurance or a reduction in the farmers' premium contribution of Rs. 760. Further, farmers requested the government to provide short-duration paddy varieties that offer yields comparable to Swarna variety but are resistant to lodging during strong winds.

Besides agricultural losses, the Central team is assessing damage to electricity infrastructure, roads and other essential facilities in cyclone-affected areas. Officials from various departments briefed the team on the damage, restoration measures and relief assistance being extended to affected farmers and families. The Central team comprises Prashant Armori kar, Additional Development Commissioner (Extension), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Himalaya Garg, Assistant Director, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance; and Pranay Garg, Deputy Director (DP&T), Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power.

Cyclone Likely to Cross South Andhra Coast on Tuesday

AMARAVATI, TSIT : A deep depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal is moving at a speed of 22 kmph and is likely to intensify into a severe depression by Sunday afternoon, the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority said in its bulletin issued at 7.30 am. The system is currently centred about 830 km from Chennai, 880 km from Visakhapatnam, 900 km from Machilipatnam and 950 km from Ongole. It is likely to intensify into a cyclone by midnight and further strengthen into a severe cyclonic storm over the west-central Bay of Bengal on Monday. The storm is expected to approach the South Andhra coast in the early hours of Tuesday and cross between Nellore and Narasapuram by Tuesday morning, bringing winds of 100–110 kmph. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over South Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema over the next three days.



APSDMA Managing Director Prakhar Jain urged people to remain alert and follow official advisories. Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu appealed to farmers to take advance precautions to protect their crops. He advised them to clear drainage channels, move harvested produce to safe places and postpone harvesting, pesticide spraying and fertiliser application until weather conditions improve. Farmers were cautioned against entering fields during strong winds and lightning, while fishermen were advised not to venture into the sea.

Central Team Appreciates West Godavari Administration's Cyclone Relief Efforts



BHIMAVARAM,TSIT : A five-member Central Inter-Ministerial Team, led by Alok Jawahar, Deputy Secretary, Union Ministry of Rural Development, visited cyclone-hit areas of West Godavari district on Sunday to assess the damage caused by Cyclone Arnab to agriculture, fisheries, horticulture and infrastructure. District Collector Chadalavada Nagarani briefed the team through a PowerPoint presentation on the damage, relief measures and restoration works undertaken by the district administration.

According to preliminary estimates, 57,999 families were affected and 4,603 houses damaged. The cyclone uprooted 13,885 trees and damaged 4,244 electricity poles. Agricultural crops, particularly paddy, spread over 1,99,554 acres were affected. Horticultural crops, including banana, coconut and vegetables, also suffered losses. The fisheries sector reported damage to 460 boats, 150 fishing nets and aquaculture ponds spread over 4,720 acres. The cyclone also resulted in the death of 417 cattle, sheep and goats and 8,470 poultry birds. Fifteen handloom units were damaged.Infrastructure losses included damage to 86 Roads and Buildings Department roads and 74 Panchayat Raj roads. Several schools, hospital buildings and government offices were also affected.

The Collector informed the team that electricity had been restored in 209 of the 409 affected villages. As many as 125 teams comprising 1,556 personnel were engaged in restoration works. Drinking water was being supplied through 882 tankers and other arrangements across all 409 gram panchayats. The Central team appreciated the district administration, led by the Collector, for its timely precautionary measures and coordinated relief and restoration efforts. The members stated that a comprehensive report on the damage would be submitted to the Central Government.

Urban Local Body Polls Peaceful in Most Areas: SEC



VIJAYAWADA, TSIT : State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha said polling for urban local body elections was conducted peacefully in most parts of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday, with prompt action being taken on complaints and reports of disturbances. Addressing a media conference along with SEC Secretary Dr. A. Mallikarjuna and IG Rajakumari, he said the Commission had prioritised law and order and coordinated with district Collectors, SPs, Police Commissioners and election observers to ensure smooth polling.The SEC reviewed the polling situation, complaints and incidents with Collectors of 12 districts, including Nandyal, Kadapa, Palnadu, Markapuram, Prakasam, Nellore, Tirupati, Chittoor, Anantapur, Kurnool, Annamayya and Sri Sathya Sai. Most districts reported peaceful polling, while a few minor complaints were received. Polling hours in Vijayawada's 55th ward were extended from 5 pm to 7.30 pm as voting had started around two-and-a-half hours late due to technical and other reasons. The decision was taken following a request from the District Collector to ensure that voters were not deprived of their franchise.

Collector Inspects Polling Process Across 10 GVMC Zones



VISAKHAPATNAM, TSIT. : District Collector M. Abhisikt Kishore inspected the polling process being conducted across 10 zones and 120 wards of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation in connection with the Second Ordinary Elections on Sunday. Accompanied by GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, the Collector visited polling stations set up at MGM School and BVK College and reviewed the polling arrangements and progress of voting.

He also monitored the election process across the city from the GVMC City Operations Centre. Interacting with nodal officers, zonal officers and route officers of all 10 zones, he enquired about the polling situation in their respective areas. The Collector instructed the officials in charge of the City Operations Centre, ADC Varma and Trainee Deputy Collector Yogitha, to submit reports on the polling percentage every two hours to ensure continuous monitoring of voter turnout.

He directed the officials to provide all necessary facilities to voters and take appropriate measures to ensure that polling was conducted peacefully and smoothly without causing inconvenience to the public. He further instructed the field-level officials to continuously monitor the situation and regularly communicate updates on the election process to the City Operations Centre.

GVMC Commissioner Inspects Polling Process Across All Zones

VISAKHAPATNAM, TSIT : GVMC Commissioner and Additional Election Authority Ketan Garg conducted an extensive inspection of polling arrangements across all zones on Sunday in connection with the Second Ordinary Elections of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation. The Commissioner visited the City Operations Centre at the GVMC Head Office and several polling stations across the city to monitor the polling process. He reviewed the arrangements throughout the day and issued necessary instructions to election officials to ensure smooth and peaceful polling.



Observing long queues at some polling stations, Ketan Garg directed polling personnel to expedite the process and ensure that voters were not made to wait for extended periods. He particularly instructed officials to speed up the distribution of ballot papers and provide necessary facilities to voters. He also stressed continuous monitoring and vigilance to prevent any lapses in election management. During his visit to a polling station in Anakapalli, the Commissioner inspected the voter Help Desk and reviewed the assistance being provided. He appreciated a differently-abled voter for coming forward to exercise his franchise and observed that every citizen's participation was vital to strengthening democracy.

He called upon election officials and staff to work in close coordination to ensure the successful completion of polling across the city. Later, Ketan Garg inspected the arrangements at Andhra University for the counting of votes scheduled for November 3. He reviewed the facilities being provided at the counting centres for all zones and instructed officials to ensure adequate infrastructure, security and other essential arrangements for the smooth and orderly conduct of counting.

13 Lakh Women Benefit from Iodine Awareness Programme



NELLORE, TSIT: A two-year community-based nutrition awareness programme implemented by Aashirvaad Smart India Program has reached more than 13 lakh women and adolescents across 32 districts in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, recording a significant improvement in awareness about iodine and its importance in health. According to the 2025-26 endline assessment, the programme registered a 37-percentage-point increase in the overall knowledge score and a 26-percentage-point improvement in foundational iodine knowledge. The findings were highlighted on the occasion of Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, observed on October 21.

The programme focused on educating women and communities about the importance of iodine, identifying adequately iodised salt, understanding product labels and following proper storage and cooking practices. It adopted various community outreach activities, including Iodine Sabhas, street plays, school activities and practical demonstrations. More than 10 lakh people participated in Iodine Sabhas, while street plays reached over 3.22 lakh people.

The initiative also trained 1,712 frontline workers and teachers to strengthen awareness at the grassroots level. Among 178 trained schoolteachers, 92 per cent demonstrated correct knowledge of iodine, its sources and benefits after the intervention.

Speaking on the initiative, Anuj Rustagi, Business Unit Chief Executive – Staples Business, Foods Division, ITC Ltd, said the programme reflected the company's commitment to addressing public health challenges through sustained community engagement. Women, schoolchildren, teachers and frontline workers played a key role in spreading awareness and encouraging informed household practices, he added.

This Navratri, ICICI Life Insurance announces to recruit 20,000 women advisors across India by end of FY-2027

ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES ON AN ENTHUSIASTIC NOTE IN VISAKHAPATNAM SOUTH

Mumbai 2026: On the occasion of Navratri, ICICI Life Insurance announced its plans to recruit 20,000 women advisors across India, under the Company's Narishakti initiative by end of FY-2027. Notably, 45% of the Company's agency business comes from its 78,000+ women advisors as on September 30, 2026. This announcement commensurate with the 2nd anniversary of the Company's 'Narishakti' initiative.

Mr. Amish Banker, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Life Insurance Limited, said, "We, at ICICI Life Insurance, firmly believe that 'Talent has no gender'. While we continue to witness improvement in the performance of our male insurance advisors, we have seen that our women advisors have left no stone unturned to understand our customers' pulse.

Importantly, women advisors constitute around 32% of our total number of advisors and they have contributed around 45% of our agency business as on September 30, 2026. Besides, in regions like Bangalore, Kerala and Mumbai, we have even seen this number crossing the 50% agency business mark.

Furthermore, our women advisors come from different walk of lives. They are homemakers, salaried professionals, businesswomen with an inherent power to multitask like a manager, solve problems like a consultant and manage money like a banker.

With a natural aptitude for empathy and strategic problem-solving, Indian women have certain intrinsic qualities that are inbuilt in their DNA which helps them to understand our customer's requirement, provide optimal solutions and nurturing relationships long after the sale. These qualities include their strong emotional quotient, socially active nature, commitment, loyalty and their belief in securing families which are very important in the insurance business.

Hence, we launched the 'Narishakti' initiative two years back which helps us to empower women advisors across the country by providing the critical training and support necessary to spotlight their capabilities. Navratri is the perfect occasion to welcome more women advisors into our Narishakti force, equipping them with the skill-sets needed to actively drive our government's vision of Insurance for All by 2047." As on September 30, 2026, 47% of the Company's women advisors are associated with ICICI Life Insurance for more than 10 years.

RDS movement to continue until 15.9 TMC water reaches Singavaram: Gongolla Eshwar

Gadwal : The struggle for the rightful share of water under the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) will continue until the entire 15.9 TMC of allocated water reaches the tail-end areas, from the 12A distributary at Sindhanur to the 40th distributary at Singavaram, declared Gongolla Eshwar, Alampur Mandal JAC Convenor of the RDS movement.



An awareness seminar on the RDS was organised under the aegis of the RDS Joint Action Committee (JAC) at Vaishnavi Smart School, Alampur X Road, bringing together farmers and representatives concerned about longstanding irrigation issues in the region. Speaking at the seminar, Eshwar said farmers in tail-end areas had been facing persistent difficulties in receiving their legitimate share of irrigation water. Despite the RDS project's importance to agriculture and rural livelihoods, its intended benefits had not adequately reached all command areas.

He emphasised that supplying the full 15.9 TMC of water through the RDS canal system, ensuring flow from the 12A distributary at Sindhanur to the 40th distributary at Singavaram, was the movement's primary demand. He asserted that the JAC would continue its agitation through democratic and collective efforts until water reached the last distributary and benefited tail-end farmers.

Several issues relating to the RDS project, irrigation water distribution, farmers' rights, canal infrastructure and difficulties faced by agricultural communities were discussed in detail. Eshwar interacted with farmers and sought their views on problems affecting irrigation facilities and measures needed to ensure equitable water distribution.

He called upon farmers, agricultural organisations and public representatives to unite beyond political differences and support the RDS movement, stressing that securing the rightful share of irrigation water was essential for protecting livelihoods, strengthening agriculture and ensuring the region's economic development. The JAC reiterated its commitment to intensifying the movement until RDS water reaches every intended beneficiary, including farmers in tail-end areas up to Singavaram.

BJP attacks JMM-led govt in Jharkhand 'of budge

RANCHI: BJP's Jharkhand unit chief Aditya Sahu accused the JMM-led government of spending just 29.38 per cent of the budget allocation in the past seven months of the current financial year, demanding an explanation from Chief Minister Hemant Soren for the "sluggish pace" of expenditure.

He also alleged that the state government has been "silent over its failure to spend allotted funds" for various development schemes.

"Only Rs 31,196.72 crore, a mere 29.38 per cent of the total state plan budget of Rs 1,06,200.94 crore allocated for the 2026-27 fiscal, had been spent by October 22," Sahu claimed in a press statement, issued on Friday evening.

He alleged that the state government made "big announcements in the budget, but failed to even spend the allocated funds on time to implement them on the ground".

"The chief minister must explain who exactly is responsible for this gross negligence and apathy," Sahu said.

The BJP leader claimed that the "most concerning situation is in the drinking water and sanitation department, where only 4.88 per cent of the allocated funds have been spent".

A mere 11.59 per cent of allocated funds have been utilised in rural development, 15.94 per cent in urban development, 15.69 per cent in welfare and 19.79 per cent in the road construction department, he alleged.

"These are the departments that are directly concerned with the basic needs of the common people and development works. The state government should make public the department-wise expenditure status and fix accountability for departments with low spending," Sahu said.

Neither the government nor the ruling JMM made any comment on the allegations. The BJP leader demanded that funds for development schemes be spent on time, and that transparency be guaranteed. The Jharkhand government had, on February 24, tabled in the assembly a Rs 1.58 lakh crore budget for the 2026-27 financial year.

Bihar educational institutes asked to enforce formal dress code for teachers, other staffers

PATNA: Bihar Education Minister Mithlesh Tiwary on Saturday said his department has directed all educational institutes to strictly enforce a formal dress code for teachers and non-teaching staff, while expressing concern over the use of DJ during entertainment programmes on campus.

In a letter issued on Friday, Education Department Director (Administration) Vijay Kumar Pandey asked all district officers to ensure that staff attend schools in formal attire during teaching and office hours.

Talking to PTI, Tiwary said, "I asked officials to ensure that all schools and other educational institutes in the state strictly follow a formal dress code for teachers and non-teaching staff. Besides, the use of DJ and disco during entertainment activities on campus is not permitted."

There must be a sense of discipline within the school premises, he said.

"As the saying goes 'Vidya Dadati Vinayam' (education instils humility), a teacher's behaviour, conduct and attire matter greatly to students. They look at their teachers as role models," Tiwary said.



The letter, a copy of which is with PTI, said instructions had earlier been issued by the department to ensure dignified conduct and disciplined behaviour during activities in schools and other educational institutes.

"However, reports received from various sources indicate that these instructions are not being strictly followed on a large scale. This is a matter of serious concern," the education department said in the letter to district officers.

There are reports that teachers and non-teaching staff come to schools in casual dresses, such as wearing jeans and T-shirts, despite earlier instructions, it said.

The education department also flagged concerns over the use of DJ in programmes on school premises, saying such activities undermine the dignity of an educational institute and the teaching profession.

"DJ performances, disco and other low-tier entertainment programmes are being organised within school premises," the letter said.

The department clarified that such activities by teachers and non-teaching staff within educational institutes adversely affect the academic environment and undermine the dignity of the teaching profession.

Only disciplined and dignified programmes, such as dance and music, organised on special occasions in accordance with the academic calendar, are permissible, it said.

"It is pertinent to mention that formal dress is mandatory while appearing before the Supreme Court of India in New Delhi and the Patna High Court in contempt proceedings, so that the majesty of law is upheld," the letter said.

Bihar CM pays tribute to Sardar Patel on birth anniversary, says unity s greatest strength

PATNA: Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Saturday paid tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary, saying the visionary leadership of the "architect of national integration" was a lesson for all that unity was India's greatest strength. At a state-level event, Choudhary garlanded Patel's statue near Chitkohra bridge here. In a post on X, the chief minister said, "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played a historic role in building an undivided India by integrating over 500 princely states. His visionary leadership, steely determination, and unyielding commitment to the nation's interests teach us that unity is our greatest strength." Describing Patel as an "architect of national unity and integrity," he urged people to embrace his ideals and resolve to safeguard the nation's sovereignty. Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary, Assembly Speaker Prem Kumar, Agriculture Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha, Revenue and Land Reforms Minister Dilip Kumar Jaiswal and Cooperation Minister Ram Kripal Yadav were among those who paid floral tributes to Patel. At a separate Ekta Diwas programme at Bapu Sabhagaar in Patna, Choudhary announced that state government would install a statue of Sardar Patel, which would be the tallest statue of a freedom fighter or eminent personality in Bihar.

'Making Guwahati airport export point for oost farmers' p

GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday welcomed the Centre's decision to allow the export of agarwood oil and chips from Guwahati airport, saying it would boost the profitability of farmers and simplify logistical requirements.



He said the BJP-led governments at the Centre and the state are taking all steps to enhance ease of doing business and make local products competitive globally.

"This is a big boost for Assam's agripreneurs! The notification of #GuwahatiAirport as an export point for agarwood chips and agarwood oil by the

Union Govt led by Adarniya @narendramodi ji will boost profitability of our farmers and simplify logistical requirements," Sarma said in a social media post.

Assam being the leading producer of these two products, which have a high demand in the global market, making Guwahati airport the export point comes as a great relief for lakhs of people associated with the industry, he said. "The double-engine govt is taking all measures to further boost ease of doing business and make our products competitive globally," Sarma added. He also expressed his gratitude to Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal "for being considerate of our request and facilitating this decision". According to a notification, the government has permitted the export of agarwood oil and chips from Guwahati's Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport subject to all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Agarwood is a rare and highly expensive fragrant wood that forms inside certain Asian evergreen trees. Assam is widely recognised as the "agarwood capital of India".

To protect itself, the tree produces a dark, thick resin that turns the wood into a heavily scented and dark heartwood.

While the chips are burned as traditional incense, the oil is used in luxury perfumery, cosmetics, and traditional medicine.

West Asia is the dominant market for agarwood. Other major destinations include Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Malaysia and Europe, officials said.

BJP chief Nitin Nabin to lead 'Loktantra Bachao, ' march in Rohtak

NEW DELHI: BJP national president Nitin Nabin will lead a 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' padyatra in Rohtak, Haryana, on Sunday as part of the party's nationwide campaign against the opposition.

Nabin will lead the march against what the BJP describes as the opposition's "misinformation, propaganda and orchestrated chaos" on a day the opposition INDIA bloc will hold a rally at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi against the SIR and alleged vote theft.

The padyatra will begin from Chhotu Ram Polytechnic Ground and culminate at D-Park in Model Town, where Nabin will also pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue, the BJP said in a statement.

"Bharatiya Janata Party National President, Shri Nitin Nabin, will lead a massive padyatra in Rohtak, Haryana, on Sunday, 1 November 2026, as part of the party's nationwide campaign - 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao' (Save Democracy, Eradicate Anarchy) - launched to counter the opposition's misinformation, propaganda and orchestrated chaos," the statement said.



The BJP said the initiative is far more than a political event, it represents a resolute ideological movement against the "falsehoods, conspiracies and unrest engineered by a desperate opposition".

"Driven by the pledge of 'Loktantra Bachao, Arajakta Hatao', every BJP karyakarta is reaching every village and household to dismantle the opposition's false narratives and bring the facts directly to the people," it said.

Haryana BJP president Archana Gupta, senior party leaders, thousands of party workers and locals are expected to participate in the march, it added.

Bengal BJP chief Samik Bhattacharya seeks fresh SIR in state, says earlier exercise incomplete

KOLKATA: BJP MP and West Bengal unit president Samik Bhattacharya on Saturday sought a fresh SIR of electoral rolls in the state, claiming that the exercise conducted ahead of the Assembly elections was incomplete.

He alleged that more names could have been deleted from the voter list had the officials involved in the exercise, from block development officers to anganwadi workers, and BJP workers not been intimidated.

"The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) held in West Bengal is incomplete," Bhattacharya said.

"Speaking on behalf of the BJP, I want to say that there is a need for a fresh SIR in the state," he said at the



inaugural meeting of a trade union of contractual workers at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport here.

He pointed out that the Assembly elections in Bihar were held after the SIR of electoral rolls in the state, while no such exercise was conducted before the polls in Haryana and Delhi, where the BJP emerged victorious.

Around 91 lakh names were deleted from the electoral rolls during the SIR exercise in West Bengal ahead of the state polls.

Claiming that more than 20 lakh fake Swasthyasathi cards had been identified, Bhattacharya said the findings demonstrated the validity of the large-scale deletions from the voter list in the state.

Questioning the opposition's protests demanding the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, the BJP leader claimed that the CEC was being worshipped in West Bengal.

"The state has not seen such a bloodless, violence-free election in 70 years," Bhattacharya said, crediting Kumar for ensuring that people could exercise their franchise in a festive atmosphere.

"He should be given no less than the Padma Bhushan award," he said.

The BJP won the Assembly polls in West Bengal for the first time, defeating the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress which was in power for 15 years.

"There are no cockroaches or agitations in West Bengal, no Rahul Gandhi or Mamata Banerjee in the state," Bhattacharya said.

He claimed that the Congress, once led by leaders such as Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, had been reduced to seeking alliances with regional parties to remain politically relevant.

Calling the Congress a "parasite political party", Bhattacharya said, "They are now claiming that we won by deceit."

Dr Rajkumar Auto Association celebrates Kannada Rajyotsava in grand style

The Dr Rajkumar Auto Association celebrated the 71st Kannada Rajyotsava in a grand manner in Bengaluru, with senior journalist Binish Thomas hoisting the Kannada flag at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Thomas emphasised that Kannada must be given the highest priority in Karnataka. He urged people from other States coming to Karnataka for employment to compulsorily learn Kannada and develop cordial relations with Kannadigas, stressing that learning the local language would foster harmony and mutual respect among communities.Thomas also said that when people from other States organise programmes



in Karnataka, they should invite political leaders from Karnataka, including State government ministers, rather than limiting invitations to ministers and politicians from their respective States. He noted that extending such invitations would strengthen a sense of belonging and demonstrate respect for the host State's leadership and culture.

Dr Rajkumar Auto Association representative Auto Babu was present on the occasion, along with other members of the association. The celebration reflected the association's commitment to honouring Karnataka's linguistic and cultural heritage.

Kannada Rajyotsava, observed annually on November 1, commemorates the unification of Kannada-speaking regions into the erstwhile Mysore State in 1956. It is celebrated across Karnataka with cultural programmes, flag hoisting and calls to uphold the language's prominence.The event saw enthusiastic participation from association members who gathered to mark the occasion, reaffirming their pride in Kannada and their support for greater use of the language in daily life and public affairs across the State.

Leaders visit Mercedes-Benz accident victim's assure justice irresp

KOCHI: Keralam Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala and Leader of Opposition Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday visited the family of Jayabalakrishnan, who was killed after a Mercedes-Benz allegedly driven by the minor son of an Additional District and Sessions Judge struck his scooter, and assured them that justice would be ensured irrespective of the social or financial position of the accused.

Chennithala, accompanied by Ernakulam MP Hibi Eden, MLA T J Vinod and Kochi City Police Commissioner R Nishanthini, visited Jayabalakrishnan's house and interacted with his family members in the morning.

The accident occurred on October 25 in Kochi when the Mercedes-Benz rammed a two-wheeler, killing 55-year-old Jayabalakrishnan.



The victim's family had alleged a conspiracy to sabotage the case after the 17-year-old accused was initially granted bail at the police station, triggering protests and raising questions over accountability.

The minor was subsequently taken into custody after additional charges were invoked but was later granted bail by the Juvenile Justice Board. The accused's father, the judge, was subsequently arraigned as an accused in the case. However, the Kerala High Court directed the police not to arrest him. Speaking to reporters after visiting the family, Chennithala said the family was satisfied with the ongoing investigation and that the government was committed to ensuring justice. "The investigation is proceeding in the right direction. The government is fully committed to this matter. The chief minister visited the family on Friday, and I have come here today. The entire government stands with the family," he said. He said that ensuring justice for ordinary people was the government's responsibility and that there would be no distinction between the rich and the poor in the application of the law. "This is a poor family. Naturally, they may have difficulties and apprehensions when the accused's father is a judge. I assure them that we will stand with them 100 per cent to ensure justice.

Sadar Patel's life teaches how firm resolve can achieve the impossible: CM Nayab Singh

PANCHKULA: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini paid tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 151st birth anniversary, emphasising that Patel's life exemplifies how unwavering resolve and dedication to national interests can turn seemingly impossible goals into reality.

He was addressing a gathering after flagging off the 'Panchkula Run for Unity' in Panchkula.

Describing Patel as the architect of India's unity, the chief minister said he played a decisive role in integrating more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union after Independence through his foresight, administrative acumen and determination.

"He did not merely integrate the princely states but also gave a unified national identity to a fragmented India," Saini said.

He noted that Patel laid the groundwork for the country's unity and integrity, stressing that a nation's strength lies in the trust and unity of its citizens.



Despite the diversity in languages, attire, and traditions, Saini stated that the Constitution, the tricolour flag, and a shared national identity unite Indians like beads in a garland.

Asserting that India's diversity should be seen not as a weakness but as its greatest strength, he said, "By respecting each other's cultures and sharing one another's joys and sorrows, we can truly imbibe Sardar Patel's legacy in our conduct."

The chief minister urged the people of Haryana to contribute to building a developed state and a strong, united India.

He also encouraged the youth to be responsible with social media, urging them to verify the authenticity of messages before sharing them and to avoid spreading rumours or content that promotes discrimination.

Saini called the 182-metre-tall 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat a tribute to Sardar Patel's contributions to nation-building and a reminder of the remarkable heights a united nation can achieve through collective effort and determination.

On the eve of the anniversary of Haryana's formation day, the chief minister highlighted that serving the nation has always been a matter of pride and a glorious tradition in the state. "Our soldiers defend the country at its borders, farmers work tirelessly in the fields, and sportspersons bring glory to the Tricolour on international sporting platforms," he said.

He noted that November 1 will mark 60 years since Haryana's formation and encouraged everyone to commit to the state's progress while further strengthening national unity.

On the occasion, Saini also administered the National Unity Day pledge to the participants and other dignitaries present, urging them to uphold the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

Illegal fishing in Kasargod waters: Ullal boat seized, Rs 2.5 lac penalty imposed

Kasargod, Nov 1: Intensifying its crackdown on unauthorised mechanised fishing, the district fisheries department seized a trawler boat from Ullal. This marks the fourth Karnataka-based vessel confiscated within a week for violating the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act. The boat, named 'Samruddhi', was intercepted on Thursday night during a joint patrol by the fisheries department and the Marine Enforcement Wing within 12 nautical miles off the Manjeshwar coast. The operation was led by Rajesh T R, assistant director of the Kizhur fisheries centre. The team included Marine Enforcement ASI Vinod Kumar K K, CPO Arjun, Bekal coastal police station SCPO Manoj Kumar, CPO Jaison, rescue staff Ajish, Sethu Madhavan, Shukkur Ali



and Manu, along with patrol boat crew Sathyan and Sathish.

Fisheries deputy director C K Shiny imposed a fine of Rs 2.5 lac on the boat owner. Additionally, the fish catch found on the vessel was auctioned for Rs 75,000. She issued a stern warning that strict action would be taken against vessels violating fishing regulations.

Four days ago, another Karnataka-based trawler, 'Alisa', was seized during a night patrol within the 12-nautical-mile limit off the Manjeshwar coast after failing to produce the required permits. Under the regulations, mechanised fishing boats from other states must obtain a special permit from the Kerala fisheries department to operate within its 12-nautical-mile territorial waters. The owners of 'Alisa' were also slapped with a Rs 2.5 lac fine, and its catch was auctioned for Rs 27,000.

Prior to this, fisheries officials had seized two other Karnataka boats, 'Ekansha' and 'Disha'. Both vessels were fined Rs 2.5 lac each, and their confiscated fish catch fetched an additional Rs 1.1 lac at auction.

Kannada must act as a bridge of unity, not a wall of division: U T Khader



Mangaluru, Nov 1: Presiding over the 71st Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at Nehru Maidan here on Sunday, Dakshina Kannada district in-charge minister U T Khader stated that true linguistic pride lies in bringing people together with affection, rather than alienating speakers of other tongues.He described Kannada not merely as a language, but as the very identity and soul of the land, reflecting the continuous flow of the Cauvery, the majesty of the Sahyadri mountains, and the rhythm of the coastal waves. The minister noted that Kannada represents both the pride of a rich past and the responsibility of the future.

Highlighting the state's profound literary legacy, Khader observed that the visionary writings of Pampa, the egalitarian Vachanas of Basavanna, the self-awareness in Akkamahadevi's works, and the universal humanism of Kuvempu guide society beyond the narrow boundaries of caste, religion, and gender. He proudly mentioned Kannada's classical language status, its 2,000-year history, and the eight Jnanpith awards that underscore its literary brilliance, urging Kannadigas to remain true to their roots regardless of where they live.

Shifting focus to the modern era, the minister stressed the urgent need to seamlessly integrate Kannada with artificial intelligence and digital education. He asserted that Kannada must evolve beyond being a mere consumer of technology to becoming an active contributor to technological advancements.The survival of any language depends heavily on its practical utility, he added. Khader urged policymakers to ensure that a farmer expressing his grievances in Kannada receives prompt government services, and that students studying in the state language are provided with quality education and robust career opportunities. He noted that the youth must find adequate platforms for employment and entrepreneurship within the state.

Mivi inaugurates Rs.200-cr manufacturing facility in Hyderabad

Bengaluru: Homegrown consumer electronics brand Mivi has inaugurated a Rs.200-crore manufacturing facility in Hyderabad, marking a significant milestone in its decade-long journey of manufacturing and developing technology products in India.



The facility, established through Avishakaran Industries Pvt Ltd, was inaugurated in the presence of Telangana IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Joint Secretary of the state's Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Department Anudeep Durishetty and Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Vice-Chairman and Managing Director K. Shashanka.

The new facility has a monthly production capacity of five lakh earbuds and 75,000 soundbars. It employs around 2,500 people, contributing to local employment and strengthening Telangana's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

The investment reflects the company's commitment to expanding domestic manufacturing capabilities in line with the Centre's Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.

Over the past decade, Mivi has expanded from a personal and home audio brand into a consumer electronics company, developing its own products and technologies. Its portfolio includes wireless earbuds, neckbands, headphones, speakers and soundbars. The company has also recently entered the smartphone segment with the launch of Mivi One 5G.

Its proprietary technology offerings include 3D Stage and Mivi AI.Mivi co-founder Midhula Devabhaktuni said the inauguration marked an important milestone as the company completed 10 years of building its business in India.

Love affair turns violent: Three youths tied to pole, stripped and thrashed by woman's family in Haveri

Haveri : A love affair has reportedly ended in a brutal assault in Battikoppa village of Rattihalli taluk, where three youths were allegedly tied to a pole, partially stripped and beaten by the family members of a young woman.



The incident occurred on October 27 but came to light only recently. The victims are Pramod from Rattihalli and his friends Prakash and Parashuram.

Pramod and Bhavana, a resident of Battikoppa, were reportedly in love and had earlier left their homes to get married through registration. However, Bhavana's parents traced them and convinced her to return home. Following her return, Bhavana allegedly sent a letter to Pramod indicating that she was ready to marry him. Acting on the message, Pramod went to Battikoppa with his two friends to take her away.

Their arrival reportedly angered the woman's family members, who allegedly caught the three men and subjected them to a brutal assault. They were tied to a pole, partially stripped and beaten in front of people.

The situation reportedly turned chaotic when police reached the village. A large crowd had gathered at the spot, and the police were allegedly unable to bring the situation under control immediately.

All three victims suffered serious injuries but survived the attack. Their family members are now planning to file a complaint against Bhavana's relatives.

The incident occurred within the limits of Hamsabhavi police station and has caused considerable concern among residents. The alleged public assault has raised questions about taking the law into one's own hands over personal and family disputes.

Siddaramaiah sting case takes new twist as police link mobile phone trail to Kumaraswamy's

Bengaluru : The investigation into the alleged sting operation targeting former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has taken a significant turn, with Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh disclosing that a mobile phone was exchanged at the residence of Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.



The Police Commissioner made the disclosure while addressing reporters in Bengaluru. He said Ritesh Pandey was present at Kumaraswamy's residence and that the video connected to the sting operation had been uploaded on the instructions of Prajwal Prasad.

He further stated that money had been transferred to Ritesh and Prajwal, adding a new dimension to the investigation. This is the first time Kumaraswamy's name has figured in the police briefing on the case.

The CCB investigation reportedly established the trail of the mobile phone allegedly used to upload the controversial video. Ritesh Pandey had purchased the handset in Delhi on September 26. Investigators found that the video was uploaded using the device without a SIM card.During police questioning, Ritesh allegedly disclosed that he had bought the phone at Prajwal Prasad's direction. He also claimed that he was asked to go to the Union Minister's residence, where the handset was handed over.The police are currently verifying these claims and examining the financial transactions involving the two individuals. The CCB has issued a notice directing Prajwal Prasad to appear for questioning.

Raichur family tragedy: Man allegedly murders wife and two children, dies by suicide on railway track

Raichur : Four members of a family died in a horrifying incident reported from Jalal Nagar in Raichur, where a man allegedly killed his wife and two children before committing suicide by jumping in front of a train.



The deceased have been identified as Vishnu (45), his wife Aruna (36), their son Shloka (10) and daughter Khushi (7). Their eldest son Suhas survived the tragedy.According to Superintendent of Police Arunangshu Giri, Vishnu allegedly strangled his wife and two younger children while they were sleeping at their residence on Saturday night. He subsequently travelled towards Chikkasugur village and died after jumping onto a railway track.Preliminary information suggests that Vishnu had suffered substantial losses in his personal business. Police suspect that financial difficulties may have contributed to the incident.The survival of the eldest son has become an important aspect of the investigation. Police are collecting details to understand how he escaped while the other family members were killed.

Gram Anubhava: Urban students to experience farming and village culture under Karnataka government initiative

Bengaluru : Urban schoolchildren in Karnataka will get an opportunity to experience village life first-hand, with the state government launching its special educational initiative, 'Gram Anubhava', on Sunday.



The programme was inaugurated in Bengaluru on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister and ministers. It is designed to familiarise students growing up in cities with agriculture, animal husbandry and the realities of rural livelihoods.

Instead of restricting education to classroom lessons, the initiative will allow students to spend a day in a village and observe farming activities closely. They will learn about cultivation methods, crop production, dairy farming, livestock management and the functioning of the rural economy.

The programme also seeks to introduce children to the contribution of farmers and help them understand the effort that goes into producing the food they consume every day. Students will get an opportunity to interact with rural communities and observe their traditions, lifestyles and working conditions. The government expects such exposure to create greater appreciation for agriculture and rural culture among children.

More than 10 schools are part of the initial phase of the programme. The government plans to gradually extend it to urban schools in every district of Karnataka.

Officials believe the initiative will help reduce the disconnect between urban and rural lifestyles. With increasing urbanisation, many children have little opportunity to understand farming and village-based occupations.

Through Gram Anubhava, the government intends to provide practical learning beyond textbooks while encouraging respect for farmers and their contribution to society. The initiative has drawn positive responses from parents and education enthusiasts, who have welcomed the idea of giving children direct exposure to rural life.

Hubballi to get Bengaluru-Mumbai Vande Bharat sleeper train; coastal Karnataka awaits new service

Bengaluru : Railway passengers in Karnataka have received a major announcement with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw unveiling plans for a second Bengaluru-Mumbai Vande Bharat sleeper train via Hubballi.



The proposed service will complement the first Bengaluru-Mumbai sleeper train, which is planned to operate through Kalaburagi. The second train will provide an alternative route through North Karnataka, benefiting passengers travelling to Pune and Mumbai.

Announcing the proposal in Bengaluru on Saturday, Vaishnaw said the new sleeper service would strengthen railway connectivity between Karnataka and Maharashtra. The proposed route is expected to cover important destinations, including Anantapur, Mantralayam, Raichur, Yadgir, Kalaburagi, Solapur, Pune and Kalyan before reaching Mumbai.

The final list of stations, operating schedule and launch date are yet to be officially announced by the Railway Ministry.

In another important announcement, the minister said the Bengaluru-Mangaluru Vande Bharat chair car train would be introduced within a few weeks. Preparatory work, including track electrification and testing, has been completed.

The Railway Board has also approved a Yesvantpur-Madgaon Vande Bharat chair car service, which will pass through Mangaluru and connect important coastal destinations.

The proposed stations on this route include Shravanabelagola, Hassan, Sakleshpur, Subrahmanya Road, Kabaka Puttur, Mangaluru Junction, Udupi, Kundapura, Mookambika Road Byndoor, Murdeshwar, Gokarna Road and Karwar.

The new services are expected to benefit passengers from several districts, particularly Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Uttara Kannada. The proposed connectivity to Madgaon will also provide a faster travel option for people visiting Goa.

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TN to introduce weekly traditional attire day in govt offices; CM Vijay to head Secretariat Tamil Sangam

The Minister also announced that a Tamil Sangam would be established at the Secretariat, bringing existing Tamil associations under a common umbrella

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu will introduce a weekly traditional attire day across government offices, with Ministers and government employees required to wear veshti and shirt or saree on a designated day, School Education and Tamil Development Minister Rajmohan announced on Sunday, in a move aimed at promoting Tamil culture and supporting the handloom sector.



Speaking at the Tamil Nadu Day celebrations at the Government Museum in Egmore here, Rajmohan said Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay had approved the proposal, which would cover the Secretariat and other government offices.

Tamil Nadu to stop accepting physical pension applications from November The Minister also announced that a Tamil Sangam would be established at the Secretariat, bringing existing Tamil associations under a common umbrella, with the Chief Minister serving as its president. He further said the government would organise World Tamil Conferences at venues across the world.

He also announced that Tamil-related competitions would be conducted in schools, adding that the initiative would encourage children to develop an interest in the language. In a politically significant remark, Rajmohan alleged that an individual had offered him Rs 5 crore in return for securing the chairmanship of the Iyal Isai Nataka Manram. He said he had conveyed the offer through Layola Mani but made it clear that Vijay would not appoint an unsuitable candidate even if offered Rs 500 crore.

"The Chief Minister directed that the post be given to Pushpavanam Kuppusaamy, who was considered suitable, without accepting even a rupee," he said.

Praising Public Works Minister Aadhav Arjuna, Rajmohan said he had convened a meeting with contractors and instructed them not to pay bribes. "Tamil Nadu has a Cabinet that does not accept bribes," he asserted.

MK Stalin hails sacrifices of border agitation martyrs

CHENNAI: DMK president and former Chief Minister MK Stalin on Sunday paid homage to the martyrs of Tamil Nadu's border movement, crediting their struggle and sacrifices with securing the State's present territorial boundaries. Recalling the movement's rallying cry, "What if we lose Malavan Kundram (Tirupati) We must at least retain Velavan Kundram (Tiruttani)," Stalin said the agitation had ensured that Tiruttani, Hosur, Kanniyakumari and Sengottai remained part of Tamil Nadu.



He paid tribute to several leaders who spearheaded the movement, including Silambu Selvar MP Sivagnanam, Marshal Nesamony, Mangalankizhar, Thanulingam Nadar, Ponnappa Nadar and Abdul Razak. Several participants in the struggles had also laid down their lives, he recalled.

Roadshow to give CM Vijay's Pudukai visit on November 2 a by-poll campaign touch

CHENNAI: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay will visit Pudukkottai on Monday to inaugurate several projects. He will also attend a roadshow, sources said on Sunday. The CM will inaugurate a modern bus stand constructed at Rs 23 crore and an indoor sports stadium built for Rs 8 crore. He will also distribute welfare assistance to local beneficiaries, they said.



Tamil Nadu to stop accepting physical pension applications from November

As per the tentative schedule, the Chief Minister will fly from Chennai to Tiruchy on a special aircraft, then take a helicopter to Pudukkottai. He is expected to land at the helipad at the Armed Reserve Police grounds.

After wrapping up the official functions, Vijay will attend a 1.5-kilometre roadshow across town before returning to the Armed Reserve Police grounds.

Local authorities said that while the helicopter journey remains the primary plan, police are also preparing contingency plans for a potential road journey from Tiruchy to Pudukkottai if bad weather disrupts the helicopter journey or logistical factors require a last-minute schedule change.

Govt mulls medical college at Tambaram hospital; Nalam AI to ease medicine collection at government hospitals

DEDICATED PERSONNEL HAD BEEN DEPLOYED TO VISIT HOUSEHOLDS AND CARRY OUT THESE ACTIVITIES

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government is considering upgrading the Tambaram District Government Hospital into a medical college, while exploring the expansion of its Nalam AI digital health platform to enable patients to schedule medicine collection and avoid long queues at government hospitals, Health and Family Welfare Minister K G Arunraj said on Sunday. Talking to reporters at airport here, the Minister said the proposal to establish a medical college at Tambaram was under consideration and would be discussed with Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay before a formal announcement.

Addressing complaints about prolonged waiting times at hospital pharmacies, Arunraj said the Health Department was working on introducing a slot-booking facility through Nalam AI, allowing patients to select a convenient time to collect their prescribed medicines.

"Most patients visit government hospitals between 8 am and 10 am to collect medicines, resulting in overcrowding and delays. Through this



facility, beneficiaries can book their slots in advance and visit the hospital at the allotted time. This will prevent congestion and eliminate unnecessary waiting," he said, adding that the system would be implemented shortly. On dengue prevention, the Minister said the situation in Tamil Nadu was under control, with intensified preventive measures, including mosquito eradication and the destruction of mosquito larvae at the source. Dedicated personnel had been deployed to visit households and carry out these activities.

He said government hospitals had also been instructed to closely monitor patients reporting with fever and take immediate preventive measures, with doctors and medicines kept ready. The Minister also announced the launch of the State's first Healthy and Hygienic Food Street at the Race Course Road in Tiruchy on Sunday.

Modelled on the organised food outlets in Tirupati, the initiative aims to provide affordable, quality and hygienically prepared food through regulated roadside eateries. It is expected to benefit auto and taxi drivers, truckers, young people and other sections of the public who depend on affordable food outlets. "We want to introduce a similar system in Tamil Nadu, ensuring uniform standards of cleanliness and hygiene at roadside eateries. Tiruchy will be the first to implement the initiative," he added.

A delicate balance of prevention and early intervention can prevent cardiovascular disease



New Delhi: Cardiovascular disease continues to be a major global health concern, with heart attacks and strokes ranking as leading causes of death worldwide. However, these conditions are not inevitable. Individuals can take proactive steps toward safeguarding their heart health with conscious lifestyle adjustments and medical interventions. Dr. Niranjan Hiremath, Senior Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, said, "Heart health is a delicate balance of prevention and early intervention. Small, consistent lifestyle changes can drastically reduce risk over time."

Checkout the 12 essential heart health tips by Dr. Hiremath:

Adopt a balanced diet: A healthy diet is fundamental to maintaining a healthy heart. Aim for a balanced intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid saturated fats, trans fats, and excessive sugars, which can contribute to obesity, high cholesterol, and other cardiovascular risks.

Exercise regularly: Regular physical activity is vital for a healthy heart. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Activities such as brisk walking, jogging, cycling, or swimming can boost cardiovascular fitness, strengthen the heart muscle, and improve circulation. Even light activities like gardening or taking the stairs can contribute to heart health by burning calories and reducing cholesterol levels. Manage stress effectively: Chronic stress has been shown to contribute to heart disease by raising blood pressure, causing unhealthy behaviours like overeating or smoking, and increasing inflammation in the body. Developing stress management techniques such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or yoga can help to relax the mind and body. Engaging in hobbies or activities that bring joy, such as reading, painting, or spending time in nature, can also help mitigate stress levels.

Monitor your blood pressure: High blood pressure, or hypertension, is often called a "silent killer" because it may not present symptoms but significantly increases the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regularly monitoring blood pressure at home or with a healthcare professional can help identify any issues early on. If necessary, medications and lifestyle changes such as a low-sodium diet, regular exercise, and stress management can help maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Get regular check-ups: Routine medical check-ups are essential for catching potential heart issues early. Regular cholesterol screenings, ECGs, and other tests can help monitor cardiovascular health and identify issues before they escalate. Early detection allows for timely intervention, reducing the risk of more severe complications.

Quit smoking: Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, damaging blood vessels, raising blood pressure, and contributing to atherosclerosis. Quitting smoking is one of the most effective steps one can take to improve heart health. Seek support from smoking cessation programs, counselling, or medication to aid in breaking the habit.

Limit alcohol consumption: Excessive alcohol consumption can raise blood pressure, increase triglyceride levels, and contribute to heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends a maximum of one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men. Opting for non-alcoholic beverages, moderating consumption, or seeking support from health professionals can help reduce alcohol-related cardiovascular risks.

Maintain a healthy weight: Obesity is a significant risk factor for cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Maintaining a healthy weight through a balanced diet and regular exercise can significantly reduce these risks. For sustainable weight management, avoid crash diets and seek guidance from healthcare professionals or nutritionists to develop a plan tailored to your needs.

Sleep well: Lack of sleep has been linked to various health issues, including heart disease. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep per night. Developing a consistent sleep routine, avoiding electronic devices before bed, and creating a relaxing bedtime environment can help improve sleep quality.

Stay hydrated: Dehydration can thicken the blood, increasing the risk of blood clots and heart strain. Ensure adequate hydration throughout the day, especially in hot weather or during exercise. The recommended daily intake varies depending on individual needs, but generally, adults should aim for 8-10 cups of water per day. Proper hydration helps maintain cardiovascular function and overall health.

Control cholesterol levels: High cholesterol contributes to plaque build-up in the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Regular cholesterol screenings can help monitor levels and catch any issues early. A diet rich in fiber and low in saturated fats, alongside regular exercise and medication, if necessary, can help maintain healthy cholesterol levels. Consult your healthcare professional for personalized advice on managing cholesterol.

Manage diabetes: Diabetes can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease by damaging blood vessels and nerves. Managing diabetes through diet, exercise, and medication can help reduce these risks. Regular monitoring of blood sugar levels and consulting a healthcare professional for comprehensive diabetes management is crucial for overall health. Taking proactive steps to care for your heart can drastically reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Niranjan Hiremath reiterates, "Preventive measures and lifestyle modifications play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy heart. It's important to take charge of your health before it takes charge of you."

Anti-acidity medications linked to a high risk of migraine, says expert



New Delhi : Taking acid reflux medications may raise the risk of migraines in individuals already suffering from the debilitating headache, according to a top neurologist. Dr Sudhir Kumar from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said this, citing a recent study published in the journal Neurology Clinical Practice.Led by researchers from the University of Maryland in the US, the study showed that acid-reducing drugs, including proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as omeprazole and esomeprazole, histamine H2-receptor antagonists (H2RAs), H2 blockers such as cimetidine and famotidine, and antacid supplements, are linked to a higher risk of migraines and other severe headaches than people who do not take these medications.

"In people who are suffering from migraines or other severe headaches, and are taking PPIs or H2RAs for treating gastrointestinal symptoms, it may be worthwhile stopping these medicines to see if their headaches reduce," the doctor wrote in a post on X.

The study found that PPIs use was associated with a 70 per cent higher risk of migraines and other headaches, while H2RAs use was associated with a 40 per cent higher risk.

"It is possible that these observed associations are related to comorbidity between gastrointestinal (GI) conditions and migraine disease and symptoms, Dr Sudhir explained.

He noted that several studies have observed associations between the presence of migraine and GI conditions, including Helicobacter pylori infection, irritable bowel syndrome, celiac disease, peptic ulcers, gastroparesis, and GERD.

"New cases of migraine have been noted after starting PPI/H2RA therapy. Therefore, further studies are needed to establish the cause-effect relationship," Dr Sudhir said.

EDITORIAL

SHOPS SELLING LOCAL PRODUCTS ALONG THE HIGHWAY

The relationship between nature and humans in the rural areas of Rajasthan is centuries old. The soil, climate, vegetation, and traditional lifestyle have developed a rich food culture that is still recognized in every corner of the country. A vivid glimpse of this culture is seen when we pass through a Rajasthan highway and see rural men and women sitting on sacks on the roadside, displaying kair (fruits), ber (berry), kachri (fruit), sangri (sangri), and many other indigenous products. At first glance, this may seem like a simple rural market, but behind it lies a profound story of hard work, struggle, self-reliance, and responsibility to family.

These people spend two to three days toiling to gather seasonal produce from forests, fields, and surrounding natural areas. After cleaning and cleaning them, they head to the highway to sell them. They don't have large shops, flashy signs, or modern merchandising. A single sack serves as their shop, and a small roadside space serves as their market. His shop doesn't just sell Kair (fruits of mango), but also showcases the entire treasure trove of Rajasthan's traditional food culture. Plums, Kachri, Matire seeds, tumba seeds, green and dried cluster beans, dried Kachar, dried Kair, Sangri, and many other seasonal products are available. These are items that have special significance in Rajasthan's traditional cuisine. Vegetables like Kair and Sangri, in particular, have become a hallmark of Rajasthan and are popular both domestically and abroad.

The work style of these rural vendors is fascinating. They spread their goods on sacks on the roadside. Passersby stop, inspect the products, inquire about their quality, and then the bargaining begins. The vendors quote the value of their labor, and the customers attempt to negotiate a price that suits them. Often, a deal is finalized after a short conversation. The satisfaction that appears on the vendor's face after their goods are sold is no less important than any significant business profit.

Sitting on the roadside all day waiting for customers isn't easy. These people sell their products amid heat, dust, harsh sunlight, cold, and changing weather. Sometimes sales are good, and sometimes, despite waiting all day, very few items are sold. Yet, they return the next day with renewed hope, ready to set up their small shop.

It's said that many of these people earn around 500 to 700 rupees after a full day of hard work. This amount may seem small in the marketplace of a big city, but for these families, this income provides the basis for household groceries, children's education, medicines, and other daily needs. This meager income involves many days of hard work, learning about natural resources, and the struggle to reach the market. An important point to understand here is that these people aren't just small vendors selling goods, but also the bearers of our traditional food culture. In a time of rapid market demand for packaged and processed foods, these rural vendors remind us of traditional products rooted in nature. The kachri, kair, sangri, and other seasonal items they offer have been a part of our ancient kitchens and rural lifestyles.

Rural families in Rajasthan, faced with limited resources and a harsh climate, have developed culinary traditions that utilize locally available foods. Kair-Sangri, Kachri ki Sabzi, and dried indigenous products are a result of this experience and tradition. Their flavors are not just a taste of food, but a part of our cultural heritage.

KHARGE'S 'PEOPLE'S IMPEACHMENT':

A concern for democracy or a new strategy for political pressure?

Saurabh Varshney



As important as the impartiality of the Election Commission is in a democracy, maintaining its constitutional independence and institutional dignity is equally crucial. Launching a campaign like the People's Impeachment of the Chief Election Commissioner is not a normal political event, but rather a sign of a serious and extraordinary situation for the democratic system. The question is whether it is appropriate to escalate political disagreement to this level, and whether this will strengthen public confidence in democratic institutions. Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge has leveled serious allegations against the Central Government and the Election Commission through the People's Impeachment Motion program against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. He stated that the Congress has no personal animosity against the Election Commissioner, but rather its fight is for fair elections and the protection of democracy. Kharge alleged that the Election Commission is working under the instructions of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, and that the freedom of voting rights in the country is being affected. Amidst these allegations, he expressed the opposition's resolve to continue the struggle to protect democracy. Certainly, questioning the impartiality of a constitutional institution like the Election Commission is a serious matter, but to understand this issue, it is necessary to examine the facts and constitutional norms beyond political accusations. India is the world's largest democracy. Here, elections are not merely a process for forming a government, but an expression of the people's political will and constitutional rights. The Constitution has entrusted the Election Commission with the responsibility of conducting free and fair elections. Therefore, it is not unusual for its functioning to be questioned. The opposition has the right to raise voices against any irregularities, bias, or violations of voter rights in the electoral process. But the question also arises: can the problem be resolved by constantly making allegations against a person holding a constitutional office from political platforms and by initiating public impeachment? The concept of impeachment itself is extremely serious. It is not a simple tool for political dissent, but a matter of constitutional and legal process. The process for removing the Chief Election Commissioner from office is also in accordance with the procedure prescribed for the removal of a Supreme Court judge under Article 324(5) of the Constitution. This requires a constitutional process involving a special majority in Parliament. Therefore, launching a political campaign for public impeachment against an individual and a genuine constitutional impeachment process are two different things. Public protest is a democratic right, but it cannot be considered a substitute for the constitutional process.

It must also be understood that such a campaign against a Chief Election Commissioner is not a simple political incident. It could raise questions about the credibility of democratic institutions, both at home and abroad. If the Election Commission is indeed committing any irregularities, evidence of this should be made public. Concrete questions should be raised about election data, voter lists, voting procedures, and administrative decisions. The opposition should utilize Parliament, the judiciary, and other constitutional forums. The impartiality of an institution cannot be proven or disproved solely through political speeches and allegations.

On the other hand, the ruling party also has a responsibility not to dismiss every criticism from the opposition as political frustration. In a democracy, the opposition exists not only to contest elections and change the government; it is also a vital force that ensures accountability of power. If the opposition is questioning the functioning of the Election Commission, the government and the Commission should respond based on facts. The tendency to avoid transparency or to label those who ask questions as political opponents weakens the democratic system.

The real concern is that constitutional institutions are increasingly becoming the focus of accusations and counter-accusations in the country's politics. Sometimes, parliamentary proceedings are questioned, sometimes the judiciary's comments are viewed through a political lens, and sometimes, the Election Commission's impartiality is contested. Such circumstances do not bode well for any democracy. The reputation of constitutional institutions is not the property of any government or political party. Their respect and independence are the collective responsibility of the entire nation.

It would be unfair to dismiss Kharge's initiative as merely political opposition, nor would it be correct to consider it the final resort to protect democracy. Protest is a right in a democracy, but even that has constitutional limits. Before demanding the removal of an official, serious consideration should be given to the authenticity of the allegations, the legality of the process, and its consequences. Otherwise, a politics of distrust towards institutions could emerge, the consequences of which will ultimately be borne by the common voter. Today, the Election Commission needs to prove its impartiality not just through statements, but through transparent procedures and accountability. The opposition should also fulfill its responsibility and present concrete evidence to support its allegations. The government should resolve all doubts about the electoral system through democratic dialogue. After all, the Election Commission is not the guardian of any political party, but the guardian of the right to vote for every citizen of the country. In a democracy, an extraordinary initiative like public impeachment cannot be considered a happy situation. It signals deep distrust and a lack of dialogue within the political system. But even more unfortunate is the weakening of public trust in a fundamental democratic process like elections. Therefore, it is essential that the ruling party, in its arrogance of power, neither forgets constitutional norms nor does the opposition transform political opposition into institutional conflict. The true victory of democracy lies not in the resignation of an individual or the political success of a party, but in fair elections, independent institutions, and the unwavering faith of the public.

Awarded the Best Work Award of the year 2023 by Haryana Sahitya Academy

A readable work 'Pragyan' filled with entertaining and sensitive poems that captivate the child's mind.

A detailed review of the children's poetry collection, awarded the Haryana Sahitya Akademi's Best Work Award for the year 2023, written by senior litterateur Suresh Chandra 'Sarvahara'

Reviewer: Suresh Chandra 'Proletariat'

"Pragyan" is a beautiful collection of children's poetry by children's author Dr. Satyawan "Saurabh," containing 51 children's poems. Honored with the 2023 Best Work Award by the Haryana Sahitya Akademi, this book is a must-read, expressing the child's innate curiosity, imagination, sensibilities, and values. Its poems reflect the diverse colors of life.

Born in Haryana in 1989, Dr. Satyawan Saurabh is a well-known figure in children's literature. As a writer, journalist, and translator, he has produced a vast body of literature for both children and adults. In addition to children's poetry, he has made significant contributions to Hindi literature through numerous works of couplets, short stories, poetry, translations, adaptations, and editing. For nearly two decades, he has been enriching literature through independent writing.

The first poem in the collection "Pragyan" is "Bane Santan Adarsh Hamari." In it, parents cherish beautiful dreams for their future child. They want their children to imbibe the noble qualities of our ideal great men and great women and follow their path. The poem effortlessly portrays ideal characters like Prahlad, Dhruv, Maitreyi, and Gargi. The poet believes that every child should possess qualities like morality, truthfulness, and a dedication to knowledge.

Children's literature is literature for children. It requires attention to their tender emotions and psychological needs. Children enjoy entertainment, but the poet wants them to also become familiar with the realities of life and society. He considers it his responsibility to raise awareness of the discrepancies surrounding them. The poem "In the Lap of Google" poignantly expresses the growing influence of modern technology and the diminishing communication within families. The poet presents the loss of childhood in the digital world and the loneliness of his grandmother's generation in these lines:

The phone has taken away
all my childhood hobbies.
Grandmother sits and
watches the change in the generation.

The mind yearns for words,
who in the house can understand?
Everyone is sitting silently,
holding the phone.

Today's children are the leaders of tomorrow. When they grow up, they will be in charge of the nation. Therefore, it is essential to instill in them a sense of patriotism and national pride from an early age. In the poem "Ude Tiranga Beech Nabh," the poet instills in children a sense of respect for the tricolor and devotion to the nation.

Patriotism is that love which
pulls you towards itself.
The tricolor flies in the sky,
creating a lot of waves.
The pride of the tricolor
should remain, take this resolution in your heart.
May it remain in every
home, every heart and
become an identity.

Childhood is the golden age of life. This time determines the direction of a person's future. The values acquired during childhood have a lifelong impact. The poet wants children to respect their teachers, adopt moral values, and achieve new milestones in life. The poem "The Path of Morality" highlights gratitude to teachers and the importance of morality in life. We should never forget the kindness of our teachers.

Create a new record and give
the gift of Guru Dakshina.
Give us the steps of life
through the path of morality.
With his blessings, we
become human beings.

Environmental protection is a pressing need today. Increasing pollution, deforestation, and damage to the ozone layer are matters of concern for all of human society. Trees provide us with life-giving air and play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. Through the poem "Ozone," the poet raises awareness among children about the environment and conveys the message of nature conservation.

Who will keep an eye on the
poisonous gas today?
Fire-spewing chimneys, tearing apart the ozone.
Whether pollution increases
or decreases, what does it
matter to us today?
Together we are looting the
honour of the earth.

Parents play a paramount role in children's lives. They depend on them for their needs and happiness. The poem "Relationships" from the collection sensitively expresses the contributions of mothers and fathers—

Father saves every penny
here day and night.
Gives the gift of happiness to
his children.
A mother should understand
the pain of her children as
her own pain.
Only he has this effect.

It's essential to remain dynamic in life. The path to success lies in constantly moving forward, rather than pausing in the face of obstacles. In the poem "Samay Sindhu," the poet conveys the message of facing life's struggles and maintaining patience even in adverse circumstances.

If the traveler's feet are afraid
of the thorns on the path.
How will he reach his
beloved's village?
Don't stop, keep moving, life
is a struggle.
Live like Neelkanth, drink
poison happily.

Childhood is a time of sweet imaginations and beautiful dreams. Every child harbors big dreams. In the poem "Childhood Songs," the poet brings to life his childhood memories, games, and rural surroundings. It reflects the intimacy of the past and a love for nature—

There were many different
games in childhood too.
Boats sailing in the sand,
trains flying in the sky.

Haryanvi poetry conference organised by Manumukt 'Manav' Memorial Trust

-Dr. Satyawan Saurabh/Dr. Priyanka Saurabh



Narnaul. The Manumukt 'Manav' Memorial Trust organized a grand virtual 'Global Haryanvi Poetry Conference' last evening to commemorate the 60th Haryana Day. Following a prayer song presented by Dr. Sunil Bhardwaj, Industry Extension Officer of Narnaul, the conference, which concluded under the inspiring guidance of Chief Trustee Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav' and the able direction of Dr. Pankaj Gaur, featured twenty poets from seven countries, including India, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Spain, Denmark, and the United States, reciting poetry in the Haryanvi language. At the beginning of the program, Dr. Keshavdev Sharma, Chief Guest and Director of the Brajbhasha Sahitya Academy, Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), described Haryanvi as the language of the masses, saying that it easily captures the fragrance of Haryana's soil and the sweetness of its culture. In his presidential address, Dr. Manoj Bharat (Bhiwani), State President of the All India Sahitya Parishad, while appreciating the efforts being made by the Trust for the development of the Haryanvi language, said that the development of Haryanvi language and literature is essential for the preservation of Haryanvi culture. Special guest and former Director General of Coal India Limited, Rajpal Yadav (Gurugram), underscoring the importance of Haryanvi language and culture, said that every Haryana resident should be proud of their mother tongue. Thereafter, in the Kavi Sammelan organized, Rohit Kumar Happy from Auckland (New Zealand) recited 'Haryana ka maan badhavain', Dr. Bhavna Kunwar from Sydney (Australia) recited 'Mitti ki Mhaek', Awadhesh Rana from Abu Dhabi (UAE) recited 'Choudhary Saheb', Dr. Ritu Nanan Pandey from Asan (Netherlands) recited 'Anokha Haryana', Pooja Anil from Madrid (Spain) recited 'Eighty Years', Savita Jakhar from Copenhagen (Denmark) recited 'My Haryana', Dr. Kamla Singh from San Diego from America recited 'Haryana ki Glorious Saga' and Ompati Grewal from California recited 'Childhood Games' and Sanjay Pathak from Alwar from India recited 'Manas Heena Ho Gaya', Rajpal Yadav 'Raj' from Gurugram recited 'Biraan ki Dharti', Balbir Singh Verma from Sirsa recited 'Balak Main'. of Haryana', Dr. Manoj Bharat from Bhiwani recited 'Haryanvi couplets' and Dr. V.M. Bechain recited 'Lugaai ki Baran Lugaai', Dr. Priyanka Saurabh from Siwani Mandi recited 'Evening Time' and Dr. Satyawan Saurabh recited 'Chopal' and Dr. Jitendra Bhardwaj from Narnaul recited 'Daughter is my honour', Dr. Pankaj Gaur recited 'People of Haryana' and Dr. Krishna Arya recited 'Residents of Haryana'. Earlier, Chief Trustee Dr. Ramniwas 'Manav' threw light on the nature and status of the Haryanvi language and presented his Haryanvi couplets. Check out one of his couplets - "In the land of banyan and peepal trees, Kaner is worshipped today. The old banyan tree is silent, I see the turn of time."

It is noteworthy that in this Kavi Sammelan which lasted for about two hours, the poets, through their poems, glorified the state of Haryana, Haryanvi dialect and Haryanvi culture and added to the glory of 'Haryana Day'. The presence of Dr. S. Anukriti from Washington DC (USA), Dr. Rajesh Sharma and Suman Bhati (Hisar), Rajpal Singh Gulia (Jhajjar) and trustees Dr. Kanta Bharti, Dr. Pushpalata Bhardwaj, Shraddha Sharma, Saroj Kashyap, Krishna Kumar Sharma, Advocate, Nitesh Bhardwaj, Advocate and Subhash Kashyap (Narnaul) was particularly noteworthy in the Kavi Sammelan.

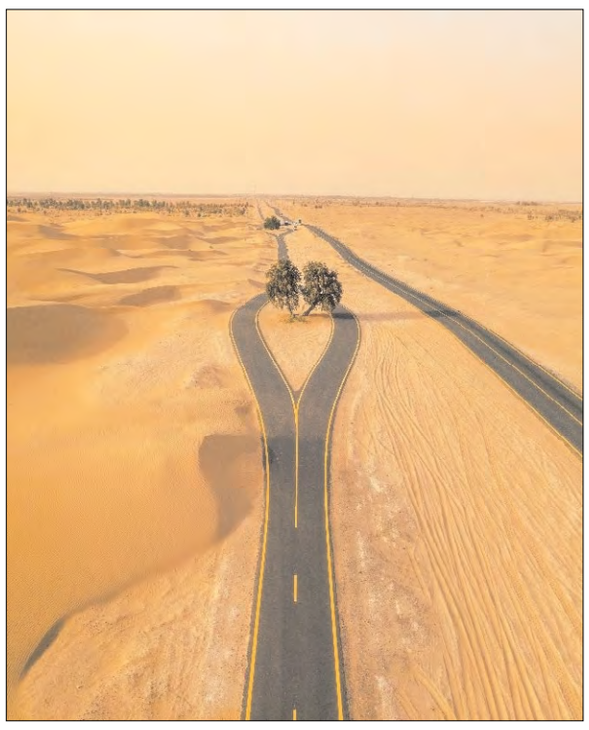
IDBI Bank sale row: Rahul Gandhi backs employees, FM hits back



New Delhi: Amid the IDBI bank disinvestment row, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has expressed solidarity with the bank employees and questioned the government's decision to sell off the profitable public bank to a Canadian firm. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha asserted that public banks are not assets to be sold off, they are tools to build the nation. In a letter addressed to members of the IDBI Bank family, Gandhi said that in March last year, a group of IDBI bank employees came to meet him in Parliament House and asked him a simple question as to why the government is selling a bank that they had made profitable. The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha asserted that public banks are not assets to be sold off, they are tools to build the nation. In a letter addressed to members of the IDBI Bank family, Gandhi said that in March last year, a group of IDBI bank employees came to meet him in Parliament House and asked him a simple question as to why the government is selling a bank that they had made profitable. "I took that question to the Lok Sabha. I asked why a profitable public bank was being sold and how its employees and depositors would be protected. The government gave no reason. Now it has decided to sell IDBI Bank to Fairfax, a Canadian company," Gandhi said. Noting that IDBI began as a pioneering development bank, he said the journey to a commercial bank has been difficult, but the employees have faced the challenges. "Seven years ago, IDBI was losing money. Last year, it earned a profit of over nine thousand crore rupees. That turnaround is your work," he said in his open letter to bank employees. An institution built with public money belongs to the public, Gandhi asserted. Today, the government and LIC own 95 per cent of this bank. After the sale, they will own 34 per cent, he pointed out in the letter dated October 29. In 2003, the government promised Parliament that it would always hold at least 50 per cent of IDBI, he said.

"That promise may not be written into law, but a promise made to Parliament is a promise made to the people of India," Gandhi asserted. When IDBI is privately owned, reservation for SC, ST and OBC candidates will go with it, he said. "Your service conditions, already weakened, will lose their last protection. The Congress has always believed in a strong public sector working alongside the private sector. Public banks are not assets to be sold off, they are tools to build the nation," Gandhi stressed. "You asked me to stand with you. I stand with you in your fight today, and fully support all your legitimate demands. Stay together. Stay determined," the former Congress chief said. Tagging his letter on X, Gandhi said, "During Congress's time, IDBI was established to build the nation's industry. During Modi's time, first the bidding was seen, then the price was set." "During Congress's time, banks were being created. During Modi's time, they are being sold. I stand with the employees of IDBI Bank," he said.

Dubai Is Back Outdoors: Six Ways to Make the Most of the Cooler Season



Mumbai 2026: As temperatures begin to ease, Dubai's beaches, parks, trails and open-air venues are bringing a different energy to the city. From early-morning runs along the coast and fitness sessions by the beach to weekend markets, mountain adventures and dinners under the open sky, the cooler months offer visitors more ways to experience Dubai outdoors. Whether it's an active day out with family or a spontaneous evening by the water, the city's outdoor calendar has plenty to explore. 1.Spend the day at Kite Beach: With its running tracks, water sports, beach volleyball courts and casual dining spots, Kite Beach brings together several of Dubai's favourite outdoor pursuits along the Jumeirah coastline. Visitors can start the day with a run by the sea, try kitesurfing or paddleboarding, or settle in for a relaxed afternoon at one of the beachfront cafés. The return of Kite Beach Market for its 22nd season adds to the experience, with 15 kiosks featuring beachwear, accessories and gifting options. With views of the Burj Al Arab and plenty to do beyond the shoreline, Kite Beach is a destination in its own. 2. Get moving with Dubai Fitness Challenge: Returning from 31 October to 29 November 2026, Dubai Fitness Challenge marks its tenth edition with a city-wide invitation to complete 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days. The programme brings fitness into public spaces through community hubs, classes and sporting events. At Kite Beach, the DP World 30x30 Fitness Village will offer activities spanning yoga, Pilates, spinning, padel and team sports. Flagship events including Dubai Ride on 1 November, Dubai Stand Up Paddle at Hatta Dam on 7–8 November, Dubai Run on 22 November and Dubai Yoga on 29 November will give residents and visitors opportunities to take part in the city's active season. 3. Trade the cityscape for mountain trails: For an outdoor escape beyond the city, Hatta offers a change of scenery amid the Hajar Mountains. Visitors can kayak on Hatta Dam, explore hiking trails or try mountain biking and adventure activities at Hatta Wadi Hub. Those looking for a longer break can also consider the destination's camping and glamping options. Closer to Dubai, Al Qudra Cycle Track offers a route through the desert landscape, while Al Qudra Lakes provides opportunities for birdwatching and time outdoors. 4. Make weekends about outdoor markets: Dubai's seasonal markets offer a mix of food, shopping, independent businesses and family activities. The Ripe Market at Academy Park brings together fresh produce, artisanal goods, fashion, jewellery and food stalls, alongside activities for children. At Kite Beach, the seasonal market offers another setting to browse local finds by the sea. These markets provide an easy way to spend a few hours outdoors, whether stopping by for a morning coffee, discovering independent brands or making a weekend outing of it. 5.

ICICI LIFE INSURANCE LAUNCHES NEW BRAND IDENTITY

Mumbai, 2026: ICICI Life Insurance Limited, formerly known as ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited, today announced its new brand identity and tag line — 'Har Kal Aasaan'.

Commenting on the new brand identity and tag line, Mr. Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief of Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life Insurance Limited, said, "The ICICI name holds an enduring place in the lives of millions of Indians, serving as a symbol of trust, strength, and financial accessibility. Over the past 25 years, we have had the privilege of helping secure the dreams and futures of more than 20 crore Indians. Throughout this journey, we have witnessed India's incredible growth, along with a significant evolution in the aspirations of its people.

In today's fast-paced environment, the world has become increasingly complex and unpredictable. Changing career paths, evolving family structures, longer lifespans, and shifting financial priorities have made long-term planning more challenging than ever. While life insurance plays a critical role in navigating these uncertainties, the traditional experience of securing one's financial future has often been perceived as complicated.

At ICICI Life Insurance, we firmly believe that preparing for tomorrow should bring clarity, confidence, and peace of mind, rather than adding to life's complexities. Our new brand identity goes far beyond a change in name. It reflects our broader commitment to make the experience of securing one's financial future simpler, more transparent, more flexible and with ease. Building on our strong 25-year foundation, we will continue to deepen customer relevance, establish new benchmarks of excellence in the industry, and actively contribute toward the national goal of 'Insurance for All by 2047'. With the new brand promise, the company aims to move the conversation around life insurance beyond simply protecting against what may go wrong, towards enabling people to make more informed and confident choices about what they want tomorrow to look like with ease and convenience. Thus, making Har Kal Aasaan for its stakeholders.

Crypto firm Binance covers 90% of losses after $6.3bn hack



Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange, says it has covered 90% of the $6.3bn (£4.7bn) assets stolen in a hack on Thursday. The remaining 10% may take longer to source in the required amounts, the company added. Binance has consistently pledged to cover 100% of the losses from what is suspected to be crypto's biggest hack on record and said it has set aside more than $6.34bn in company funds to do so. "Binance will absorb the financial impact of these stolen funds, not our users," the company said in a statement on Saturday. In an update on Sunday, Binance said withdrawals had been restored on several of its networks, after they were suspended following the hack. It previously said withdrawals would be resumed in phases. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said on Saturday that North Korea was responsible for the attack. The FBI said it had observed hackers converting stolen assets into a type of cryptocurrency called Ethereum and that it is expected that the assets will then be converted again using decentralised finance and instant swap services. Two analytics firms previously told the BBC they had robust intelligence pointing to North Korean state-backed hacking unit the Lazarus Group, also known as TraderTraitor - which was specifically named by the FBI - as the likely culprits. Speaking to reporters on Saturday night, US President Donald Trump said the US is still unsure who the culprits are. "We're learning about it. We don't know if it's North Korea - but if it is, we'll talk to North Korea about it," he said. Binance said it had replenished the stolen assets using various funds and its own corporate treasury. All holdings of the cryptocurrencies bitcoin, Ethereum and Tether are covered, along with seven other widely-traded crypto assets, the company said.The hack is believed to be the largest in history, eclipsing the record of a $1.5bn heist on the Bybit exchange in 2025 - for which the FBI also said North Korea was responsible. North Korea has always denied involvement in these attacks. Binance's initial investigation suggested an engineer's laptop was compromised, which allowed access to unauthorised withdrawals, but a later update said they had uncovered "additional points of breach". Richard Teng, Binance's co-chief executive officer, said the hack was carried out by more than one person, and the hackers used sophisticated methods to hide their tracks, such as a "self-destruct mechanism". On Friday, the company said it had frozen around $3bn of stolen assets after working with law enforcement, intelligence firms and partners. The investigation is ongoing, it added. The US Secret Service said on Friday it is "working around the clock" with private sector partners "to identify, freeze, trace, and recover funds" stolen from Binance. Binance, founded in China in 2017, lets users buy, sell and trade digital assets - it is estimated to have hundreds of millions of users worldwide. Crypto is a digital asset, which doesn't exist physically and is instead accessed via digital wallets or computers.

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance unveils 'ICICI Life Partner Stack 2.0' to transform digital capabilities of advisors and distribution partners



Mumbai 2026: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has upgraded its Partner Stack with new capabilities in 2026, positioning it as 'ICICI Life Partner Stack 2.0'. The stack brings together AI-enabled tools, deeper partner-system integrations and digital capabilities to support the Company's advisor and distribution network across sales, onboarding and customer servicing.

The upgrade is designed to make the customer journey simpler by enabling advisors and distribution partners to identify relevant solutions, generate quotations, onboard customers and service them digitally. The eQuote App, uses an AI-based product recommender to suggest suitable products based on customer segment and life stage, while also enabling advisors to generate and share personalised quotations. LIVA, an AI-enabled chatbot, offers a conversational interface that helps advisors to access product features and quotations while interacting with customers.

Commenting on ICICI Life Partner Stack 2.0, Mr. Amish Banker, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Our advisors and distribution partners play an important role in helping customers understand and access life insurance solutions. ICICI Life Partner Stack 2.0 is aimed to give them digital and AI-enabled tools that make everyday operations simpler and customer friendly – from identifying suitable solutions and generating quotations to onboarding and servicing. By integrating these capabilities with partner systems, we are making processes faster and more seamless so our partners can focus on understanding and serving customer needs."

Partner Stack 2.0 also enables deeper integration with partner systems. Its integration with partner CRM platforms supports better synchronisation and customer journey management. Through API integration, partners can raise customer service requests from their own platforms, these requests are processed by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and status updates are shared digitally. Group partners can also use API services to send member details, register claims and share servicing requirements.

The revamped retail and group partner portals give partners access to client details, reports, remuneration details and other servicing capabilities. To simplify onboarding, Partner Stack is integrated with multiple national databases, including UIDAI for Aadhaar, CERSAI for CKYC, Vahan for IDV, GSTN, EPFO, CAS and Perfios. These integrations can pre-fill up to 70% of the application form, reducing the need to collect and upload KYC and income documents.

The platform also provides customers with multiple premium payment options, including ASBA and WhatsApp-based payments. In addition, AI-enabled pre-issuance video verification supports underwriting by strengthening risk and fraud checks.

The scale of the Company's digital ecosystem is reflected in over 200 partner-system integrations, 99% of business applications being received digitally. Furthermore, in Q1 FY2027, there were 27 million digital service interactions and 54% of savings policy were issued on the same day.

The Company's focus on technology-led customer servicing is also reflected in its claims experience. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance reported an industry-leading claim settlement ratio of 99.3% in Q1-FY2027, with an average turnaround time of 1 day for non-investigated individual death claims.

Indian Bank targets Rs 100 cr lending under EV charging scheme: MD



New Delhi: Indian Bank has set a lending target of Rs 100 crore for the current fiscal year under its dedicated financing scheme for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, as the public sector lender seeks to tap business opportunities in the fast-growing green mobility segment. The bank has launched 'IND Green Charge', a financing scheme for public, captive and fleet charging stations under both standalone and franchise models. The bank will offer loans of up to Rs 10 crore for a maximum tenure of 8 years, Indian Bank MD and CEO Binod Kumar told PTI. "We have set lending targets of Rs 100 crore for the remaining five months of the ongoing financial year and Rs 250 crore for the coming financial year under this scheme," he said. The initiative aims to promote entrepreneurship among micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), generate employment and support India's transition towards sustainable mobility, he added. According to reports, EV sales grew 29.7 per cent to 26.59 lakh units in 2025-26, while the Indian EV charging-station market is projected to expand from Rs 6,139 crore in 2025 to Rs 21,940 crore by 2030. The financing scheme is expected to help the bank tap emerging credit demand for charging infrastructure while supporting the development of the EV ecosystem. Indian Bank views EV charging infrastructure as both a commercially viable lending opportunity and a green finance initiative, he said. "We have carried out detailed analysis of various projects across AC, DC, and high-capacity DC charging, including stress testing under different utilisation scenarios, and found that funding under the scheme is commercially viable," he said. The launch of IND Green Charge enables the bank to pursue sustainable business growth while supporting electric mobility and contributing to carbon emission reduction, he added. The bank will consider viable proposals in smaller cities and semi-urban areas based on local demand, location suitability, projected utilisation and repayment capacity. The scheme's standalone and franchise models provide flexibility for SMEs and entrepreneurs seeking to establish charging facilities in diverse markets

Judge orders Trump administration to stop threatening US election officials



A federal judge has ordered the federal government to stop threatening local and state election officials with criminal charges over their role in processing election ballots. The California judge ruled that the Department of Justice (DoJ) must stop demanding that local and state election officials set aside or not process certain ballots that the Trump administration alleges may come from non-citizens. The ruling comes days before the midterm elections, which will determine which political party controls the US Congress for the last two years of Donald Trump's presidency. Trump criticised the ruling on Saturday, writing,"Why would they reject fixing Election Fraud?" In California earlier this month, the justice department sent letters to the secretary of state and Los Angeles County Registrar demanding they set aside the ballots of 20,000 registered voters whom the Trump administration "believe" are "likely" non-citizens, according to court documents. About a week later, armed officials from the Department of Homeland Security delivered letters to county officials and employees across California threatening criminal charges if they didn't sequester those ballots. But the groups said they could not comply with those demands because they must follow election procedures required by state and federal law. A judge weighed in and tossed the demand, writing it would "wreak havoc" in the election. Around the same time, the justice department reportedly began a criminal investigation into county election officials, issuing federal grand jury subpoenas. Civil rights groups and unions representing election workers filed a legal complaint, accusing the justice department of interfering in their duty to administer the election. Judge Trina Thompson ordered the administration to halt their actions. "Although Defendants claim that their actions are designed to halt unlawful voting by noncitizens, their actions are likely to have the effect of interfering with election administration and disenfranchising lawful voters," Judge Thompson wrote. The Trump administration sent a similar letter about alleged non-citizen voters to Washington state and demanded that the secretary of state there cease processing the ballots, according to Thompson's order. The manoeuvres are part of a yearslong campaign by Trump and his administration to fight alleged voter fraud that they believe is widespread, despite research showing that it is extremely rare. Ahead of the midterm elections on 3 November, the president has cast doubt on the security of the vote - alleging "rampant" cheating in postal voting and non-citizens voting. The president also offered a $1m (£750,000) reward to people who report cases of voter fraud in the US which lead to a conviction. Studies, however, suggest actual cases are extremely rare. BBC Verify reported that the Heritage Foundation's database identified 24 cases of non-citizens being convicted for voting between 2005 and 2025. In his post on Saturday, Trump said criticised recent rulings against his administration pertaining to allegations of possible election fraud and vowed to continue fighting for "Election Integrity".

Shops looted as German cost-of-living protests turn violent



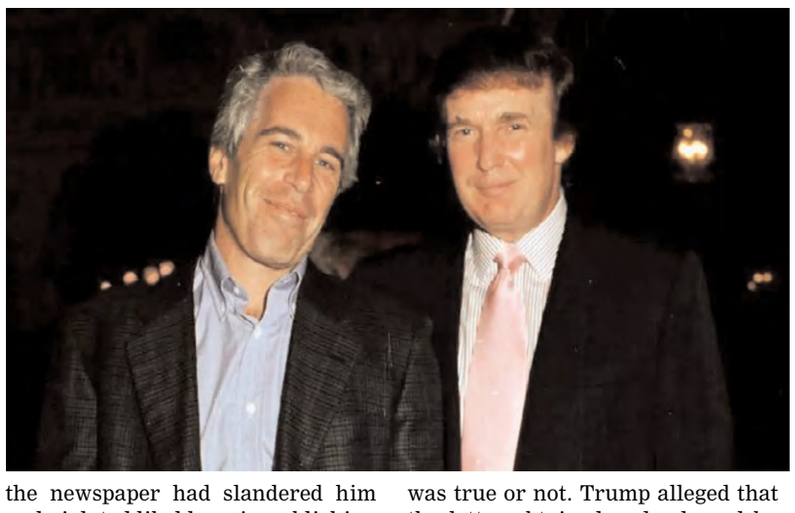
Rioters looted shops in central Frankfurt late on Saturday as clashes erupted in German cities over the cost of living. Besides Frankfurt - Germany's financial hub - there were incidents of violence in Berlin, Cologne and Hamburg, with police saying they used water cannon to disperse protesters who were targeting emergency workers with fireworks, stones and bottles. Thousands joined largely peaceful demonstrations earlier in the day. They were organised by the campaign group Gen Z regelt - meaning "Gen Z takes charge" - to protest against underfunding in schools, the high cost of living, public spending cuts and military service. The unrest in Germany follows similar youth-led mass protests in France, where more than 320,000 people also demonstrated on Saturday. On Sunday, Germany's Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt told Bild newspaper that overnight police had prevented "violence like that seen in Paris" in recent weeks and called for "harsh punishments" for rioters and looters. Overnight, a large section of Frankfurt's main shopping street was closed off by police. A police spokesperson said many arrests were made in the city. Authorities in Frankfurt, Munich and Berlin reported as many as 18,000 protesters, roughly half of what the organisers had estimated on their website. German media say tens of thousands protested in German cities on Saturday. Gen Z regelt spokesperson Lina Friedrich said the demonstrations were "to fight for peace and freedom, rather than for war and coercion". She said: "What matters most to us is better support for the health and education systems. We are against compulsory military service and we are in favour of a fairer distribution of the burden." Europe's youth is on the march - but does anything actually unite them? On Saturday night Frankfurt police said "violent riots" were occurring in the city centre and that special police units had been deployed. The windows of several shops had been smashed and molotov cocktails were thrown at emergency services, police said. Officials said the windows of a gun shop were smashed and that they had seized two weapons after arresting a suspect. People also broke into other shops, stealing items like trainers. Roman Poseck, interior minister of Hesse state, of which Frankfurt is the biggest city, said that "around 100 clearly identified left-wing extremists" had infiltrated the protest in the city. He added that it was "shameful" how the protests had ended. "We all have those images from France in our minds - looting, burning houses, burning police vehicles, and attacks on police officers... France must not be held up as a model in this regard, Similar instances took place in other German cities, following largely peaceful demonstrations.

Ethiopian PM puts ministers through military training



Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has put his cabinet ministers and other senior government officials through military training, saying armed forces discipline can help build stronger leaders and advance the country's development. Photos shared by him on social media show him taking part in military exercises alongside ministers, deputy ministers and heads of government institutions at the Hurso military training centre. The move is unusual in Ethiopia, where senior civilian government officials are rarely seen undergoing military training. Those taking part include Speaker of the House of Federation Muferiat Kamil, Finance Minister Fitsum Assefa and Health Minister Mekdes Daba. It is unclear when the training began or how long it is expected to last. In his post, the prime minister, who is known as Abiy, said Ethiopia's ambition to achieve universal prosperity required its leadership to be physically fit, morally strong and intellectually capable. He said military institutions offered valuable lessons in discipline, patriotism, teamwork, accountability and leadership. "Soldiers have targets while civilians have goals. The objective of both is victory," he said, adding that combining military and civilian disciplines would help create a generation capable of achieving both.

Judge dismisses Trump's lawsuit against Wall Street Journal over Epstein birthday book



A US judge has thrown out President Donald Trump's $10bn (£7.4bn) lawsuit against The Wall Street Journal, ruling the suit was "grasping at straws". Trump had sued the media outlet's parent company Dow Jones and its leader Rupert Murdoch last year after it reported on a letter allegedly written by Trump to disgraced financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein as part of a birthday book in 2003, before Epstein was charged with sex crimes. Trump has denied writing or signing the letter, which included suggestive language and a drawing of the outline of a woman's body. Judge Darrin Gayles threw out the case, finding the suit runs counter to the First Amendment, which protects freedom of the press. Gayles had already once dismissed the defamation lawsuit, which sought $20 billion in damages. Trump's team refiled the suit seeking $10 billion, and this time, the judge threw out the case "with prejudice," meaning the suit cannot be filed again. The news outlet's story about Epstein's 50th birthday book - and the letter with Trump's name - came as the Trump administration battled intense bipartisan criticism over the summer for its handling of Epstein documents. Trump had said the newspaper had slandered him and violated libel laws in publishing the article. In his 20-page ruling, Gayles noted the paper's "thoughtful and detailed ?investigation" that led to the story and said the lawsuit was "grasping at ?straws" to "manufacture flaws" in their work. The judge wrote that Trump's legal team did not prove that the defendants made defamatory statements with "actual malice", which the law requires be proven. Actual malice is high bar to meet, as it requires proof that the defendant knew the defamatory statement was false or acted with reckless disregard for whether it was true or not. Trump alleged that the letter obtained and released by the Journal, which features his signature at the bottom, was "fake" and that the defendants devised the story in order to defame him. Trump's legal team had argued that because Trump denied writing the letter when contacted by the Journal, the paper should have "disregarded everything else they learned in their investigation and not published the story", Gayles wrote. "But that is not what the actual malice standard requires and runs afoul of the First Amendment," Gayles wrote.

He questioned Thailand's monarchy dressed as Harry Potter. Now he's in jail for 34 years



Even before they come through the door, you can hear the prisoners walking towards the courtroom, the shackles round their ankles clinking with each step. The five who walk into the courtroom are familiar with the routine; they are facing multiple criminal prosecutions and have spent much of the past five years going back and forth to court. One of them, a small, bespectacled man with greying hair, opens his arms to hold his three-year-old son, who has been brought to court by his partner to see him. This is Arnon Nampa, a 42-year-old human rights lawyer. His offence was to call for Thailand's powerful monarchy to be scrutinised and held accountable. He did this dressed as the eponymous young wizard at a Harry Potter-themed demonstration in central Bangkok in 2020. On Friday a court in Bangkok sentenced him to two years and eight months for violating Thailand's lèse majesté law, or article 112, under which more people have been jailed for perceived insults against the royal family than in all the other countries that have such laws combined. This is just one out of 14 cases brought against Arnon under the same charge, bringing the cumulative sentence he has received so far to more than 34 years.



More than 5,000 die from Ebola in DR Congo's deadliest outbreak

'We came back from hell', say Ukrainians after years in Russia-occupied front-line city



Olha has one word to describe what life has been like in the front-line city of Oleshky over the past few years: "Horror". Disembarking alongside her from a coach in the Ukrainian region of Chernihiv with their immediate family and dog, her husband Viacheslav put it this way: "We came back from hell." The couple were among hundreds of residents evacuated from the Russian-occupied city who crossed into northern Ukraine via Belarus on Saturday, many reuniting with loved ones they had not seen for years. Oleshky, seized by Russia during the first few days of its full-scale invasion in February 2022, is trapped on one side by the Dnipro River and on the other side by Russian forces. Olha and Viacheslav had lived there with their son and daughter, both in their 30s. Even as the shelling around them intensified, they feared that trying to escape could be even more dangerous, with routes mined and subject to drone attack. As supplies dwindled, the couple said they made an attempt to find food by crossing through minefields earlier this month. "People were stepping on mines, dying and being maimed, all just to survive," Olha told the BBC. Those who were too afraid to go out in the city had resorted to cooking garden weeds to survive. "We saw that the situation wasn't getting any better, so we realised we had to get out," Olha said. That opportunity came earlier this week when a humanitarian ceasefire, brokered by US First Lady Melania Trump, took effect in the Kherson region, providing the first few days of peace in the area for four years and allowing Oleshky residents to evacuate. Up to 6,000 people, including 200 children, were believed to still be living in Oleshky and its surrounding areas, with 1,700 in the city itself. Residents had a four-hour window on Friday to leave, with a convoy of 25 buses brought in for up to 750 evacuees, along with ambulances for people with limited mobility.

Glenn Phillips Breaks All-Time T20I Record, Achieves Rare Double During India Series

New Zealand batter Glenn Phillips scripted history during the fifth and final T20I against India on Sunday, becoming the highest run-scorer in a bilateral T20I series with 341 runs. Phillips achieved the milestone with an unbeaten 65 off 38 deliveries, helping the Black Caps chase down a target of 192 in 17.4 overs and secure a seven-wicket victory at Seddon Park. With this achievement, Phillips surpassed England's Phil Salt, who scored 331 runs against the West Indies in 2023, and Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan, who amassed 316 runs against England in 2022. Estonia's Sahil Chouhan occupies fourth place with 297 runs against Cyprus in 2024, while New Zealand's Mark Chapman completes the top five with 290 runs against Pakistan in 2023. Phillips also joined an elite list of batters to register four or more 50-plus scores in a bilateral T20I series. Before him, Rizwan achieved the feat against England in 2022, while Japan's S Ravichandran accomplished the milestone against Mongolia in 2024. Phillips became the third batter to join the list through his performances against India in 2026. The India-New Zealand contests also witnessed an extraordinary display of power-hitting, with the two teams combining to hit 259 sixes across 11 T20Is in 2026, at an average of 23.5 sixes per match. India led the tally with 142 sixes against New Zealand during the calendar year, while the Black Caps struck 117 sixes against India. Cambodia, with 111 sixes against Indonesia in 2025, occupies third place on the list of most sixes hit by a team against a particular opposition in a calendar year. In terms of the most sixes hit in a bilateral T20I series, Austria tops the list with 132 sixes against Germany in 2026. England follows with 120 sixes against the West Indies in 2023, while Australia registered 117 sixes against the West Indies in 2025. New Zealand and India occupy the next two positions with 116 sixes each in their respective bilateral series in 2026. Meanwhile, New Zealand's successful chase of 192 against India in the fifth T20I also entered the record books as the team's third-highest successful run chase in the format. The Black Caps' highest successful chase remains 201 against Zimbabwe in Hamilton in 2012, followed by 194 against Pakistan in Rawalpindi in 2023. Their 192-run chase against India in Hamilton in 2026 ranks third, ahead of successful chases of 183 against Sri Lanka in Queenstown in 2023 and Afghanistan in Chennai in 2026. Coming to the match, New Zealand defeated India by seven wickets in the fifth and final T20I at Seddon Park on Sunday, chasing down 192 in just 17.4 overs to register a consolation win, though India clinched the five-match series 3-2. Tim Seifert led the hosts' dominant chase with a blistering 93 off 50 deliveries, while Phillips remained unbeaten on 65 off 38 balls.



Gambhir Labels India's T20I Series Win Over NZ As "Incredible", Explains Why



India head coach Gautam Gambhir on Sunday hailed his team's "incredible" T20I series win over New Zealand, saying the players' ruthless approach made up for the lack of preparation time. India just had time for one training session in unfamiliar conditions before playing the series opener on October 22 at Christchurch. The team overcame jet-lag and lack of preparation to win the first three games and seal the five-match series. New Zealand won the final two games. "Look, first of all, obviously it's an incredible effort because the boys got only one day to prepare," Gambhir told reporters after the fifth and final T20I here. "They arrived on the 20th (of October), we practiced on the 21st... different conditions, different weather conditions, different dimensions, playing against a quality side like New Zealand in their own backyard with the amount of experience they had in T20 cricket, plus most of the boys were touring New Zealand for the first time. "Boys can be extremely proud of their efforts, especially when you hardly got any time to prepare." India would also be playing five ODIs and two Tests on this New Zealand tour but Gambhir said they could plan better for those challenges. "I don't think we did a lot of planning for T20 cricket because we had two back-to-back series against the West Indies and New Zealand. But, obviously, there was a bit of planning when it comes to two Test matches because we wanted most of our Test players, whether it's the batters or the bowlers, to try and play at least one four-day game in these conditions," said the straight shooting coach. What added to the challenge was the considerable presence of first timers in New Zealand. "If this tour is difficult for anyone, then it's for the T20 side because our Test team will get time to prepare. Our one-day players will get time to prepare. But these players didn't have any time. And 70-80% of these players were coming to New Zealand for the first time. "And the weather conditions that we're playing in and the conditions we're playing in, there are two extreme conditions.

RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN'S ONE-LINE RESPONSE SILENCES CRITICISM OF SANJU SAMSON



Sanju Samson's scores in the five-match T20I series against New Zealand read: 67, 14, 18, 4, 4. This sequence of scores comes at a time when there is intense speculation on social media about whether Sanju Samson should make way for the young Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. Sooryavanshi played in two T20Is in the series and scored 4 and 45. Samson, however, has the support of the team management and former players like Ravichandran Ashwin. Time and again, Ashwin has said that the 15-year-old Sooryavanshi should be allowed to "enjoy his cricket" for now. Even Gautam Gambhir said that the seniors should justifiably get a "long rope" in the T20I squad. On Sunday, after Samson fell for 4, a social media user tried to rage-bait Ashwin. "Hello Ashwin, your first choice Sanju flopped throughout the entire series @ashwinravi99," he wrote. In reply, Ashwin gave a cheeky response: "Sanju mera first-choice, tumhara full-time obsession (Sanju is my first choice, he's your full-time obsession)." India boast considerable bench strength. Teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has had to wait for his opportunity, with Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma performing consistently at the top of the order. Both played a key role in India defending their T20I World Cup title earlier this year. "First of all, my job is not to make everyone happy. My job is to take the right decisions, not the popular decisions. And that is what I'm there for," Gambhir told the broadcasters ahead of the fifth T20I. He stressed that backing players who have performed consistently was also important to ensure a sense of security within the dressing room. "No, it is very easy to take the popular decision. But for me, I think the important thing is to take the right decision and make sure that there is a lot of security inside the dressing room.

AFGHANISTAN STUN AUSTRALIA TO WIN MAIDEN HONG KONG SIXES TITLE



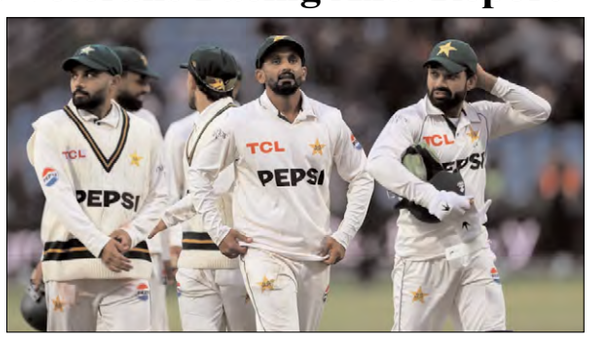
Afghanistan scripted a memorable chapter in their cricketing history by defeating Australia by four wickets in the Hong Kong Sixes final at Mission Road Ground on Sunday to win their maiden title. Led by Gulbadin Naib, the Afghan side produced a superb batting display in the summit clash, chasing down Australia's 116-run target in just 5.1 overs to become only the eighth nation to lift the prestigious trophy. The victory also capped an unbeaten campaign for Afghanistan, who maintained their winning momentum throughout the tournament before overcoming Australia in the final. Australia, after opting to bat first, posted 115/4 in their six overs, with Max Bryant leading the charge through a blistering 44 off 14 deliveries. Alex Ross remained unbeaten on 29 from 10 balls, while Nick Hobson smashed 23 off just eight deliveries to help Australia set a competitive target. Afghanistan, however, made light work of the chase, reaching 119/2 with five balls to spare. Imran Mir set the tone with a sensational 53 off just 14 deliveries, striking seven sixes and two fours to put Afghanistan firmly in control. Farmanullah Safi then ensured there were no late hiccups, remaining unbeaten on 26 off seven balls, including four sixes at a strike rate of 371.43. Captain Naib also made a valuable contribution, scoring 17 off six deliveries, including two sixes. Afghanistan's title-winning campaign began with a three-wicket victory over South Africa in their Group A opener, where they successfully chased down 108. They followed that up with another four-wicket win against Oman, after restricting their opponents to 120 and completing the chase in 5.2 overs. The Afghans carried their form into the knockout stage, registering a convincing semi-final victory over Scotland. After posting 121, they restricted Scotland to 100 to secure their place in the title clash. With the triumph, Afghanistan became the eighth nation to win the tournament, joining Pakistan, England, South Africa, Sri Lanka, India, Australia and the West Indies.

World No.1 Elena Rybakina Pulls Out Of Pan Pacific Open With Injury

World No.1 Elena Rybakina and top seed at the Pan Pacific Open withdrew from her quarterfinal match on Friday, handing a walkover to Canada's Leylah Fernandez. Rybakina said she was unable to play because of an undisclosed injury. The Kazakh revealed that she had been dealing with a minor injury for several days and did not want to risk aggravating it ahead of next month's WTA Finals in Indian Wells, California. Rybakina had already secured the year-end world No. 1 ranking with her second-round victory over fellow Kazakh Yulia Putintseva on Thursday.



Pakistan Set For Major Central Contracts Shake-Up; Two Veterans Facing Axe: Report



Pakistan's all format head coach Mike Hesson has recommended a clutch of young players to be considered for the PCB's central contracts for the 2026-27 season. According to a well-informed board sources, Arafat Minhas, Saad Baig, Hasan Nawaz, Akif Javed, Ali Reza, Ahsan Daniyal, Sufiyan Muqeem, Maaz Sadaqat, Razaullah, Azan Avais, Imran Randhawa, Abdullah Fazal and Ghazi Ghori will all be included in the new central contracts. Besides these young players, the board is still to decide on retaining the experienced players in the contracts. “Expect a few of the experienced seniors to be dropped from the central contracts list this year,” the source said. He said senior players Muhammad Rizwan and Imam ul Haq will not be given central contracts. The official said Hesson has been emphasising on adherence to fitness, ability to execute coaches' plans, the interest to improve skill levels and attitude in the dressing room to build solid squads across Test, ODI and T20I formats. “Hesson is keen that the youngsters who have shown potential and the ability to bring value to the dressing room and team must be rewarded and encouraged with good central contracts,” the source added. Babar Azam, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Sahabzada Farhan, who lead Pakistan in the three formats, along with Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel, Haris Rauf, Naseem Shah, Fakhar Zaman and Saim Ayub are also set to be retained in the contracts. But some of them could be restricted to red or white ball formats. The PCB has delayed announcing the new central contracts as the old contracts expired on July 31.

ASIAN GAMES STAR TAKES FANS BY SURPRISE WITH 'ROADIES' ENTRY



At the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, Harmilan Bains was one of India's star performers. The athlete won two silver medals in the 800m and 1500m events. She was also the national record holder in the 1500m before her mark was eclipsed. Bains has also won a gold medal at the Asian Indoor Championships. Bains has now started a new innings away from the race track. The athlete has joined the popular reality show 'Roadies'. In the reality show, hosted by Rannvijay Singha, participants compete in different "gangs" and take part in several tasks that test their physical agility and mental aptitude before an individual winner emerges. Neha Dhupia, Nikhil Chinapa, and Prince Narula are part of the show as 'gang leaders'. Bains, who impressed everyone with her physical fitness, opted to join Gurbani Judge's team. Harmilan Bains is no stranger to challenges. After not losing a single individual race in 2021, she went through a knee surgery which kept her out for 10 months. Upon her return to action, she went on to win the silver medals in the women's 800m and 1500m categories at the 2022 Asian Games. Once a national record holder in the women's 1500m, Bains revealed the fact that she was in depression after failing to qualify for the Paris Olympics 2024 and also contemplated suicide at a point but used her situation as an example and sent an inspiring message to the young athletes of the nation.

Ex-UFC Star Andrew Sanchez’s Return Ends With Another Shocking 57-Second Knockout Defeat

Former UFC fighter and Ultimate Fighter 23 winner Andrew Sanchez was stopped by Mikhail Ragozin in 57 seconds at Desert Force. The first-round knockout gave Sanchez a third straight defeat. It left the 38-year-old American on the worst losing run of his career. Sanchez had returned to competition after a 14-month absence, taking the co-main event slot at the historic Roman Theatre. He was dropped by a right hand, and the referee stepped in almost immediately. The loss moved Sanchez to 14-10 as a professional. However, Ragozin improved to 26-7, with the victory marking another strong result for the Russian middleweight since his 2022 defeat to Shara Magomedov. Sanchez drops twice as Ragozin scores a first-round KO Mikhail Ragozin needed less than a minute to end the fight. Sanchez was knocked out by a right hand from his opponent, and referee Sam Amidi intervened before Sanchez could regain consciousness. MMA account Caposa on X shared a video that showed Sanchez falling again while trying to regain his feet after the stoppage. The finish was recorded as a knockout by punches at 0:57 of round one. For Ragozin, the result was a significant statement. He entered the bout with 25 professional wins and had fought for the RCC middleweight title in July. Ragozin leaves Jordan with a high-profile win over a former UFC tournament champion. His record now stands at 26-7, and the quick finish should raise his profile on the regional and international middleweight scene. Andrew Sanchez suffers a third straight stoppage loss Andrew Sanchez won TUF 23 in July 2016, as he defeated Khalil Rountree Jr. through a unanimous decision in the light heavyweight final. UFC officially recorded that he had six takedown attempts and kept Rountree down for nearly 12 minutes over three rounds. He went on to compile a 5-5 UFC record, with victories over Markus Perez, Trevor Smith and Marc-Andre Barriault. His last fight inside the Octagon was in October 2021, when Bruno Silva beat him via knockout in the third round of UFC Fight Night 195.



RAM CHARAN–SUKUMAR FILM LAUNCHED GRANDLY IN HYDERABAD



Megastar Chiranjeevi Claps- Mega Power Star Ram Charan, Master Storyteller Sukumar, Mythri Movie Makers, Sukumar Writings, T Series, #RC17 # RC2Sukku Launched Splendidly With Muhurtham Ceremony

The much-awaited collaboration between Mega Power Star Ram Charan and Master Storyteller Sukumar has officially begun in grand style. The prestigious Pan-India project, produced by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings in association with T-Series, was launched today with an auspicious pooja muhurtham ceremony in Hyderabad, attended by several prominent guests.

Megastar Chiranjeevi graced the occasion as the chief guest, sounding the clapboard for the muhurtham shot and handing over the script along with Dil Raju. Bhushan Kumar of T-Series switched on the camera, while the first shot was directed by the directors present at the ceremony.

The launch marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the successful association between Ram Charan and Sukumar. Their previous collaboration, Rangasthalam, remains a landmark in Telugu cinema, earning widespread acclaim for its storytelling, performances, and technical brilliance. Expectations are now soaring as the duo reunites for another ambitious venture.

Ram Charan is undergoing a complete transformation for his role, with Sukumar set to present the actor in a strikingly different avatar. Mounted on a lavish scale by producers Naveen Yerneni, Y Ravi Shankar, Vijaya Prasad Bandreddi, and Bhushan Kumar, the film is being envisioned as a major Pan-India entertainer.

The announcement poster showcases a stunning peacock feather in vibrant shades of blue, green, and gold, with Ram Charan's face beautifully blended into the artwork. The creative brushstrokes give the design a unique appeal, while the plain white background makes the colourful artwork stand out.

The statement "You Can Imagine", unveiled by the makers, aptly captures the immense anticipation surrounding this prestigious collaboration. With the grand reunion of Ram Charan and Sukumar, the project has already generated significant excitement. Further details about the cast and technical team will be announced in due course.

King Sets An All-Time Overseas Record For Indian Cinema?



Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited film King has landed a massive overseas distribution deal, surprising one and all. As per Bollywood reports, Phars Films has acquired the overseas rights to King for a record Rs. 175 crore. (Conditions applied) Not many know, but King was initially set to be distributed overseas by Yash Raj Films. However, Phars Films made an offer that the makers could not refuse. The deal is historic, as no Indian film has secured an overseas deal of even Rs. 100 crore to date. With this deal, Phars Films will handle the Middle East market and sell individual overseas territories to sub-distributors. Markets such as North America and the UK could also see changes in distribution. Having said this, to recover its investment, King needs to collect around $48-50 million overseas. This will not be an easy task, especially with major Hollywood films like Avengers: Doomsday, Dune: Part Three, and Jumanji competing during the Christmas season. Directed by Siddharth Anand, King also stars Abhishek Bachchan and Suhana Khan in key roles and is scheduled for a December 24 release. The record deal once again proves how big a star SRK is. Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan on Tuesday treated his fans with a new poster of his upcoming film "King" and added a punchline saying 'Qaatil nahi... Aashiq hoon'. Shah Rukh took to Instagram, where he dropped the poster. In glimpse showed the superstar with a rose between his lips, holding a gun in his hand and an intense look in his eyes.The poster also had the December 24, 2026 written on it. Sharing the poster on social media, SRK wrote, "Aaj phir yaad aaya... Qaatil nahi Aashiq hoon #KING In cinemas 24.12.26." The upcoming Hindi action-thriller film King, directed by Siddharth Anand. It is reported to be an adaptation of the 1994 French crime film Léon: The Professional. The film also stars SRK's daughter Suhana Khan. The primary antagonist is a dark and violent villain played by Abhishek Bachchan. This will be the first time Shah Rukh will be seen sharing screen space with his daughter Suhana. The film also stars Abhishek Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Anil Kapoor, Rani Mukerji, Jaideep Ahlawat, Jackie Shroff, Raghav Juyal, and Abhay Verma. . The film is produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Marflix Pictures. Other details related to the film are under wraps. Suhana had made her acting debut with Zoya Akhtar's The Archies in 2023, which was released digitally. Shah Rukh was last seen on screen in Dunki, which released in 2023. The comedy-drama film based on the illegal immigration technique donkey flight, co-written, co-produced, edited and directed by Rajkumar Hirani. It stars Taapsee Pannu, Shah Rukh Khan, Boman Irani, Anil Grover and Vikram Kochar alongside Vicky Kaushal in a special appearance. The filming locations included Mumbai, Jabalpur, Kashmir, Budapest, London, Jeddah and Neom. The film emerged as the fifth highest-grossing Hindi film of 2023 and the eighth highest-grossing Indian film of 2023.

PRODUCTION NO. 1 GRANDLY LAUNCHED WITH A TRADITIONAL POOJA CEREMONY UNDER THE BANNER OF SAKALA SAMRUDHI ARTS



Gautham Prasad Yallapu Makes His Directorial Debut; Rajeev Varma and Malaika T. Vasupaul Play the Lead Pair

The upcoming film Production No. 1, being made under the banner of Sakala Samrudhi Arts, was grandly launched today with a traditional pooja ceremony. The film marks the directorial debut of Gautham Prasad Yallapu, who is also handling the story and screenplay. Rajeev Varma and Malaika T. Vasu Paul are playing the lead pair in the film. Lyricist Chandrabose gave the first clap for the lead pair, while producer Kanumuri Prasad Raju switched on the camera. Director Gautham Prasad Yallapu directed the first shot. The film's first shooting schedule is set to commence on the 12th of this month in Hyderabad. Ajay Ghosh, Rajkumar Kasireddy, Kumanan alias Ramana, Gemini Suresh, Ramana Bhargav, Shivaji Raja, and Ayushi will be seen in key roles.

Produced by Kanumuri Prasad Raju, the film features music by Anup Rubens, while R.K. Senapathi is handling the cinematography.

The makers are planning to complete the entire shoot in four schedules.

Surya, Nazriya Nazim's action comedy 'Scene' thrilling trailer released



Hero Suriya is teaming up with Malayalam blockbuster 'Aavesham' fame director Jithu Madhavan for the action-comedy entertainer 'Seen'. Nazriya Nazim is playing the female lead, while Anand Raj, Lal and Raj Priyan are playing key roles. The film is being produced under the banners of Jyothika, Surya Jagaram Studios and 2D Entertainment. Jayashree Damodaran is the co-producer. The title teaser, which has already been released, introduces the quirky and entertaining world of the film with glimpses, while the first two songs have received a good response. The makers have recently released the trailer. Surya's entry in the role of DSP Premraj has been a hit. The way he appeared in the trailer and the way he portrayed his character has increased curiosity. When asked, "What would you do if you resigned from your job when you are at the peak of your career?" Surya's interesting reply was, "I would go into politics." The character of Naslen, who appeared as Easwaran, is more interesting. The adventures of DSP Premraj to catch him and the challenges he faces on this journey are very interesting. Also, the way Nazriya Nazim portrays the character of a maid is also varied. Vineeth Augustine's cinematography is superb. Sushin Shyam's music elevates the action and emotion further. The film is edited by Ajmal Sabu and produced by Ashwini Kale. The trailer has raised expectations for the film with elements of action, comedy, and thrill. The film will have a grand release in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana through the leading distribution company NVR Cinema. The film 'Scene' is set to release in theaters worldwide on November 6, 2026, as a Diwali gift.

Thrigun Introduced As Siva In Jangaa; First Look Poster Unveils His Raw & Rustic Avatar



Presented by Smt. Vanitha Kilari and produced by Ramya Kilari and Jayachandra Naidu Kilari under the RK Film Factory banner, the upcoming film Jangaa is written and directed by Kevyn Gaddam (Srihari). Thrigun plays the lead, while the film boasts an interesting ensemble cast featuring Neha Pathan, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Shravan, Madhunandan, Gagan Vihari, Chandu Gowda, Sameer, Naga Mahesh, Bhupal Raju, Raghu Karumanchi and Racha Ravi.

The makers of Jangaa have unveiled the first look of Thrigun as Siva. He appears in a fresh, raw and rustic look. Wearing a casual checked shirt, with messy hair and a charming smile, Thrigun looks natural and fits well into the character. The close-up poster, with its old metal structure and earthy background, adds to the rustic feel. His cheerful expression and simple appearance make the character interesting and leave us curious about Siva and his story. The first look has added more interest to the film, especially after the earlier posters received a good response. Thrigun is currently making his presence felt in the Bigg Boss house and is also emerging as a strong contender in the winner's race. He has several interesting films in the pipeline as well. The makers are expected to share more updates about Jangaa in the coming days. On the technical front, Krishna Sourabh is composing the music, while Venkat C. Dileep is handling the cinematography.

'JAYANNTH AND THE JINGO PEN' TRAILER UNVEILED, SET FOR NOVEMBER 12 RELEASE

JAYANNTH & THE JINGO PEN' Will Achieve the Same Grand Success in Telugu as 'Taare Zameen Par' Did in Hindi – MLC Sripal Reddy at the Trailer Launch Event*

The trailer of 'Jayannth and the Jingo Pen' was unveiled at Little Flower School. MLC Sripal Reddy expressed confidence that the film would achieve the same phenomenal success as the Hindi blockbuster 'Taare Zameen Par'. Namo Jayam Productions' upcoming film 'Jayannth and the Jingo Pen', produced by Divya Praveen Bolisetty and directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Naveen Deshaboyina, is gearing up for its theatrical release. The film features



Master Jayannth Bolisetty,Uha Reddy of Mana Shankara Vara Prasad fame, Satyam Rajesh, Ashish Gandhi, Manasa Radhakrishnan, Tanikella Bharani, Kasi Viswanath, Manik Reddy, Ashok Kumar, Srikanth Reddy and others in prominent roles. The film is scheduled to release in theatres on November 12, as a special attraction for Children's Day. Designed to make children think while delivering a meaningful message, the film explores children's emotions, the challenges they face and the importance of understanding them. The makers believe the film will offer a memorable cinematic experience for children, parents and teachers.

Director Pa. Ranjith's Massive Pan-India Action Film Vettuvam Set for 2027 Sankranthi Release



Director Pa. Ranjith, known for captivating audiences with his distinctive storytelling and exceptional filmmaking, is gearing up to present another ambitious action film titled Vettuvam. The film features Arya, V.R. Dinesh, Shobitha Dhulipala, Kalaiyarasan and Mime Gopi in pivotal roles. Produced by S. Sai Devanand, S. Sai Venkateswaran and Pa. Ranjith under the banners of Learn and Teach Production and Neelam Productions, Vettuvam is being mounted as a massive pan-India action entertainer. The makers have officially announced the film's release date, confirming that Vettuvam will arrive in theatres worldwide during the Sankranthi festive season in 2027. With this announcement, another intriguing project has joined the Sankranthi 2027 box-office race.

Recently, the makers released a video titled 'World of Vettuvam', which offered insights into the film's backdrop, the nature of its characters and the scale of its production.

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