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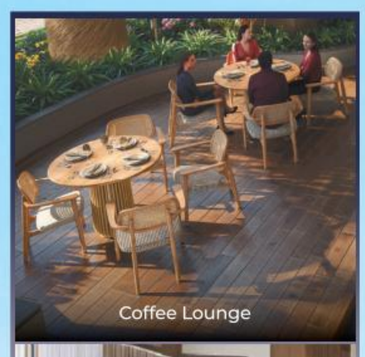
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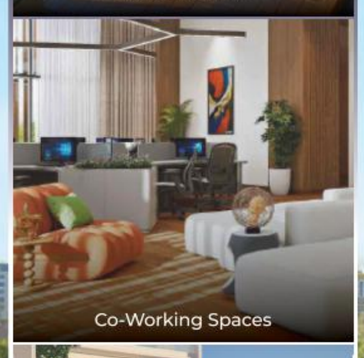
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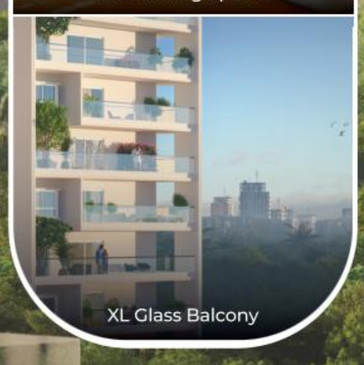
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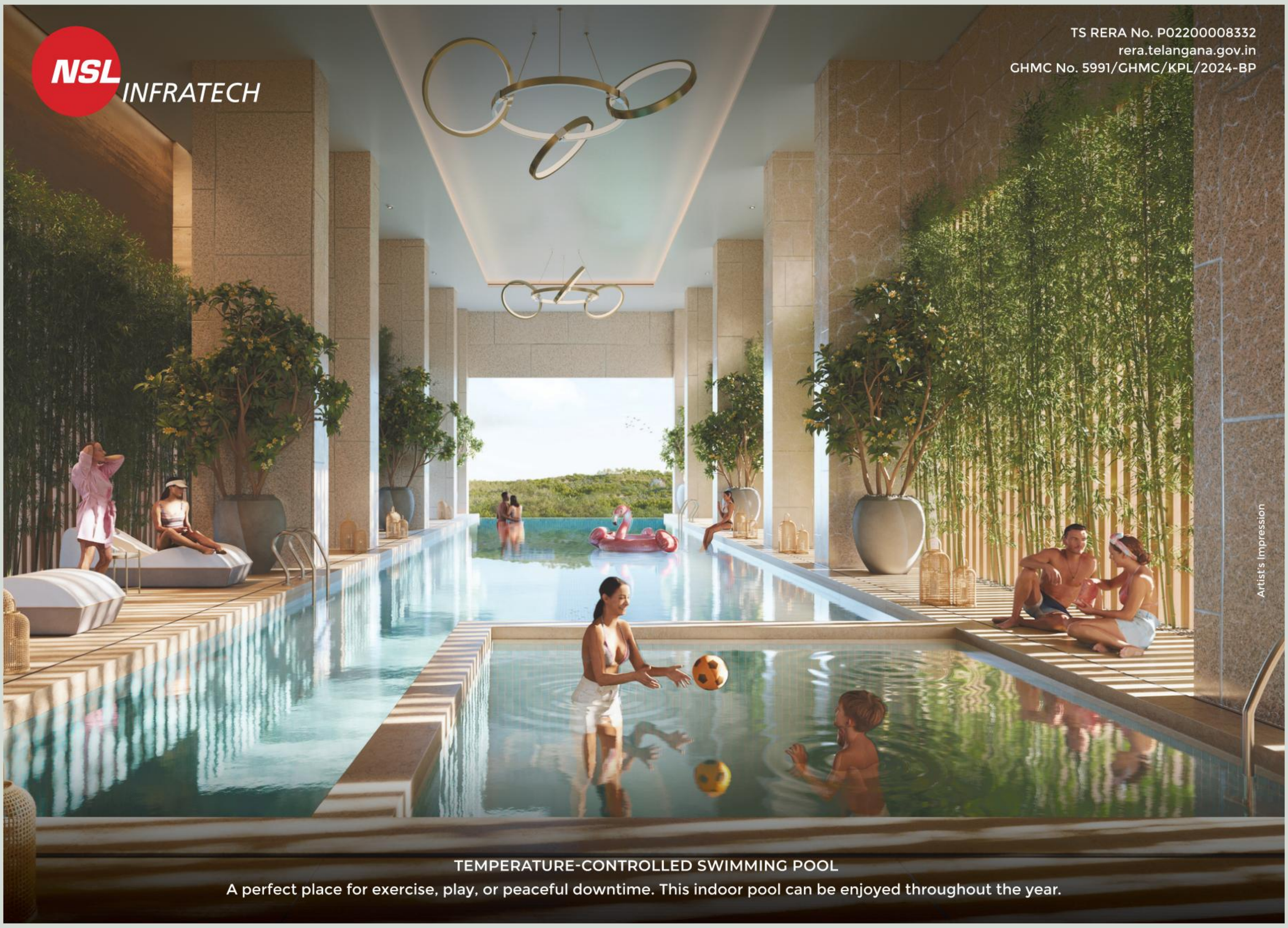
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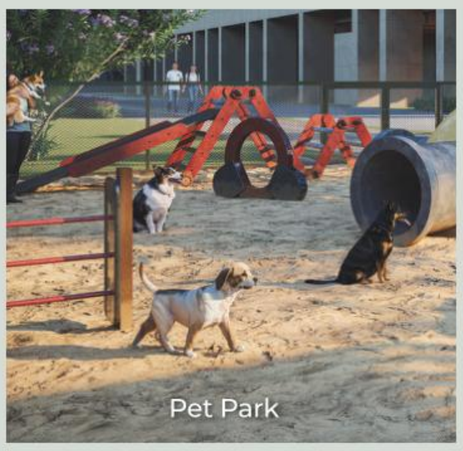
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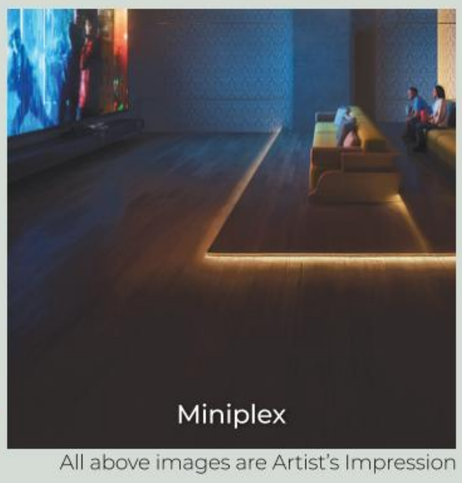
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AI IMPACT SUMMIT

85 countries sign Delhi Declaration

The U.S., China are among signatories of document that says benefits of AI must be equitably shared across humanity

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NEARBY



Congress is soul of the nation, says Revanth

HYDERABAD
CM A. Revanth Reddy said that Congress and the nation cannot be separated, asserting that Congress is 'the soul of the country', and it was the responsibility of party workers to ensure that the party's flag flies high. » Page 8

HYDRAA secures land earmarked for parks

HYDERABAD
Hyderabad Disaster Response & Asset Protection Agency, on Saturday, secured nearly seven acres of land earmarked for parks and other public utilities at Kondapur. » Page 4

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India 'studying' U.S. tariff moves: Commerce Ministry

After U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's reciprocal tariffs, trade analysts call for India to re-examine interim deal; 150-day 15% baseline tariff on all imports to U.S. to kick in immediately

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

While the U.S. Supreme Court has struck down the reciprocal tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump on various countries, including India, several other tariffs remain that continue to hurt various sectors, trade analysts and export data show.

In a February 20 ruling, the court held that Mr. Trump's use of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to impose tariffs on other countries exceeded his authority as President, and so struck down the duties. However, Mr. Trump soon announced that the U.S. would impose a temporary 150-day 10% baseline tariff on all imports from February 24 under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974. This Section of the Act empowers the President to "address certain fundamental international payment problems through surcharges and other special import restrictions", according to a White House factsheet.

In a Truth Social post on Saturday, Mr. Trump said he would be hiking the 10% tariff to the "fully allowed, and legally tested, 15% level", effective immediately.

In a statement on Saturday, the Commerce and Industry Ministry said it had "noted" the U.S. Supreme Court's judgment, but did not clarify what would happen to India's interim agreement with Washington. "We have noted the U.S. Supreme Court judgement on tariffs yesterday," it said. "We are studying all these developments for their implications."

Trade analysts said the ruling would prompt countries that have trade deals with the U.S. to re-examine them, and called for India to do the same regarding its interim trade pact that is yet to be signed.

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Cost of trade

While the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's reciprocal tariffs under the IEEPA, import duties remain under other laws

- New **15% tariff** on all goods imports to the U.S. for 150 days under Section 122 of the **Trade Act of 1974**
- A **50% tariff** on imports of steel and aluminium under Section 232 of the **U.S. Trade Expansion Act of 1962**



Aluminium and steel form the fourth-largest group of exports for India to the U.S., making up nearly 66% of total exports in December 2025

Put U.S. deal on hold, renegotiate it, says Congress

NEW DELHI
Following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, the Congress on Saturday asked the Narendra Modi government to put the India-U.S. interim trade agreement on hold and renegotiate terms. » PAGE 11

Finally left out

Combined number of voters in nine States and U.T.s fell from **21,45,62,215** to **19,75,33,701** after the SIR, with net deletions of **1,70,28,514** or **7.93%**

Share of deleted voters:

- Andaman and Nicobar: **16.87%**
- Gujarat: **13.40%**
- Chhattisgarh: **11.77%**
- Goa: **10.76%**
- Puducherry: **7.5%**
- Madhya Pradesh: **5.96%**
- Rajasthan: **5.74%**
- Kerala: **3.22%**
- Lakshadweep: **0.36%**



8% of voters removed from poll rolls after SIR in 9 States, U.T.s

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Nearly 8% of voters have been removed across nine States and Union Territories in the final electoral rolls published after the second phase of the special intensive revision exercise.

While the final lists of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar, Chhattisgarh, and Goa were published on Saturday, that of Gujarat had been released on February 17 and Puducherry and Lakshadweep on February 14.

The combined number of voters in the States and U.T.s stood at 21,45,62,215 as on October 27 when the second phase of SIR was announced. After the revision, the voter strength came down to 19,75,33,701 with net deletions of 1,70,28,514 or 7.93%.

Final lists of Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu are yet to be published.

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Congress and BJP cadre clash in Kamareddy

The Hindu Bureau
KAMAREDDY

High tension broke out in Kamareddy district of Telangana following a scuffle between the Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) cadre on Saturday.

An alleged attempt by a group of Congress functionaries to lay siege to the camp office of Kamareddy MLA K. Venkataramana Reddy of the BJP led to a ruckus, sources said.

The police reportedly kept Mr. Reddy under house arrest on Saturday morning and prevented him from taking part in a debate at Shishu mandir over Arora land issue.

This was after Mr. Reddy and Adviser to Telangana government Mohammed Ali Shabbir made allegations and counter-allegations over the land encroachment issue.

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INBRIEF



Inter public examination hall tickets released

The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (BIE) on Saturday released hall tickets for the scheduled Intermediate Public Examinations 2026. The hall tickets were sent to all college logins, registered mobile numbers of the students, and are also kept on the official website https://tgbieht.cgg.gov.in for downloading. The BIE advised students to verify the details mentioned on the hall ticket, such as the candidate's name, subjects, examination centre, and photograph. In case of discrepancies, they should be immediately reported to their respective college principals or the Board for necessary corrections. Carrying a printed copy of the hall ticket to the examination centre is compulsory.

Medicover to deploy emergency air ambulance

Medicover Hospitals, Hyderabad, has entered into a strategic collaboration with Evergreen Healthcare to strengthen emergency air ambulance services and coordinate patient transfers across India and select international corridors. The partnership is aimed at establishing defined referral pathways for air ambulance operations, inter-city critical-care transfers, and international patient movement for complex cases requiring advanced tertiary and quaternary care. Meanwhile, Dr. Nayan Sriramula, Head of Emergency Medicine at Medicover Hospitals, said emergency care begins well before a patient reaches the hospital.

Civil engineering innovation challenge held

The grand finale of Creators of Tomorrow – Buildathon 2026, a civil engineering innovation challenge organised by Radha TMT, was held at Shilpakala Vedika. CVR College of Engineering won the competition for their proposal on sustainable building solutions and earned a ₹2.5 lakh cash prize. Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Basara, secured first runner-up and ₹1 lakh, and JNTUH was second runner-up with ₹50,000. Consolation prizes of ₹25,000 were awarded to teams from SNIST, Osmania University, GRIET and VNR VJIET.

State plans pay incentive for doctors working in tribal areas

The plan is aimed at motivating doctors who are in government service to take up postings in peripheral and less-preferred areas, where faculty shortages and reluctance to serve have been persistent challenges, says DME Dr. A. Narendra Kumar

Siddharth Kumar Singh
HYDERABAD



A doctor examining a patient. REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE

The Health Department is planning to introduce additional financial incentives to encourage doctors to serve in tribal and remote districts in an effort to address long-standing gaps in healthcare delivery in these regions, said the Director of Medical Education (DME).

Speaking to *The Hindu*, DME Dr. A. Narendra Kumar said nine districts with significant tribal populations have been identified for the proposed incentive scheme. "The plan is aimed at motivating doctors who are already in government service to take up postings in peripheral and less-preferred areas, where faculty shortages and reluctance to serve have been persistent challenges," he said.

The districts identified are Adilabad, Kumaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Mulugu, Warangal, Mahabubabad, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam and Nagarkurnool.

Under the proposal, doctors posted in these districts would be eligible for an additional allowance ranging between 30% and 50% of their basic pay. "The exact quantum would depend on the nature of the posting and location. The incentive is intended to compensate for the professional and personal challenges associated with working in tribal areas. The proposal file has already been circulated within the government," Dr Kumar added. The incentive scheme is part of a broader strategy to strengthen medical services in under-served regions, alongside other measures such as targeted faculty recruitment and selective policy interventions based on staffing shortages.

The DME added that reluctance among doctors to accept postings in districts has been a recurring issue, necessitating financial and policy-based encouragement. "Once implemented, the allowance is expected to apply specifically to doctors serving in identified tribal districts, rather than being extended universally across the State," he added.

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RISE	06:38	SET 18:21
RISE	11:20	SET 00:00

Hyderabad Weather	max	min
Sangareddy	31	20
Warangal	31	20
Hyderabad City	31	20

Hyderabad City Today
33ºC Morning will be slight cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be pleasant. Dry weather to prevail.

Hyderabad City Tomorrow
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President refers Cantonment merger issue to Defence Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh leads a protest demanding the merger of the Cantonment area with the GHMC, at Karkhana, in Secunderabad. FILE PHOTO

The long-pending demand to excise civilian areas from the Secunderabad Cantonment and merge them with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has received fresh momentum after President Droupadi Murmu formally took cognisance of the matter and referred it to the Ministry of Defence for action.

The information was communicated in a letter by the President's Secretariat to Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh Narayanan. "Kindly refer to your letter dated February 1 addressed to the President of India. The said letter has been forwarded to the Defence Secretary to the Government of India for appropriate attention," the letter said.

In his representation, the MLA flagged delays in implementing a Central government policy approved more than four years ago to restructure cantonment administration. He also drew attention to the financial strain on civic services in the cantonment, alleging that unpaid service charges amounting to ₹1,200 crore are owed by the Central government to the Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

The issue has gained prominence following an eight-day hunger strike led by the MLA from January 20 to January 27 against the continuation of a nominated setup in the cantonment board.

The protest saw participation from residents who have been demanding the restoration of elected local governance and the integration of civilian areas with the city's urban administration under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation.

Need for early cancer detection, advanced care stressed at meet



Dignitaries at the inaugural of Deccan Hematolink 3.0, the largest international conference on AI-driven advancements in blood cancer diagnosis and treatment, which was inaugurated by G.S. Rao, MD of Yashoda Group Hospitals, in Hyderabad.

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The growing prevalence of blood cancers such as leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, particularly in urban centres including Hyderabad, has underlined the urgent need for early detection, advanced treatment options and wider access to care, G.S. Rao, Managing Director of Yashoda Hospitals, said on Friday. Speaking at Deccan Hematolink 3.0, a two-day international conference focused on the use of artificial intelligence in the diagnosis and treatment of blood cancers, Mr. Rao referred to data from the National Cancer Registry Programme that points to a steady rise in blood cancer cases across the country.

The conference, held in Hyderabad on Saturday, brought together more than 700 haematologists and oncologists from India and overseas to discuss emerging technologies and evolving clinical practices in the management of blood disorders and cancers.

Financial strain

Mr. Rao said the challenge posed by blood cancers extended well beyond clinical treatment alone. Patients and families, he noted, often face psychological stress, financial strain and the need for long-term support, making community awareness and robust support systems just as critical as medical intervention.

"Until a few years ago, treatment options for many patients with blood cancers were limited, often resulting in poor outcomes. However, rapid advances in medical science are now transforming patient care," he added.

Divine sight



Priests performing Garuda Vahanam Seva of Lord Venkateshwara at the TTD-owned Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad on the occasion of sixth annual Brahmotsavam on Saturday. NAGARA GOPAL

Academic learning and industry skills go hand in hand: TGCHE chief

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) Chairman V. Balakista Reddy stressed that the country's youth must combine academic learning with industry-relevant skills, digital literacy and problem-solving to bridge the education-employment gap.

Speaking at the IndiaSkills Competition 2025-26 - South Regional Competition here, he described IndiaSkills as a movement transforming potential into performance and praised Sector Skill Councils and industry partners for mentoring participants.

Affirming Telangana's commitment to skill empowerment, Mr. Reddy said the government has modernised ITIs, Industry 4.0 programmes, curriculum reforms and inclusive workforce initiatives.

IndiaSkills Competition 2025-26, part of India's largest national skills competition framework, is organised by the National Skill Development Corporation under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Constitutional morality should prevail over cultural morality: SC Judge Ujjal Bhuyan

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Some instances, like the one in which parents objected to mid-day meal prepared by a dalit woman, show how distant the systems were from constitutional morality, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court said on Saturday.

The Supreme Court Judge was delivering the keynote address on 'Constitutional Morality and Role of the District Judiciary' in an academic session convened at Telangana State Judicial Academy. A hue and cry was raised over the parents vowing that their wards would not eat food prepared for mid-day meal programme by a dalit woman, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan said.

Recalling another incident of a landlady in Delhi declining to provide accommodation to a person after ascertaining the latter's religion, he said such instances mirrored the situations faced by individuals.

This was tip of an iceberg, the judge said suggesting many more would be witnessing such humiliating circumstances in day to day life.

The district courts being the base of judiciary pyramid in the country, should be strong and independent so that the courts at the apex level have stability, he noted. "While police department had command structure, that was not the case with the judiciary," Justice Ujjal Bhuyan noted. Asserting importance of the district judiciary, he reminded that from the first woman judge of the Supreme Court, Fathima Beevi - to former Chief Justice of the SC, Justice Aziz Mushabber Ahmadi - to former SC judge Justice Han Raj Khanna, several eminent judges started their career from district courts.



Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and High Court Judge Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya being honoured by members of Telangana Judges Association and Telangana State Judicial Academy, in Secunderabad, on Saturday.

Noting that Telangana had taken lead in ensuring higher representation for women in judicial officer posts, he appreciated that 283 out of the 478 judicial officers were women in the State. While the percentage of women in Grade-I officers was close to 50%, it was nearly 70% in junior civil judge posts. The percentage of minorities in judicial officer posts was 5.23.

Justice Ujjal Bhuyan expressed concern over the low legal literacy among public in general and the educated in specific. Even educated persons were equating granting of bail with acquittal from cases, he said. He said that constitutional morality should prevail over cultural mortality.

The Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh said judiciary excellence should begin at the district courts, noting that the culture of adjournments would end up only in expanding the litigation.

The session was convened by Telangana Judges Association in association with the Telangana State Judicial Academy.

Association secretary K. Murali Mohan coordinated the programme.

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Two held, gold and cash recovered

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Begumpet police arrested two habitual offenders Bisayi Pradeep (25), a private employee and Edla Praveen Kumar (32), a labourer, in connection with a house break-in and theft case, recovering stolen gold ornaments weighing 235 grams, mobile phones and cash collectively valued at about ₹40 lakh.

Police said both have previous involvement in property offence cases registered at Begumpet and Film Nagar police stations respectively.

SPACE MARKETING INITIATIVE

What is HPV ? And why we need to protect ourselves and our children from it's complications ?



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According to the 2022 Global Cancer Observatory (WHO), cervical cancer is the eighth most diagnosed cancer globally and the ninth leading cause of cancer-related deaths. In India specifically, HPV-related cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women aged 15–44 years, after breast cancer.

So what is HPV virus?

Human papillomavirus, commonly referred to as HPV, is a common sexually transmitted virus that mainly affects the reproductive tract. More than 200 different types of HPV have been identified. Low-risk HPV types are the cause for anogenital warts, while high-risk types are responsible for a majority of cervical cancer cases, along with other cancers like that of vagina, vulva, anus. Studies show that nearly 80% of sexually active unvaccinated adults will get HPV at some point in their lives.

How do people get HPV related cancers & diseases?

HPV is a commonly transmitted infection that spreads through intimate contact. A person with HPV can transmit the infection to someone else even if they have no visible signs or symptoms. **While most HPV infections clear out on its own**, they can lead to cancer if they persist over time.

How can we protect ourselves and our children from HPV?

Certain HPV related cancers & diseases can be prevented with the help of vaccination, along with other preventive measures such as routine screening. The HPV vaccine helps prevent infections caused by certain strains of the HPV that are linked to cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers in women, as well as anal cancer and genital warts in both men and women. Research has shown that the HPV vaccination may be effective in reducing infections and the incidence of certain HPV-related precancers in young individuals since it has been made available. Studies show that HPV vaccination alone led to decline in cervical cancer cases in a group of adolescent girls, as compared to no vaccination and no screening.

What is the ideal age to get vaccinated?

Health bodies such as WHO, FOGSI, and the Indian Academy of Pediatrics recommend starting HPV vaccination at 9 years of age for both boys and girls. Research shows stronger immune response of vaccine when given at a younger age which is between 9 and 15 years as they can develop nearly twice the level of protective antibodies compared to those vaccinated later. The vaccine works more effectively when given before any exposure to the virus, which is why preteen vaccination is recommended.

For those who miss the recommended age window, consult your doctor to check your eligibility. Adolescents and adult women, including mothers of teens, are encouraged to consult their Pediatrician or Gynaecologists about HPV vaccination. While vaccination does not treat pre-existing infections, it still helps protect against certain high-risk HPV types and should be complemented with routine cervical screening.

HPV infection is common, but HPV-related cancers are largely preventable. Early vaccination, starting 9 years of age, combined with regular screening and awareness, can help reduce the burden of cervical cancer in India.

Whether you're a parent, an adolescent, or an adult woman, informed action can support better decision-making. Speak to your doctor about HPV vaccination.

For most people HPV clears on its own. But for those who don't clear the virus, it can cause certain cancers and diseases.

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BTech (Computer Science and Engineering) *
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BBA (Marketing and Tourism) *
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BSc (Economics with Data Science) *
BSc (Psychology) *

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Specialization: Finance with International Business / Marketing with International Business
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INBRIEF



Three arrested in Ameenpur with 2.7 kg of opium

Three individuals, including an inter-state drug peddler, were arrested by the Ameenpur police along with the Serilingampally Special Operations Team (SOT) for possession and purchase of opium. Officials seized 2.7 kilograms of opium and ₹50,000 cash. The accused were identified as 50-year-old Vishnoi Heta Ram, a native of Pali district in Rajasthan; 56-year-old Bagdaran, from Kadthal in Rajasthan; and 21-year-old Godara Subhash, currently residing near ODF Park Colony, Ameenpur, and a native of Barmer district, Rajasthan. The arrest was made on Friday following a tip off. Further investigation into the case is underway.

Man falls under moving train at Secunderabad station, dies

A 44-year-old man died after accidentally falling under a moving train at Secunderabad Railway Station shortly after midnight on Saturday. The deceased, identified as Nukathoti Nagaraju, was working as a reporter with National News and a resident of Urban Colony in Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. He had come to Secunderabad intending to travel to Ongole and reportedly mistook the 12721 Express for the Simhapuri Express. The incident came to light after the railway police received information from the Deputy Station Superintendent that a man had slipped while attempting to board the train on platform 10. He died on the spot.

Man held with 4 kg ganja during vehicle checks

A 42-year-old man was arrested with 4 kilograms of dry ganja during a vehicle checking conducted by Mailardevpally police on Saturday, February 21, 2026. The accused was identified as Jay Krishna Mahajan alias Guru, a labourer, residing in Yakutpura and a native of Kolkata in West Bengal. According to the police, at around 10 a.m., officers were conducting vehicle inspections at the Durga Nagar junction when they intercepted the accused on a motorcycle. Following checks, officers seized four kilograms of dry ganja, two mobile phones, ₹85,500 in cash and the motorcycle used for transportation.

HYDRAA secures seven acres earmarked for public utilities

Acting on complaints received from residents on Prajavani , officials clear encroachments, including portions used for apartments and shops, following inspection of the area

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Disaster Response & Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), on Saturday, secured nearly seven acres of land earmarked for parks and other public utilities at Kondapur.

The land falls under survey numbers 78 to 93 in Rajarajeshwari Nagar Colony of Kondapur and part of a layout consisting of 2,059 plots approved by the village panchayat in 1993. As per the layout plan, five acres were allocated for a government junior college, about one acre for a school, and over an acre for parks, along with land reserved for community facilities.



A sign board put up by HYDRAA after reclaiming the encroached land in Kondapur on Saturday.

However, portions of these lands were allegedly encroached upon. Around 1,000 square yards of the nearly one acre land earmarked for school had been used for constructing an apartment complex. Land allocated for the community hall (2,181 square yards) was also reportedly occupied by private shops and temporary structures.

Residents' welfare representatives of Rajarajeshwari Nagar filed a complaint through HYDRAA's Prajavani platform, alleging that influential individuals were behind the encroachments. They said several showrooms, and grocery stores came up on the encroached land, and even parts of internal roads had been occupied by them.

Acting on the complaint and following the directions of Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, HYDRAA officials conducted a field inspection along with departments concerned. The team confirmed that the land was indeed reserved for parks and public utilities as per the approved layout.

Authorities subsequently cleared encroachments and installed fencing to protect the land. HYDRAA also placed signboards identifying the sites as public utility spaces intended for residents, the statement said.

CEO tells officials to expedite voter mapping survey

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Telangana, Sudarshan Reddy, on Saturday directed Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to intensify and expedite the ongoing voter mapping survey also known as Progeny Mapping, being undertaken in city as part of the preparatory exercise for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.

Accompanied by the Hyderabad District Election Officer and Greater hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Mr. Sudarshan Reddy conducted a surprise field inspection of the mapping exercise in Secunderabad assembly constituency. He visited a polling station at Manikeshwar Nagar and another in the Charminar Assembly constituency, a statement from GHMC informed.

During the visit, Mr. Reddy interacted with booth level officers (BLOs) and supervisors to assess their understanding of the mapping process, and sought details on the methodology being followed.

Booth level officers informed that they were conducting door-to-door verification, and comparing entries in the 2002 electoral rolls with 2025 draft roll.

As part of the progeny mapping exercise, details of family members of voters whose names appeared in 2002 list are being collected and cross verified with the current electoral roll to ensure accuracy and inclusion, the BLOs said.

ACB books Agriculture Dept. official in DA case

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Anti-Corruption Bureau registered a disproportionate assets case against Sundari Kiran Kumar, Assistant Director of Agriculture, Kalwakurthy Division, Nagarkurnool district, on Saturday (February 21, 2026), for acquiring assets beyond his known sources of income through corrupt practices.

Simultaneous searches were conducted at his residence and seven other locations linked to his family members and associates on Saturday. The officials identified agricultural lands measuring 97.03 acres, three open plots, five vehicles, insurance policies worth ₹5.5 lakh, investments amounting to ₹50 lakh in the names of the officer and his family members, two flats and one house.

The documented value of the movable and immovable properties identified so far is approximately ₹4 crore. However, officials stated that the market value is likely to be ten times more. Further verification is underway to ascertain whether additional assets exist and to determine the extent of disproportionate wealth, if any. Further investigation is underway.

Report instances of demand for bribes by callig toll-free number 1064.

Dis'car'ded as waste



Eye sore: Twisted metal and dismantled parts of four-wheelers which were once the pride of owners and sped on roads lie in a heap by the roadside near IIIT at Gachibowli, creating safety hazard for pedestrians and commuters. RAMAKRISHNA G

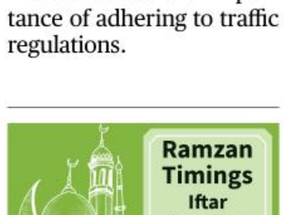
Over 9,000 motorists booked for free-left violations

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HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Traffic Police have intensified a special enforcement drive against motorists obstructing free-left turns at city junctions, registering 9,142 cases between February 9 and February 20.

An officer from the department said that obstruction of free-left lanes has emerged as a frequent violation, disrupting traffic flow, causing congestion and increasing the risk of accidents at key intersections.

An advisory from the department stated that motorists found blocking free-left passages were penalised under relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act. Alongside enforcement, the traffic police said sustained awareness and education campaigns are being conducted to sensitise commuters about the importance of adhering to traffic regulations.



DCA flags 166 medical shops across State for illegal sale of habit-forming drugs

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) conducted a Statewide enforcement drive on Saturday to curb the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, during which discrepancies were detected in 166 medical shops. Show-cause notices have been issued to all the erring outlets, with the department indicating that action including suspension or cancellation of licences will follow as per law.

The raids were carried out across retail medical shops in the State with a focus on identifying the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming medicines, particularly those classified under Schedule H1 and Schedule X of the Drugs Rules. The drive specifically targeted drugs such as codeine-containing cough syrups and tablets including Nitrazepam, Alprazolam, Tramadol, Zolpidem, Tapentadol and other commonly misused prescription medicines, as per a release. They further added that the inspections revealed multiple violations, including the sale of prescription drugs without valid prescriptions from registered medical practitioners, failure to issue bills, non-maintenance of sales and purchase records, absence of mandatory Schedule H1 registers and dispensing medicines without the presence of a registered pharmacist.



DCA officials during a raid at a medical shop on Saturday.

Cyberabad's She Teams arrest 54 persons for indecent behaviour

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A total of 54 persons were held for indecent behaviour in public places during 192 decoy operations by the Cyberabad She Teams during a week-long operation from February 14 and February 20. Cases were registered against 43 individuals, while the remaining were counselled. In addition, 13 complaints received from women through various platforms were addressed and resolved during the week.

Cracking down on anti-social activities, the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit conducted special night raids, detaining 14 sex workers and three transgender persons. In addition, seven accused were arrested in three cases under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, and four victims were rescued. A case was also registered against a spa centre found to be operating without proper permission and in violation of norms.

Family Counselling and CDEW centres continued their intervention in domestic disputes, resulting in 28 families reconciling and resolving differences between spouses. In coordination with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council, a 'Women's Day Safety Boot Camp' was organised for employees of CVM Solutions Private Limited in the JNTU-KPHB area. Around 50 women employees were trained in self-defence techniques, workplace safety and ways to handle harassment. Police also held extensive awareness programmes across Cyberabad, educating 3,852 people on issues such as human trafficking, child marriage, cyber harassment, eve teasing, stalking and cyber fraud.

Malkajgiri police arrest seven in cyber fraud cases

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The cyber crime wing of the Malkajgiri police detected four cases between February 15 and February 21, 2026, leading to the arrest of seven offenders in connection with matrimonial and investment frauds that had pan-India links. The police also facilitated refund of ₹31,72,966 to victims through orders of the competent court.

In the first case, three persons identified as Thorti Shashi Kumar, Thorthi Vamshi and Gampala Sravan were arrested in connection with a matrimonial fraud in which fake Facebook and matrimonial profiles were created in the names of women to cheat victims. The prime accused lured a man through a social media profile under the name 'Sonia', sought money on the pretext of illness and later introduced another fictitious woman as a prospective bride. The victim was threatened with a fabricated death case and induced to transfer ₹32,36,385 through multiple transactions. The accused were traced to Ramakrishnapuram in Mancherial district, where they were found to have facilitated the transfer of funds through bank accounts.

In the second case, Mir Atiq Hussain Khan was arrested for supplying bank accounts to fraudsters in an investment scam. A victim was promised two to three times higher returns on investments by a woman identifying herself as 'Rachana'. Between August and October 2025, he invested ₹49,50,000 based on fabricated profit statements. When he attempted to withdraw the money, he was asked to pay additional charges and subsequently lost contact with the fraudsters.

In the third case, two identified as Kedari Krishna Kannaiah and Anakapally Srikanth, were arrested for supporting an online investment fraud by arranging bank accounts to route cheated funds. A woman was lured through a work-from-home offer circulated on Telegram by a person posing as an employee of 'Amazon Finance'. She was persuaded to invest in online trading packages and under various pretexts such as transaction errors and taxes, transferred ₹37,52,867 in 23 transactions. She received only ₹10,127 in return, resulting in a net loss of ₹37,42,470.

In the fourth case, Maddugari Chandrakanth was arrested in connection with a matrimonial fraud in which a fake profile was created on a matrimonial website. He contacted the victim in 2024, gained her trust by promising marriage and posing as a businessman, sending fabricated documents and using a VPN service to conceal his identity. Between December 2025 and February 2026, the victim transferred ₹37,75,000 to his and his wife's bank accounts.

Police have cautioned the public against trusting unknown callers, social media advertisements and online job offers.

Thunderstorm alert in 18 districts tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a thunderstorm alert for 18 Telangana districts on Monday.

According to the latest India Meteorological Department bulletin, thunderstorm accompanied with lightning is very likely to occur at isolated places in Adilabad, Kumram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy districts.

Partly cloudy sky

Hyderabad and its surrounding areas for the next 24 hours will see partly cloudy sky.

Hazy conditions are very likely to prevail during morning hours. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 33C and 20C respectively.

Ban on hoardings, but relaxed for a select few

Though govt. imposed a blanket ban on large advertisement hoardings in the city after property damages were reported due to stormy weather, the prohibition was never implemented properly

Swathi Vadlamudi
HYDERABAD

A blanket ban, imposed in the city almost six years ago, on advertisement hoardings more than 15 feet in height, has been relaxed multiple times with interventions from the State government.

The ban was imposed in 2020, by way of a Government Order, after significant property damages were reported due to collapse of hoardings after stormy weather. Keeping public safety in mind, the government had placed a ban on large hoardings.



Selective approach? Since the time a Government Order banning large hoardings was issued in 2020, the rule has been relaxed multiple times.

Never in full spirit

However, the prohibition was never implemented in full spirit, as could be seen from the large ads being displayed on Metro Rail stations from a height more than 15 feet.

In addition, the government has issued orders on multiple occasions subsequently, exempting advertisements at certain locations in the city in isolated instances.

And, no compelling reasons were given in each instance though they all flew in the face of the aspect of public safety as mentioned in the orders banning the hoardings.

In the first instance, the government issued orders on March 15, 2024, relaxing rules and according permission for display of LED digital static advertisement boards on foot-overbridges (FOBs) at LV Prasad Eye Institute and also Muffakham Jah College at Banjara Hills, for a fee. While initially the permission was given for six months by the government, extensions have been given since then, for the same ad agency.

The second instance the ban was relaxed was around the same time in case of the multi-level parking at KBR National Park. The smart and mechanised parking facility for two and four wheelers was given out to the agency on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer basis, for a concession period of 10 years, extendable by five more years.

Inclement weather

On both occasions, the ban was lifted at locations where inclement weather had earlier caused higher damage by way of tree and hoarding collapses, undermining the principle of public safety.

"The ban has all along existed only for small players in the advertising field, who would eke out a living by displaying rooftop advertisements. The government has relaxed the rules multiple times for ad agencies with big money. We were pushed out of the city by the ban, and now, with GHMC expansion, we are being eliminated from the scene. There should be a comprehensive, equitable advertisement policy by the government," demanded K. Ramesh of the Telangana Outdoor Media Owners' Association.

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CORRIGENDUM-2

e-Procurement Tender Reference No:- BCD/EE, Special Works Div, BCD, Ranchi-41/2025-26 Date:-06.02.2026, PR No-372536 Building(25-26).D, एव **PR No-373003 (Building) 25-26 (D)** Proposed Construction of Jharkhand Bhawan at Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Maharastra कार्य से संबंधित है, के तिथियों में अपरिहार्य कारणवश पुनः संशोधन किया जा रहा है जिसका विवरणी निम्नवत है:–

क्र0 सं0	मद	पूर्व की तिथि	संशोधित तिथि	पुनः संशोधित तिथि
1	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	13.02.2026	17.02.2026	20.02.2026
2	प्री बीड मिटिंग की तिथि/समय	24.02.2026 at 1.00 P.M	26.02.2026 at 1.00 P.M	09.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M
3	बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय	16.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M	18.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M	23.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि/समय	17.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M	19.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M	24.03.2026 at 1.00 P.M

शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

Nodal Officer, e-Procurement Cell,
Office of the Executive Engineer, Special Works Division
Building Construction Department, Ranchi

PR 373454 Building (25-26)_D

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
4th Floor Swarnajayanthi Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad

Public Notification U/s. 15 (4) of HMDA Act. 2008

(G.O.Ms.No. 58 MA & UD Dept., dated: 13.02.2026)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2008 (Act No.8 of 2008), the Government hereby makes the following variation to the land use envisaged in the notified Revised Development plan (Master plan) of erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad area (HMDA core area), GHMC circle -X (old circle no. V), approved by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.363 MA &UD dt:21.08.2010

The site in House Property bearing Municipal No. 8-2-293/82/A/17A, on plot no. 17-A, in Sy. No's. 403/1 (Old), 120 (New) of shaikpet village and Sy.No. 102/1 of Hakimpet Village, situated within the approved layout of the Jubilee hills Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., on Road No. 2, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, to an extent of 1031.32 sq.yds / 862.82 sq.mts, which is presently earmarked for Residential use in the notified Revised Development plan (Master plan) of erstwhile Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad area (HMDA core area), GHMC circle -X (old circle no. V), approved by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.363 MA &UD dt:21.08.2010, is now designated as Commercial use zone.

The details of the above are available in websites **http://gazette.telangana.gov.in//** and **http://hmda.gov.in//**

Sd/-Chief Planning Officer (RR)
HMDA

DIPR R.O. No.1201-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 Date: 21-02-2026

NATIONAL SILK EXPO
DIRECT WEAVERS EXHIBITION & SALE
Ugadi & Wedding Special
21 to 25 February
Sri Sathya Sai Nigamagamam
Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad
150+ certified weavers & best designers from all over India
Authentic & pure silk & cotton saree only at weavers price from all over India
All latest variety & new design
Silk & Cotton Saree | Designer Wear | Ethnic Wear
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CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
O/o the Superintending Engineer, QBZ, Zonal Office, Quthbullapur, Hyderabad. (Gmail: seqbz.ghmc@gmail.com)

'e'-procurement Short Tender Notice

NIT. No.03/SE/QBZ/CMC/2025-26/ Dt: 21.02.2026

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Units
1(a)	Supply and delivery of Floating Trash Collector Equipment, Transportation & Installation, Testing & Commissioning, Training to GHMC Staff and with the following specification Mode of Operation- Diesel, Storage Capacity -Minimum 6 cubic meter, Collection /Cutting Width - Minimum 1.5 meters, Engine -40 HP Diesel and above, Hydraulic system -Hydraulic Pump, Motors and DC valve lever controls with safety protection valves, Cutter Knives-Reciprocating minimum 75 mm and above stroke knives on either side and at bottom, Conveyor Belt - SS 304 /Non rust material, Discharge Height - Minimum 1.5m from water level, Discharge Distance Minimum 2.00m from Barge stem, Lifting Hook- Hooks to be provided for loading and unloading for road transport and hauling in water, Hull Material - Marine Grade Steel, Draft- Suitable for shallow lakes, Mobility- Self-propelled / Remote / Manual, Safety Features -Emergency stop, overload protection, Noise Level-Low noise operation, Corrosion Resistance- Suitable for polluted lake water, GPS Equipment - Equipment for tracking movement of machinery, Fuel consumption and speed/ working hours. Warranty Period of 24 months with supply of spares for a period of 5 years	Each
(b)	Annual Maintenance cost Which includes Periodical maintenance providing of Lubricants, Spare parts and Break down maintenance and Repairs etc Cost per Year (Excluding Taxes) The Cost of Annual maintenance should be quoted duly deducting the warranty items.	Year

Events	For Sl.No.1 to 2
Schedule Opening Date	23/02/2026 @ 02.00 PM
Bid Submission Closing Date	23 /02/2026 @ 02:00PM
Technical Bid Opening Date	26/03/2026 @ 2:30 PM
Price Bid Opening Date	26/03/2026 @ 02:30PM

Address of the officer concerned Superintending Engineer, QBZ, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation. Further details can be seen at **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
Quthbullapur Zone, CMC

DIPR R.O.No.15805-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 21.02.2026

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS - TIRUPATI
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT **WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Walk-In-Interview will be conducted on **05-03-2026 at 10.00 AM in Central Hospital, TTD, Tirupati** to engage **CIVIL ASST. SURGEONS** on contract basis to work in **TTD Hospitals, Tirumala / Tirupati for a period of one year.** The MBBS Degree qualified and eligible candidates profeessing HINDU RELIGION ONLY belonging to Andhra Pradesh state shall apply. For details of Age, Qualification, ROR and all other instructions please visit TTD Website: **http://www.tirumala.org. Contact Phone Number: 0877-2264371.**

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC(Adv.No.411) Date:21-02-2026 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, 2nd floor, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 2nd block, Bengaluru -560011

No:EE/TE & M Cell/BSCC/TEND /04/2025-26 **Date:21-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell (BSCC) on behalf of the Commissioner (BSCC), invites online tenders from eligible and experienced private operators for Hiring, Operation and Maintenance of Self-Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines on Per-Kilometer Basis for sweeping of identified roads within the jurisdiction of Bengaluru South City Corporation.

Sl No.	Description
1	Hiring,Operation and Maintenance using latest Self Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines 4 Nos. with capacity not less than 5 cubic meter and with required Number of tipper trucks including manpower, fuel, maintenance and all consumables, for a sweeping length of 160 km of roads per day within Bengaluru South City Corporation limits on per-kilometer payment basis (Package -1) in Zone-1 of BSCC. Duration of Hiring, O&M-10 years, EMD Amount in **Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.42,00,000/-** by e-Bank Guarantee/ Bank Guarantee /FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank
2	Hiring, Operation and Maintenance using latest Self Propelled Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines 4 Nos. with holding of Capacity not less than 5 cubic meter and with required Number of tipper trucks including manpower, fuel, maintenance and all consumables, for a sweeping length of 160 km per day of roads within Bengaluru South City Corporation limits on per-kilometer payment basis (Package -2) in Zone-2 of BSCC. Duration of Hiring, O&M-10 years, EMD Amount in **Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs.42,00,000/-** by e-Bank Guarantee/ Bank Guarantee /FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank

Calendar of Events : (1) Availability of Tender Document in KPPP Portal in **23-02-2026** (2) Date and Time of Pre Bid meeting will be held on **06.03-2026** at **3:00** pm (3) Last date & time for queries (Only Through Online) on **06-03-2026** at **4:00** pm. (4) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders is **24-03-2026** at **4:00** pm. (5) Opening of Pre-Qualification Bid on **26-03-2026** at **4:30**pm. (6) Opening Technical bid on **01-04-2026** at **4:30** pm. (7) Opening Financial bid (if possible) on **04-04-2026** at **4:30**pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Zone-1&2)
Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell

HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
4th Floor Swarnajayanthi Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad

Public Notification U/s. 15 (4) of HMDA Act. 2008

(G.O.Ms.No.56MA&UD Dept, dated 11.02.2026)

In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 15 of Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority Act, 2008 (Act No.8 of 2008), the Government hereby makes the following variation to the land use envisaged in the in the notified Metropolitan Development Plan MDP-2031 approved by the Government vide G.O.Ms.No.33 MA, dt:24.01.2013 as required by sub-section (1) of the said section.

The site in Sy.Nos. 373/AA, 372/AA/E/EE, 370/A/AA, 371/A/AA, 360/U, 372/A/U2, 369/E, 369/AA, 369/A, 374/A/AA, 372/U, 372/AA and 360/EE2 situated at Chandapur (V), Hathnoora (M) Sangareddy (D) to an extent of 52406.79 Sq.Mts which is presently earmarked for Conservation use zone in Metropolitan Development Plan MDP-2031, notified vide G.O.Ms.No. 33, MA & UD, dt: 24.01.2013 is now designated as Manufacturing use zone for setting up unit for Manufacture of Drug Discovery Research, Drug Discovery under 'Orange' Category.

The details of the above are available in Web sites **http://gazette.telangana.gov.in//** and **http://hmda.gov.in//**.

Sd/-Chief Planning Officer(PR)
HMDA

DIPR R.O. No. : 1199-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Date: 21-02-2026

CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Patancheru Circle-46, Serilingampally Zone, CMC email: eec22.1.ghmc@gmail.com

Quotation Notice

Quotation Notice No. Engg-11/CMC/PTC-C-46/2025-26, Dated: 18-02-2026.

On behalf of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, Patancheru Circle-46 sealed quotations are hereby invited from reputed and experienced Supply and Fixing of Deco glass of 6mm sandwiched to make 12mm of approved deco colour agencies

Quotation Notice No.	Description of Item	Quotation Dates	
Engg-11 /CMC/ PTC-C-46/ 2025-26, Dated: 18-02-2026	Supply and Fixing of Deco glass of 6mm sandwiched to make 12mm of approved deco colour made on extra clear glass, fixed on studs or D bracket or F bracket on existing half height partitions corners rounded including polishing charges, including cost and conveyance of all materials including all labour charges etc., to complete the finished item of work to finished.	Submission of Quotations Start Date	20-02-2026 10.30 A.M.
		Last Date of Quotations Received Date	24-02-2026 3.00 P.M.
		Opening of Quotations Date	24-02-2026 3.30 P.M.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Patancheru
Circle-46, Slp Zone,CMC

DIPR R.O.No.15781-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 21.02.2026

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Asset Recovery Branch-2 (20945), H.No.1-8-563/1, 1st Floor, Opp: Sandhya Theatre, RTC 'X' Roads, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad-500020.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank Of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", As is What is" and Whatever there is"** on **31.03.2026,**

M/s. Neplus Infrastructure & Projects Shri. R. Jaikanth and its Proprietor (Borrower) #12-13-161, Sai Mithra Ramana Classic Apartments, Tarnaka, Hyderabad – 500 017

Also at – Smt. Ragi Suguna, W/o. Veda Prasad Ragi #1-9-285/3-1, 1st floor, Flat No.101, Markandeya Residency, Ramnagar Gundu, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad – 500 044

Shri. R. Jaikanth and its Proprietor #1-9-285/3-1, 1st floor, Flat No.101, Markandeya Residency, Ramnagar Gundu, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad – 500 044

Smt. Ragi Suguna, W/o. Veda Prasad Ragi #Flat No. D – 002, Ground Floor, D – Block, H.No.12-13-1274, Aspen Complex, Street no.3, Tarnaka, Secunderabad – 500 017 **(Guarantor and Mortgagor)**

Recovery of Rs.66,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Only) (with further interests, costs, other charges and expenses thereon)

Property ID :SBIN72055847492

Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any):Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Plot No.194 now marked as 194 B in Survey No. 25 & 26 admeasuring 208 sq.yrds equivalent to 173.5 sq.mtrs situated at Mangapuram New Housing Colony, Meerpet, R R District, Hyderabad and bound as follows – NORTH – Plot No.195 (New 70) , SOUTH – Plot No.194 A (New 73A),EAST – Plot No.187 (New 72),WEST – 24' Road

This property belongs to Smt Ragi Suguna, W/o. Veda Prasad Ragi, vide registered Sale Deed No.1752/1982 dated 30.04.1982, registered with SRO Uppal.

Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Plot No.194 A - 1 now marked as 194 A - 1 in Survey No. 25 & 26 admeasuring 100 sq.yrds equivalent to 83.61 sq.mtrs situated at Mangapuram New Housing Colony, Meerpet, R R District, Hyderabad and bound as follows – NORTH – Plot No.194 B SOUTH – Plot No.194 A ,EAST – Plot No.72, WEST – 24' Road

This property belongs to Smt Ragi Suguna, W/o. Veda Prasad Ragi, vide registered Sale Deed No.1041/1983 dated 18.02.1983, registered with SRO Uppal.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,54,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.15,40,000/-**

Bid Increment Rs.25,000/- with extension of 5 Mnts. Each.

Auction Date: 31.03.2026, **Auction Time: 11.00 AM to 3.30 PM**

For property details: please contact Shri. Pradeep Dakey, Chief Manager, Contact No.88864 40097, 9959416251 & Shri. Ravinder Mahanubhava - Manager Contact 9848906472.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website: **https://www.sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction** - notices. For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., visit **https://baanknet.in** of the service provider: M/s PSBAlliance, e-Auction Portal: **https://baanknet.in** & Toll free Number: +91-8291220220, Mail ID: **support.ebkray@psballaince.com**.

Note: Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with PSB Alliance one day before thee-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in PSBAlliance's Bank account and updating of such information in thee-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre- bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.

For any clarifications or further details regarding other conditions of sale, the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch-2, Hyderabad, H.No.1-8-563/1, 1st Floor, Opp: Sandhya Theatre, RTC 'X' Roads, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad, Telangana State-500020.**

Date:21.02.2026,
Place: Hyderabad

Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ROADS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

"e"- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

"e" NIT No. 01/CTN/DCE(R)/EE(R)/DEEX/AEEXII/2025-26, Dt:20-02-2026

1. Online tenders are invited under the e-procurement platform in following Districts. For (12) works under Plan-SH, Plan-MDR, Non-Plan, FDR-Non-Plan & Deposit for an amount of **Rs.68.11 crores** vide E-In-C(R&B), SR, CRN & MD-TGRDC, e-NIT No.01/CTN/DCE(R)/EE(R)/DEEX/AEEXII/2025-26, Dt:20.02.2026;

Sl. No	District	Scheme	No of works	Amount of Est Rs.In Crs
	Road Work			
1	Adilabad	SH-Plan	1	7.12
2	Sangareddy	Non Plan	2	2.87
3	Medak	FDR- Non Plan	1	1.00
4	Medak	Non Plan	1	12.50
5	Peddapally	Non Plan	2	1.82
6	Peddapally	Deposit	1	1.50
7	Mahabubabad	MDR- Plan	3	40.30
8	Siddipet	Non Plan	1	1.00
		Total	**12**	**68.11**

2. Tenderers can download the tender Schedule and further details can be seen from the e-market place i.e., **"http://tender.telangana.gov.in".** The last date of receipt of **tenders is 05.03.2026 up to 3.30PM.**

Sd/- For Engineer -In- Chief (R&B),
SR & MD-TGRDC

DIPR R.O.No.15762-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 21.02.2026

IN DEBTS RECOVERY APPELLATE TRIBUNAL, KOLKATA
9, Old Post Office Street, 7th Floor, Kolkata - 700001
DY. N0.1466 OF 2025 ; APPEAL NO. 05 OF 2026
Arising out of S.A. No.345 of 2019 in DRT-II Hyderabad

The Authorised Officer. Union Bank Of India ... Appellant
Versus
M/S Vinayaka Paper Board Ltd. & Ors. ...Respondents
Pathi Vamshi Krishna Reddy ...Proforma Respondent
To.

M/S. Vinayaka Paper Board Ltd. Rep By M.D, D.No.404A, 4th Floor, Concourse Apartments, Greenlands, Ameerpet, Hyderabad, Pin - 500016.

SUMMONS

1. Whereas the appellant has filed an appeal U/S 18 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 against the order passed by the Ld. Presiding Officer, DRT-II Hyderabad and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at 10:30 a.m. or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on 23.03.2026 to answer the claim.
2. If you intend to file any documents, you may file the same with a list along with the written statement.
3. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a pleader / Advocate duly instructed.
4. Take notice that, in default of, your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Tribunal on this 18th day of February, 2026.

Sd/- Registrar, Authorised to issue summons,
Debts Recovery Appellate Tribunal, Kolkata

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DELHI-BASED BANIYA girl, 34, 5'7", Fair, USA/Harvard Masters, MNC employed, Seeks welleducated Groom. Ph: 9811278555

BEAUTIFUL CULTURED 33, 160cm, EU-based professional (BL/MBA). Able to relocate. Seeks compatible, handsome groom, preferably veg. Lang./caste no bar. Call/WA 93456 34365

ELITE NAIDU family girl 5'2" slim built born September 1996 Poosam Kadagam, professionally qualified MSc UK and premier Indian MBA working in corporate seeks groom from equivalent community elite family well educated professional with liberal values from Indian metro cities. Contact WA 7548822505

38Y, 174 cm, Fair, Scientist, Central govt, Mumbai seeking Christian Protestant, Well-settled, Suitable groom. Ph. 9880439065

DIVORCEE

MUDHALIYAR, 35, Sathayam, Divorced, No Issue, Bank employee's daughter. Suitable Groom Needed. 9444406770

DKV, 29, Divorced, Female MD Radiologist, chennai 9047119910

THONDAIMANDALA MUDALIAR Girl 39 Poosam two time divorce no child B.Tech,M.B.A working as Executive in M.N.C at Thiruvellore seeks well qualified and well employed in Chennai only. Vegetarian Mudaliar or Vegetarian family boy only.Ct:9381004883

KIND, BEAUTIFUL 46, well-educated, soft-spoken UK-based professor. Seeks well-read, compatible groom. Able to relocate. Religion & community no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365.

NAIR, FAIR, good looking, age 38/173, MBA, Thiruvonam, employed settled Chennai, seeks well settled groom WhatsApp call: 9884872901

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SUPER SPECIALIST doctor working in Bangalore 34 years/155cms, fair, slim seeks suitable groom with good habits caste no bar ct - 9449010122

ENGINEER

CHRISTIAN NADAR Girls BE, MS,Fair 27, Seeks Suitable Engineer,Wish to Go to Canada. Ct : 73586 38363

ENGLISH

SC/AD..1996 PG Employed at Dubai looking for Groom preferably working at Dubai..Cont: 6281424279

Alliance invited for well-settled, Good Looking, healthy, educated Post-Graduate girl(HIV+ve)Height-154cms, Age - 25, from healthy background. Seeking suitable HIV+ve groom, well-settled, active, and from good background. Please contact: 9603744555
Mail id : nageshraob21@gmail.com

GOVT / QUASI GOVT

HINDU NADAR 26 yrs, 168 cm, Civil Judge Seeks Bridegroom Below 30 yrs from Same Profession / Group I / Group II Officer in Tamilnadu Only. Ct.9710209761 , 9840425972

HINDI

BRIDEGROOM WANTED

Age: 35 / 5'1" highly educated self-employed, Agarwal girl in Chennai from affluent family seeks suitable life partner.

Must be Chennai Resident.

Whatsapp No. 98410 60505

No Broker Please

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Suitable Family
Match for Kshatriya Rajpoot girl 31/163 CMS, Business, Master's from reputed University, lives in Bhopal, Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent with high net Worth. Proposal expected from settled Business/Political/Civil Servant Families.
Contact: 9425057871
(whatsapp)

MALAYALAM

✔ HINDU EZHAVA girl, 26 yrs, 155 cm, Star Aswathy, PG, working in reputed MNC. Native Thrissur, settled Bangalore. Slim, good looking, upper middle class family, parents working professionals. Seeking post graduate, Malayali Ezhava groom, MNC employed, from respectable, well settled family. Send photo, full biodata WhatsApp: 9742221346, 9880220199.

NAMBIAR GIRL Msc PhD, bioinformatics From Paris 17/5/89 first marriage born brought up works at hyderabad. 9603659465

NRI

OUR DAUGHTER '93/5'6" Hindu H1B fellow from reputed med school, very pretty friendly well mannered, now working as specialist doctor in US. Seeking suitable doctor groom from good family, working/ settled in US. Language caste no bar, reqst pic & full details W: 9894651124

TAMIL

TAMIL MUSLIM Bride 31/159cm. MCA., AVP - Tech Lead, US bank, BLR, 30LPA well-settled family, Seeks Tamil speaking never married groom, similar background. Ct 90805 01299

BORN AGAIN Canadian Citizen Bride 29/153cm is looking for God Fearing, Family Oriented, Canadian or American Citizen. Age 30-35, Professional, have Biblical values and Faith. Email Profile and Photo to rvjplanning@gmail.com Call: 96771 81606

ROMAN CATHOLIC Nadar 23/167 B.Arch, working as Junior Modular Designer in Coimbatore Salary Rs. 300000 PA Seeks suitable Boy with O Negative Blood Group. 9442162159.

CATHOLIC VELLALAR 33/171, MBBS, MPH Step 1 passed in student visa, USA Seeks groom from USA. 9150153743

30 CSI Christian Doctor Seeks Doctor /Bank /Class 1 Officer. Contact 9894172123

CHRISTIAN, 27, BSc, 50 lakhs. 8137001255

CHRISTIAN, ADI Dravidar -33yrs, MBBS, Seeks Groom Doctor, Engineer A 2 Officer. Ct : 9677257313

✔ MUSLIM GIRL 38 well mannered invites qualified, working, unmarried Tamil Muslim Groom. 9444235779

CSI NADAR Girl 28/173 B.com (CPA) working in MNC Hyderabad, seeks qualified post graduate (any) city based groom working in Chennai, Bangalore or Hyderabad. CNB. Ct:9884747500

CHRISTIAN 31 Fair Beautiful PG MNC Chennai 15L/a. Prefer Well settled Religious Christian boy. 9840345969

PILLAI PSYCHOLOGIST 26/174 kettai, Slim Fair M.phill Clinical Psychology seeks Good looking Well Qualified Groom Subset No Bar Ct 9840194246

LOOKING FOR a suitable Bridegroom for a vanniar girl, aged 28 yrs, B.com B.L. Hons with ACS & employed in a big Corporate. Similar profile or other Professionals with good family background based in Chennai preferred - 9003199945 / 9003035547

VANNIA KULAKSHTRIYA Girl, 32 years 155cm, MDS (Dentist), working as Senior Lecturer in Chennai. Star Moolam 4padam, DhanusuRasi. Contact: 9382167197 / 9962781009

TAMIL

HINDU NADAR, BE, Age 25/5'8", IT, 6 LPA, Seeks in same caste, Employed in government or private with clean habits, good salary and settled. Contact: 9003234049

✔ TN GOVT DR. MBBS MD Fair slim 23-02-90 Magaram Uthiradam 4 Chennai Hindu Naidu Elite Business Family seeks Dr, Class A officer, Business Groom. Any Hindu FC/BC. 9841743266.

HINDU, 27, Widow, Caste no bar, Rich / affluent, BA, 30 lakhs, 8138 900412

HINDU, 31, Canada, caste no bar, B.Tech, 40 lakhs, 7356 483111

HINDU, 29, Divorced, caste no bar, doctor, 50 lakhs, 8137 001255

HINDU, 34, divorced, NRI, BE, 30 lakhs, 8137 003550

GROOM WANTED SC (AD), 26yrs, CA, Well Educated Family background in Chennai. Contact: 9176491777

✔ HINDU, SC, Tamil, 26, 168, BBA LLB,LLM, Lawyer,Capital Markets, Mumbai seeks well educated Tamil boys. ph:9152236196

ALLIANCE INVITED from professional working in Dublin or European Union for Hindu Adi Dravida Tamil girl 28 CA trainee employed with Deloitte Dublin beautiful slightly chubby. Caste and language no bar. Ct: 9148024495

VELLALAR / PILLAI 30 B.E.MBA (IIM) AGM MNC Bangalore 30L PA Seeks DOCTOR Officer Govt PSU IIM IIT NIT Groom. CNB. 9994113213.

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MUDALIAR 24 BE, MBA 163Cm Good Looking, well Settled Family, Seeks Groom CNB Ct. 8778514465/ 7200866346

HINDU, 31, Naidu, Divorced, Phd, 10crores, NRI. 8137001255

HINDU, 33, any caste, ME, 15 crores, NRI. 8138900312

HINDU, 31, any caste, Canada, 20 crores. 9072777822

Hindu SC ADI Dravidar 38/157 cm PG MBA. Govt. employee @ Chennai divorce no child seeks suitable groom. Ph: 87786 30870

TAMIL HINDU Nadar, B.Tech (CS) working in Cisco, Bangalore, Rs 25LPA 31yrs/160cm , Moolam / Dhanush seeks groom with similar background. Brokers excuse. Ph: 91768 00819

VELLALAR PILLAI, Non-Veg 28/166cm, ME(CS), Senior Dev in leading Software Co, Chennai. Kadagam/Poosam. Seeking well-settled, professionally qualified groom (MNC / Govt/ Business) from respectable family. Send BHP to: sakthiservices26@gmail.com Cell: 87780 43772, 98840 99966

HINDU SC AD 33 MCA working Seeks Suitable Groom CNB Chennai Ph 8610410886.

SC (AD), 28yrs, B.Tech, MBA, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 9710093999

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar, 25yrs, M.sc (UK), Running Own Industries Contact: 9841329471/ 9380791999

SC AD 24/M.A[Eng.]C.Govt. Job [Ministry of Defence] 1Lakh p.m. Govt.or Pvt.Seeks Bridegroom. Ph:7397674481

HINDU PILLAI, 28/163, MBBS,M.S., fair, good looking. seeks groom Pref. medical from allied communities. Contact Parent 9944751704, 8248333214

AGE 42, 2nd marriage, Divorcee, No Child. Seeks suitable Groom. caste No bar. Ct: 7708700879 / 9841817000

ONLY DAUGHTER, 32, B.Tech(Hons), DLL & AL, Sub Registrar (TN Govt), Father- Ex CRPF, Wealthy family Gavara Naidu seeks civil services-IAS, IPS, IRS, Group 1-DC/DSP, Doctor- MD/MS groom. Caste no bar. 9003450802

US BORN Hindu Saiva Pillai Doctor girl 30 years 5'4" from affluent Doctor family seeks professional boys from US with similar background and qualifications. Please contact 91 9940141970 via WA or EMAIL rmaomaha@gmail.com

WELL EDUCATED, 37, Divorcee Seeks Compatible Groom. Caste No Bar. Call / WA 9489695984.

SOZHIYAVELLALAR PILLAI Age 31 BE (CSE) Working in Pvt Sector Chennai, Seeks Groom Preferable from Pillai/Mudaliar Age 31-34, BE Working In IT Field Employed in Chennai / India / Abroad. Ct Gowdhaman 9342276143

Hindu, PR, Nov 89 born, B.Tech., MNC, Rs.100000/- seeks groom Ct: 89036 70160

HINDU, PR, Oct 91 born, B.E., Public Sector Bank Manager Rs.100000/- seeks groom Ct:89036 70160

SAIVA PILLAI, 28 /170cm, B.E, Working 16L/PA, Seeks same Caste, Well Groom, aged 28 & 30 yrs. 9840315397

DKV HINDU Pallan 29 MBBS Doctor Aswini Mesham Father Mother Doctor Seeks Doctor Only. 9443151045, 9442924441.

MUDALIAR 25/165 Fair, Beautiful, Slim, MBBS, MD Doing, Affluent Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

HINDU VANNIYAR 37 years MBA, LLB, builders, MITHUNAM-THIRUVATHIRAI Well qualifide bride TINDIVANAM Ct: 9884637555

CASTE NO bar, 25yrs, BE, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9952619776

CASTE NO Bar, 25yrs, MS (UK),Well Educated background & Landlord, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact 6385293227

TAMIL

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Send biodata & photograph via WhatsApp to **9886128948**.
Email: **kjayak@gmail.com**

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CONTACT
9843110021/9344829680

BRIDES WANTED

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✔ ROMAN CATHOLIC/31 yrs/181 cms/ BE (Mech),MS (Product Design)/ PR Sweden. Inviting proposals from professionally qualified girls with a similar background, aged 26-29 yrs. Please email at sjm.val7@gmail.com or contact at 6381070174.

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DIVORCEE

AD/42 DIVORCEE Fair MS Engineering (PhD in US) 12 Lac/PerAnnum. Needs Employed Bride / CNB.Ct: 7358485802

SMART 51YRS divorcee,Issueless, high salary seeks partner w/o issues,caste no bar,No demands. Ct:9841672014

MENON, 43/175 cm, Engineer and Academic professional, based in Mohali seeks a suitable alliance. WhatsApp:+91-8281312832

38 DIVORCEE (no issue), 43LPA, IIT, Mumbai, Bengali,Brahmin, 6ft 1, Doctor preferred, ct 9634266197

SINCERE, ACTIVE 50, 173cm, successful business owner, widower, responsible father (2 independent sons, 21+).Seeks compatible bride. Religion /CNB. Call / WA 93456 34365

DOCTOR

DOCTOR MD 33 mutual divorced intercaste Hindu - Christian Caste No Bar. Seeks Doctor other degree willing to settle in Trichy city. No expectation. Ct: 98430 75979.

HINDU VELLALAR 28/174, MBBS, Pillai, Rich, Fair, undergoing Emergency Medicine, own Nursing home at the heart of the city, renowned professional parents seeks very fair, beautiful Doctor Bride. Caste no bar. Ct: 75983 84925 / 95978 65332

DOCTOR

Hindu, SC(AD), 28/170cm MBBS, MD Final year Chennai. Seeks Good Looking Doctor Bride below 27 yrs. CNB Ct: 9841897953 / 9710668449

BRIDE WANTED

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HINDI

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Brahmin Boy 1996 / 178 cm/ MBBS / MD Pursuing/ looking suitable match early Marriage Call: 9791791603

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, 2nd marriage, MBBS, 20crores, 7356 483111.

TAMIL MUSLIM M.E. Graduate of 29 yr old working in Chennai. Seeking bride of age 23-27 B.E or any master degree, working or willing to work. Ct: 9361134612

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, 29, MBA, Private, 50 lakhs. 9048444858

CHRISTIAN, 31, Rich, 70 lakhs, Doctor, 2nd marriage. 8138900470

MUSLIM, NRI, 25, Rich, 45 lakhs. 9072777811

CHRISTIAN, 27, NRI, 18 crores, Rich. 8138900652

SUPER SPECIALITY Doctor, affluent family, never married, Tamil speaking Muslim,34, 178cm working abroad. Looking for suitable bride. Whatsapp 918870279396

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VANNIYAR, 30, 173 cms, MBA, Businessman. Lives in Singapore. Father is a Businessman. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match from equivalent community. Contact: 6366530344



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CHETIYAR 32, 175 cms, MS, Consultant. Lives in Chennai. Family of professionals. Looking for a suitable match from equivalent community in India. Contact: 6366530344

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Tamil Beautiful Girl/ 1999 born/ Chennai/ MBBS / pursing MD looking suitable match. Call: 9791791603

TAMIL

HINDU NAIR 31/168 MTech PhD Australia seeks wellsettled professional CNB Australia only Geetham9884858014

Hindu Tamil AD 27, MA (Eng), Ph.D., Asst. Prof., Chennai, seeks suitable groom.CNB.9444441495, 7904040791

BRIDEGROOM WANTED

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Interested Pls email:
wedlock1666@gmail.com

Hindu SC/AD Age 38 BE Software Engr. in TCS, Chennai. Rs.1.40Lak/pm seeks suitable Qualified Employed Groom. Ct: 9952147216 / 8838034943

TELUGU

GROOM WANTED Kamma Naidu, 29yrs, B.Tech, Elite Industrial background in Chennai Contact: 6385293227

RICH NAIDU, 35yrs, MBBS, MS, Running own Hospitals in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 6385293227

44 Yrs /165cm/SWE/Bengaluru. OC/ Caste no bar, seeks Engineer/Doctor/ Professional Groom. Ct: 9182734077

GROOM WANTED Rich Naidu, 30yrs, Divorce, MBA,well educated background in Chennai. Contact: 9962791888

NAIDU 26/167 Beautiful,,MBBS,MS, Miot Hospital 150000.PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

URDU

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HINDI

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MALAYALAM

ALLIANCE INVITED for my Son, 29 Years, 183cm Tall. PG in Economics. Hindu, Kerala, Thiyya. Lead Data Engineer - MNC. Annual Income from job 30 lakh. Family Manufacturing business in Chennai with Annual Revenue in excess of 15 Cr. A Mechanical engineer from a business family will be a good match. E mail: paloran.m@gmail.com 9600046704

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Menon, 27/ 168cm, Chennai based, Educated, MNC Employed, well settled, seeks suitable Bride. Email Id: mbmadhu38@gmail.com. Whatsapp +6281574513228

NRI

NAIDU, 32/180CM, BTECH, MS, Pooratathi, Research Engineer working in Sweden, call: 9566682220

PUNJABI

SEEKING ALLIANCE for Punjabi Boy, Chennai, 33 years, working as HR in UAE. Please Call : 98404 25490

SAURASTRA

CNB BC 40 1st Marriage Astham Kani MBA Finance 1.5L pm Suitable Bride Required Parents Contact 9444735240

TAMIL

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar 29yrs MS holds 140 status well settled in USA & India seeks same community student, H1B Visa, or Citizen. Ct: 9382266099

TAMIL MUSLIM 28/174 MD Radiology seeks prof qualified bride Ct: 8220042091 mdullahsafi@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN, 35/ 170cm, Divorcee, B.E. M.S (USA) Work Permit. Looking for a Suitable Bride working at USA Ct: 9003212573

CHRISTIAN, 25, Bornagain, NRI, 30 Crores, 8138 900316

TAMIL

TAMIL PILLAI MCA 45/180CM working MNC in US divorcee no child 6 lakhs per month, looking for a bride from decent fmly. CNB. 98943 44178

HINDU NADAR, 29/168, SWE, 25L pa, from an Educated, Well Settled Nuclear Family Seeks Suitable Bride. Whatsup BHP 9841200165

MUDALIAR 56 Ph.D Aboard return Business divorcee no issues sk suitable bride around 45 age CNB 9500367269

BALIJA NAIDU, 33/175, MBA, Moolam: Thanusu, Fair, Teetotaler, Software Engineer, Income 10LPA, well-settled. Innocent Divorced, Issue Cleared. Seeks educated, fair, well-settled bride without conditions from upper/middle-class family. 9941012116

MUDALIYAR 35 yrs / 165 cm B.Tech Msc, Revathy / Meenam.Well Paid Job in Germany.Ct.9442135216, 8015435216

50YR PILLAI Divorce 180cm Own House &Business Seek Gd Family Gd Character 35-45yr of Bride CNB 9790228185

BRIDE WANTED Rich Mudaliyar, 35yrs, B.Tech, MS, Well Educated Family background Contact: 6385293227

MUDALIAR 30, BE,MS 178cm Smart Look 36Lacs PA Well Settled Family Seeks Bride CNB 8778514465/ 7200866346

REDDY BOY, ME, 46/ Purattadi, religious, non smoker, non alcoholic divorcee, Manager in leading MNC, owning house & flat, 20 lakhs p.a. seeks suitable Hindu bride Ct9985792975

GOLDSMITH 37/175 V.Fair Business 2L.PM Wife Expired. Well Settled Seeks Middle Class Girl. CNB 7305436068

TAMIL, PURE Vegetarian, 47 State Govt Officer -12L PA. First Marriage. Seek Caste no Bar only Vegetarian. Call/WA - 89037 47433

HINDU NADAR, 25yrs, MBBS, doing MS(General Surgery), Doctor Parents seeks suitable MBBS/ studying MBBS Bride. Ct: 94437 51221

LOOKING FOR a bride for my son who is 52 years old ,Hindu, US Doctor, Never married, US Citizen. Please text me WhatsApp , No caste. Geetha 318-465-4292.

GOUNDER, 47yrs, B.Sc, Rohini Star Own Business, Income Rs.1 Lakh P.M, Property 2Crores, seeks Bride any OBC Community. CT: 9840878715.

BRIDE WANTED Rich Mudaliyar, 29yrs, MBBS, MS, Elite Business Family in Chennai. Contact: 6385293227

HINDU, DIVORCED, 32, caste no bar, 30 crores, NRI, 9048 444858.

HINDU, 27, USA, caste no bar, 20 crores, MS, 9072 777811

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar, 28yrs, BE, Elite business family in Chennai. Contact: 9841329471/ 9380791999

ALLIANCE INVITED for our son, aged 29 years, residing in Coimbatore, height 157cm, BE graduate, runs his own industry manufacturing metal parts, Hindu Viswakarma. The bride should hail from a decent, educated family. Caste no bar. Contact number: 7200771144

HINDU MUDALIAR Marine Engineer 40yrs Naga Dosha Own House Chennai Well Settled Seeks Bride.Ct: 9444532266

MUDALIAR/ THULLUVA Vellalar, 28, BTech, MBA, Poosam, Only son, 164 cms, Business, Well settled in Coimbatore, Own Properties, Seek Bride. Sub Sec No Bar, 9841273353, 9841300229

TAMIL

BRIDE WANTED Hindu Nadar 39yrs, BE, Divorce, Elite business family in Australia Ct:9841329471/ 9380791999

SC HINDU UK PR 29Yr, any Jathagam, Good Job+Busines 90Laks P.A Normal Girl Ok Want to go to UK 7358638363

CHENNAI, MUDLR PhD Tetolr Divorced, 42yrs.GM Chess Govt 2Lac / mth. Educ Simple Any Cast, girl 9884171419

Sengunthа Mudaliar, Kettai, 31/175 IFS(Forest)Officer,well educated family seeks Doctor Bride. CT:9443428948

AGE 48, 2nd Marriage, Working in Hospital at Qatar. Suitable Bride who willing to come Qatar. Ct: +97433840227 / 9498328263

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 36/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen. He will be in India March, April'2026, seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB. Ct:9442993042

AGAMUDAIYAR UTHIRADAM 35/180 B.Tech, TCS, Hyderabad, 2Lpm, seeks Equally Qualified bride, Caste No Bar. Contact:8220984182

HINDU, SC, Arunthathiar, Age 25, IAS (UPSC) seeking suitable bride. Contact: 9976716805.

40 BE Mudaliyar Chennai Asst Manager, Private. 1St Marriage. Decent Background Ct: 8610518808, 9952010118

MUDALIAR 28/180 Handsome MBBS,MD, Chetinadu Hospital,2400000.PA, Elite,40.CR, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

NAIDU MAY 2000 born, MBBS MD, Star Visakam, Rasi Thulam Groom seeks MBBS, MD (Clinial or Non clinical studying) BE, MDS Bride. Ct: 94430 50715 / 94879 00758

HINDU NADAR, 25yrs, MBBS, MS, Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Bride Contact: 9841329471/ 9380791999

BRIDE WANTED Mudaliyar 31yrs, B.Tech, Promoters with Own construction, Elite Family in Chennai 6385293227

SC AD 29, M.Tech, Software Engineer working in MNC Chennai seeks suitable employed Bride. Ct: 8939177665

MUDALIAR 31 yrs/175cm , BE,MS, Chithrai, Senior Software Developer working in Sweden seeking an educated, working bride from cultured Tamil family, willing to relocate. whatsup 9444347997

IYER VADAMAL Rohini 66 Six Lac PA Divorcee Girl Varan Below 35 Age To Give Birth to Child Ct: 9444191969

SC/AD, DIVORCED groom, 34,BE, TCS-20L Per Annum, Kadagam, Ayilyam. Seeks Employed Bride Divorced / never Married / Widow. Cast No Bar.Ct: 9789895880

HINDU, BRAHMIN Kaashyapa, Rohini/ BDS/Dentist/30 years/170cms based in Chennai, own house, is seeking a girl, age difference 1-5 years Vegetarian, Any Brahmin / Saiva Pillai / Saiva Mudaliyar Girl, good family background. Contact: 8668127702

✔ TAMIL IYER Ambitious Groom seeks suitable girl below 40yrs. Boy 5.7ft, working as R&D Engg. Fair & Good looking. Ph 98402 11194

MUDALIAR /BRAHMIN 28 Bcom MA 175cm chennai seeks slim graduate pillai, Brahmin ok : Geetham 9884858014

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Vanniyakula Kshatriya 27/175 B.Tech MBA Magam / Simmam working at Bangalore well educated family settled in Chennai. Seeks Suitable fair, educated, Professional Bride.Ct:9884244151

Mudaliyar 33, 174 cms, Engineer Employee @ Hyderabad. Family is well off. Looking for a suitable bride from a well settled family. Contact - 98845 13749

HINDU NADAR 37/169cm BE Software Chennai Visakam seeks bride. Brok excuse. CNB. 93848 59697

TAMIL

THULUVA Vellala Mudaliar / Naidu 33 / 182 cm , B.E, Teetotaler, well settled Chennai based wealthy family seeks suitable bride. Ph: 98410 36017

Tamil Boy (Mudaliar) 1997 born /178 cm/ MS in Engineering/ Working in Newyork / 4Cr. Call: 9940571018

Tamil Boy 1993 Born/ Having Business of Hospitals/ Only Son / looking B'ful Girl Call: 9940570961

TELUGU

BALIJA NAIDU, Age-47 Unmarried MBA, Rohini / Rishabam MNC 19L PA. Chennai. Caste No Bar. Ct: 9094035781

REDDIAR 39 B.E (Yarn Trading) Rs.1 Lakh PM Caste no bar seeks good looking Bride. 9443821427 / 9442721427.

TELUGU VANNAR, 41, MBA, Kanni, Astham, AGM in MNC, 30 Lac.PA, Any Telugu Caste no Bar. Ct: 98947 77505.

BRIDE WANTED Rich Naidu 30yrs B.Tech MS Own school & complexs Elite business family in Chennai 6385293227

HINDU Aryavysya Telugu-Vegetarian 37yrs/179cm, very good looking, working in a Bangalore based firm with WFH option,Monthly Income-2.5 Lacs, Divorcee, seeks suitable Bride in Tamilnadu. CT:9042593341.

AGE 45 MCA Sadhayam,Kumbha rasi Fair Software Engineer seeks suitable Bride, caste no bar. PH: 9894670293

BRIDE WANTED Rich Naidu 46yrs, M.Tech, Divorce, Own Hospitals & Own colleges in Chennai Contact:6385293227

NAIDU 30/185, Handsome, MBBS,MD, SRM Hospital, 3000000.PA, Elite,50. CR, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

NAIDU 28 Fair 174 MCA Business 12L PA seeks Qualified Co working Business minded Life Partner. 9444523941

URDU

Muslim Boy 1992 Born/ MBBS/ MD / Doctor/ is looking for a suitable match Contact No: 9940570609

BRIDES & GROOMS WANTED

TAMIL

Tamil, 32Yrs, Son, ME, MBA 17 LPA; Daughters, 29Yrs, B.Tech, MBA 13 LPA, IT & 26 Yrs Bsc seek suitable Bride & Grooms, CNB, Ct:9441677205

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Engagement of Part Time Dental Surgeon in Central Hospital, Lallaguda, Secunderabad on Contract Basis

NOTIFICATION

South Central Railway invites applications from eligible candidates for the post of Part Time Dental Surgeon (PTDS) in Central Hospital, Lallaguda on contract basis for a period of one year.

Name of the post	Part Time Dental Surgeon
No. of posts	01 (Open to all Categories)
Age	Not exceeding 53 years as on 01.02.2026
Educational Qualifications & Experience	BDS/MDS with internship with minimum 3 years of experience after registration with Dental Council of India/Dental Council of state. Preference will be given to candidates having a Postgraduate degree and to those having more experience.

The candidate fulfilling all the eligibility conditions may submit their application on the following google form link. **https://tinyurl.com/PTDS-Application**

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A2540 Principal Chief Personnel Officer/Secunderabad

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
Revenue (LA) Department
or
DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MAHABUBABAD

FORM-VII
(See Sub-rule (1) of rule-25 and Section-19(1) of the Act-30/2013)

DECLARATION

MAHABUBABAD DISTRICT GAZETTE No. A3/05/2026/ Mahabubabad/2026 DATED: 09.02.2026
RC.No.G1/601/0002/2024 Dated: 08.02.2026

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total to an extent of **Ac 12.01 1/2 Gts.** land is required in the **Dornakal village of Dornakal mandal, Buddaram Village** of Garla Mandal of Mahabubabad District for public purpose, namely for construction of Railway Third line with Electrification between Nekkonda and Dornakal Stations. Therefore Declaration is made that a piece of land measuring, more or less **Ac.12.01 1/2 Gts.** of standard measurement under Acquisition for the above said project in **Dornakal village of Dornakal mandal, Buddaram Village of Garla Mandal** of **Mahabubabad District,** whose detail description is as following, is under acquisition:

SCHEDULE

Village: Dornakal Mandal: Dornakal District: MAHABUBABAD

Sl.No	Survey No.	Area under Acquisition (in Ac. Gts)	Type of Title	Type of Land	Name of the Interested Person	Extent in Ac. Gts.	Structures/ Trees etc., if any	Boundaries
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8
1	67/2	0.14	Patta	Dry	Gandi Buchi Ramu S/o Satyanarayana	0.08	NIl	E: Sy.No.64/1/1 W: Sy.No.73/1 N: Sy No.67/1 S: Railway line
2	67/2		Patta	Dry	Gandi Ramu S/o Satyanrayana	0.06	Nil	E: Sy.No.64/1/1 W: Sy.No.73/1 N: Sy No.67/1 S: Railway line
3	64/2	1.20	Patta	Dry	Tejavath Mangi W/o Hanumanthu	0.16	Nil	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
4	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Rambabu S/o Nagaiah	0.03 1/2	Nil	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
5	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Pichamma W/o Pichaiah	0.03	Neem tree -1	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
6	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Bhagyamma W/o Bakkayya	0.03	Neem tree -1	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
7	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Venkanna S/0 Pichaiah	0.04 1/2	Neem tree -1	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
8	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Sathyamma W/o Basavayya	0.10	Neem trees-6	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
9	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Veerababu S/o Ramaiah	0.13	Nil	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
10	64/2		Patta	Dry	Bayya Veerabhadram S/o Nagalah	0.07	Nil	E: Sy.No.63 W: Sy.No.67/1 N: Sy No.64/1/1 S: Railway line
11	73/2	0.31 1/2	Patta	Dry	Maloth Veeranna S/o Desla	0.25	Nil	E: Sy.No.67/1 W: Sy.No.77/2 N: Sy No. 73/1 S: Railway line
12	73/2		Patta	Dry	Maloth Mothilal S/o Desla	0.06 1/2	Teak trees -3	E: Sy.No.67/1 W: Sy.No.77/2 N: Sy No. 73/1 S: Railway line
13	76/2	0.05	Patta	Non-agri	Chilla Srinivasa Rao S/o Basavalah	484sq yards	House-1 Borewell-1 Bath Room	E: Sy.No.76/1 W: Railway line N: Railway station S: Sy.No.77/1
14	76/2		Patta	Dry	Road	0.01	Nil	E: Sy.No.76/1 W: Railway Line N: Railway station S: Sy.No.77/1
15	77/2	0.03	Patta	Non-agri	Chilla Srinivasa Rao S/o Basavaiah	3635q yards	Shed-1 Compound Wall-1 Neem Trees-2	E: Sy.No.76/1 W: Railway Line N: Railway station S: Sy.No.77/1
16	78/1/2	0.33	Patta	Dry	Bhukya Radha W/o Hari	0.17	Nil	E: Sy.No.79/1/2 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
17	78/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Shankar S/o Chandya	0.16	Nil	E: Sy.No.79/l/2 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
18	79/1/2	3.31	Patta	Dry	Bhukya Sakriya S/o devula	0.15	Nil	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
19	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Dharma S/o Devula	0.15	Nil	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
20	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Basu S/o Devula	0.15	Nil	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
21	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Shankar S/o Champla	0.15	Nil	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
22	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Tarabai W/o Tara Singh	0.18	Pen well-1 Teak-5 Pipes-15	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
23	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Bhukya Laxmi W/o Laxrnan	1.02	Teak-5 Pipes-15 Mango Trees-5	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
24	79/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Raju S/o Eerya	0.31	Neem-2	E: Sy.No.84/1/1 W: Sy.No.78/2 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.79/1/1
25	84/1/2	1.02	Patta	Dry	Banoth Shankar S/o Chandu	0.02 1/2	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
26	84/1/2		Patta	Non-agri	Banoth Swarupa W/o Gopi	181.50 Sq yards	House-1 Bore well-1 Bath Room Compound wall	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
27	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Mangilal S/o Swamy	0.20	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
28	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Anil S/o Lacha	0.06	Teak Trees-140	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
29	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Suresh S/o Laxman	0.02 1/4	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
30	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Naresh S/o Laxman	0.02 1/4	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
31	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Dharavath Ravinder S/o Laxman	0.02 1/2	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
32	84/1/2		Patta	Dry	Mood Mohan S/o Ravuja	0.05	Nil	E: Sy.No.85/3/1 W:Sy.No.79/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
33	85/2	0.07	Patta	Dry	Mood Mohan S/o Ravuja	0.07	Open well-1 Neem Tree-1	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.84/1/1 N: Railway Line S: Sy.No.84/1/1
34	127/2	0.08	Patta	Non-agri	Shakapuri Rajakumari W/o Srinivas Rao	124 Sq yards	House well-1 Compond wall Bath room Gate-2 Sump well-1 Guava Tree-1	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
35	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Shakapuri Narsinga Rao S/o Yellaiah	60 Sq yards	Well-1 House Bath room	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
36	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	MD Gouse S/o Afzal	121 Sq yards	Open plot	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
37	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Ananthala Harinath Babu S/o Gattaiah	121 Sq yards	House-1 Compound wall	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
38	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Medari Mishak S/o Kashaiah	60 Sq yards	Open plot	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
39	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Balepu Kalavathi W/o Vikram Babu	121 Sq yards	Open plot	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
40	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Kandula Anjaneyulu S/o Yellaiah	60 Sq yards	Open plot	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
41	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Road	30 Sq yards	Nil	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
42	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Kongara Soubhagyamma W/o Mallesh	121 Sq yards	Bath Room-2 Neem Tree-1 House-1	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
43	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Sheelam Anil Kumar S/o Janakiramulu	90 Sq yards	House-1 Neem Tree-1 Compound wall, Water sump-1	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
44	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Jaganala Srinivas S/o Veeraiah	30 Sq yards	Bath Room-1	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
45	127/2		Patta	Non-agri	Gorre Chandrakala W/o Venkatesh	30 Sq yards	Compound wall	E: Railway Line W:Sy.No.127/1 N: Railway Station S: Sy.No.127/1
					Total::	8.34 1/2		

Village: Buddaram Mandal: Garla District: MAHABUBABAD

Sl.No	Survey No.	Area under Acquisition (in Ac. Gts)	Type of Title	Type of Land	Name of the Interested Person	Extent in Ac. Gts./Sq.yds	Structures/ Trees etc., if any	Boundaries
1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8
1	198/2	0.13 1/4	Patta	Non-agri	Elurl Swarupa Rani W/o Narsingarao	90 Sq yards	NIl	E: Sy.No.198/1 W: Railway track N: Sy No. 197/1 S: Sy No. 199/1
2			Patta	Non-agri	Tipirishetty Sridevi W/o Srinivas Rao	1513 Sq yards	Nil	
3	199/2	0.16 1/4	Patta	Non-agri	Malothu VIjaya W/o Ramarao	200 Sq.yds	Nil	E: Sy.No.198/1 W: Railway track N: Sy No.198/1 S: Sy No.200/1
4			Patta	Non-agri	Tipirishetty Sridevi W/o Srinivas Rao	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
5			Patta	Non-agri	Bhukya Kishan S/o Golya	188 Sq.yds	Nil	
6			Patta	Non-agri	Tipirishetty Sridevi W/o Srinivas Rao	1406.25 Sq.yds	Nil	
7	200/2	0.12	Patta	Non-agri	Tejavath Bheemudu S/o Gobriya	172 Sq.yds	House-1 Compound wall Neem Tree-1 Bath room	E: Sy.No.199/1 W: Railway track N: Sy No.199/1 S: Sy No.201/1
8			Patta	Non-agri	Tejavath Mansingh S/o Bheemudu	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
9			Patta	Non-agri	Mudu Nandulal S/o Valya	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
10			Patta	Non-agri	Mudu Veeranna S/o Kamiliya	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
11			Patta	Non-agri	Azmira Mangilal S/o Ramulu	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
12			Patta	Non-agri	Tipirishetty Sridevi W/o Srinivas Rao	592 Sq.yds	Nil	
13	201/2	0.19 25	Patta	Non-agri	Jarupula Srinu S/o Walya	86 Sq.yds	Nil	E: Sy.No.201/1 W: Railway track N: Sy No.200/1 S: Sy No.202/1
14			Patta	Non-agri	Boda Veeranna S/o Bichya	86 Sq.yds	Nil	
15			Patta	Non-agri	Badavath Bikkulal S/o Ramulu	174 Sq.yds	Nil	
16			Patta	Non-agri	Banothu Kishor S/o Kashinadham	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
17			Patta	Non-agri	Banothu Ramesh S/o Kashinadham	172 Sq.yds	Nil	
18			Patta	Non-agri	Tipirishetty Sridevi W/o Srinivas Rao	1639.25 Sq.yds	Nil	
19	202/2	0.36 1/4	Patta	Non-agri	Mood Jeevanlal S/o Takur	1119.25 Sq.yds	House-1 Neem Tree-6 Teak Trees-12 Mango Tree-1 Compound wall,Well-1	E: Sy.No.201/1 W: Railway track N: Sy No.201/1 S: Railway Station
20			Patta	Dry	Mood Radha W/o Krishna	0.09	Nil	
21			Patta	Dry	Mood Hari Takur	0.09	Nil	
22			Patta	Dry	Mood Ramu S/o. Takur	0.09	Nil	
23	228/2	0.09 1/2	Patta	Dry	Banothu Champla S/o Ramulu	0.05 1/4	Open Well-1 Neem Trees-5	E: Railway track W: Sy No.228/1 N: Sy No.229/1 S: Sy No.228/1
24			Patta	Dry	Banothu Krishna W/o Pandya	0.04 1/4	Open Well-1 Neem Trees-5	
25	230/2	0.20 1/2	Patta	Dry	Samineni Indira W/o Nalini Mohan	0.20 1/2	Well-1 Bore well-1 Pipes-90 Mango Trees-20 Teak Tree-15, Water storage Tank-1	E: Railway track W: Sy No.230/1 N: Sy No.230/1 S: Existing Railway
					Total	3.07		

Grand Total:: Acs 12.01 1/2 gts

This Declaration is made after hearing of objections of persons interested and due enquiry as provided U/s 15 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30/2013), to all whom it may concern.

Mines of coal, iron-stone, slate or other minerals lying under the said land or any particular portion of the said land, except such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during the construction phase of the project for the purpose of which the land is being acquired, are not needed.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Mahabubabad and Land Acquisition Officer/Revenue Divisional Officer, Mahabubabad on any working day during the working hours.

Sd/- Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Mahabubabad. **Sd/- Addl.Collector, Mahabubabad.** **Sd/- Dist.Collector, Mahabubabad.**

DIPR R.O No: 1209/LA/PP/Advt/Agency/2025-26

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SALE PROCLAMATION - CUM-E-AUCTION

RP No.1124 of 2024 **Date: 11.02.2026**

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.

(CH 1) State Bank of India, Stressed Asset Management Branch, Secunderabad Branch, 5th Floor, Rear Block Hmwssb Compound, D.No. 6-2-915, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004 Rep.By Its Assistant General Manager. **...Certificate Holder**

(CD 1) M/s Pallavi Enterprises Rep.By Its Managing Partner, D.No.6-22, Enikepadu, Vijayawada-521108
(CD 2) Girija Modern Rice Mill Rep.By Its Managing Partner, D No 6-22, Enikepadu, Vijayawada-521108
(CD 3) Smt.Tatikonda Savithri, W/o Viswanatham, D No:29-2-12, Rama Mandiram Street, Eluru Road, Vijayawada -520002.
(CD 4) Smt.A Venkata Lakshmi Girija, W/o Ravi Kumar Attuluri, Occ:Business, D.No. 29-1-30 And 29-1-23,Maladivari Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada -520002.
(CD 5) Smt.Pothuri Venkata Rama Vanaja, W/o P.Srinivasa Kumar, Occ:Business, R/o D.No.40-15-2, Nandamuri Street, Life Style, Labbipeta, Vijayawada-520010.
(CD 6) Pothuri Srinivasa Kumar, S/o P.Venkata Ratnam, Occ:Business, D.No. 40-15-2, Nandamuri Street, Life style, Labbipeta, Vijayawada -520010.
(CD 7) Karamuri Venkata Pallavi, W/o K.V.Uday Madhav, Occ:Business, D.No, 22-12-1/3, Karumurivari Street, Opp. Elementary School, Gramakanttam, Bhimavaram-534201.
(CD 8) Vutukuri Vaishali, W/o Venkata Ajay Krishna, Occ:Business, D.No. 29-2-12, Rama Mandiram Street,Eluru Road, Vijayawada -520002.
(CD 9) Vutukuri Venkata Ajay Krishna, S/o Venkata Veereswara Rao, Occ:Business, D.No. 29-2-12, Rama Mandiram Street, Eluru Road, Vijayawada-520002.
(CD 10) Tatikonda Viswanatham, S/o Lakshmi Kanthaiah, Occ:Business, D No:29-2-12, Rama Mandiram Street, Eluru Road, Vijayawada -520002.
...Certificate Debtors

WHEREAS a Recovery Certificate bearing RP No. 1124/2024 dated - 10.12.2024 was issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad, under Sec.19(22) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993.

WHEREAS the undersigned initiated recovery proceedings in **RP No.1124/2024 for recovery of Rs.34,33,41,486.23 Ps** (Rupees Thirty Four Crores Thirty Three Lakhs Forty One Thousands Four Hundred Eighty Six And Paise Twenty Three Only) with interest, costs, etc specified in the Recovery Certificate aforesaid and the Second and Third Schedules to the Income tax Act, 1961, from the Certificate Debtors

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the mortgaged/attached property mentioned in the schedule annexed hereto in Satisfaction of Recovery Certificate. And whereas on the **26.03.2026** (the date fixed for sale), there will be due there under a sum of **Rs.34,33,41,486.23 Ps** (Rupees Thirty Four Crores Thirty Three Lakhs Forty One Thousands Four Hundred Eighty Six And Paise Twenty Three Only) [Decree Amount] plus interest and cost payable as per Recovery Certificate issued by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT (less amount already recovered, if any) from **M/s Pallavi Enterprises & Others.**

NOTICE is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on **26.03.2026** by e-auction and the **bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding"** through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com by the Service Provider "M/s C1 India Pvt.Ltd", & Contact No : 9948182222, Mail id : support@bankeauction.com & telangana@c1india.com.**

For more details contact **Sindam Saibaba, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch, #5-9-76, 2nd & 3rd Floor, Prabhat Towers, Chapel Road, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad-500001, Mobile No.94087 09424, Mail id: team1samb.sec@sbi.co.in** for query, Inspection of Schedule Property, perusal of copies of the title deeds and latest Encumbrance Certificate to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves about title of the property under Auction Sale.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale will be of the immovable property as mentioned in the schedule. **2.** The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold is **Rs.115,83,88,000/-. 3.** The properties will be put for auction on **26.03.2026** as per details annexure. **4.** No Officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961,and the income tax certificate proceedings Rules 1962, the rules made there under. **5.** Bidders are advised to go through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, procedure and application form etc... before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **6.** The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation. **7.** The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of the property provided always that he is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate so as to make it inadvisable to do so. **8.** The EMD to the extent of 10 % reserve price shall be deposited by the bidder by **24.03.2026** either by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to credit of **Account No.30286184022, Name of the Account : SBI SAM Branch Office Account and IFSC Code : SBIN0004106 or by Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Registrar", DRT-2, Hyderabad". 9.** The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase consideration after adjustment of 10% EMD on being knocked down by next day i.e by 3.00 PM in the said account as per details mentioned in Para 8 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next working day. Balance 75% of the purchase consideration is to be remitted within 15 days from the date of auction. **10.** In addition to the above, the purchaser shall also deposit poundage fee with Registrar, DRT-2 Hyderabad @ 2% up to Rs. 1000/- and @ 1 % of the excess of the said amount of **Rs.1000/- through DD in favour of "Registrar DRT-2 Hyderabad". 11.** In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. **12.** Purchaser bidding for the property shall ensure to abide by the prevailing, applicable laws. The property is being sold on : **"As is where is" and 'As is what is"** condition. The bidders should make their own enquiries regarding ownership, encumbrances, charges or statutory dues such as taxes etc.. with respect to the property. It shall be deemed that the bidders have done their own due diligence before submitting the bids. **13.** The property is being sold on **"As is where is & As is what is basis". 14.** The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTY

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: 1) Factory site together with Factory Building to an extent of Ac.3.09 cents, situated at RS No 158/1,2&157/5, Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Defendant No.1 M/s Pallavi Enterpirses, Enikepadu, Vijayawada and **bounded by: On the North by:** Rivas canal Road, **On the South by:** Land of Adusmilli Seshagiri Rao and Land of Vallabhaneni Indira, **On the East by:** Harijan colony, **On the West by:** Land of Land of Vallabhaneni Indira.

The above extent of Ac.3-09 cents is comprising the parts of land shown in Item (i) to (ix)

i) Boundaries of Ac.0-40 cents covered by No.5349/83: E: Land of Koneru Narasimha Rao and others, **S:**Land of Koneru Bhaskara Rao, **W:** Land of Vallabhaneni Indira, **N:** Land of Koneru Bhaskara Rao. **ii) Boundaries of Ac.0-40 cents covered by No.5348/83: E:** Harijana Vada, **S:** Land of Kandula Jayagopalarao, **W:** Land of Koneru Narasimha Rao and others 7, **N:** Land of Podugula Subbarao. **iii) Boundaries of Ac.0-50 cents covered by No.5589/83: E:**Land of Yerneni Rama Krishna Babu and others, **S:** Land of Koneru Kasi Viseswara Rao, **W:** Land of M/s Pallavi Enterprises. **N:** Land of Koneru Narasimharao, Koneru Venkata Krishna Rao, Koneru Joshi, and Koneru Bosubabu. **iv) Boundaries of Ac.0-39 cents covered by No.5808/83: E:**Harijana Vada, **S:** Land of Yerneni Rama Krishna Babu and Yerneni Lakshmi Narayana, **W:** Land of Koneru Narasimha Rao, **N:** Rivas canal Road. **v) Boundaries of Ac.0-47 cents covered by No.5958/83: E:**Land of Yerneni Rama Krishna Babu and others, **S:** M/s Pallavi Enterprises, **W:** Land of Koneru Bhaskara Rao, **N:** Rivas canal Road. **vi) Boundaries of Ac.0-17 cents covered by No.6795/83: E:**Land of Yerneni Lakshmi Narayana, **S:** Land of Yerneni Lakshmi Narayana, **W:** Land of Vallabhaneni Indira, **N:** Residual Land of Koneru Bhaskara Rao. **vii) Boundaries of Ac.0-46 cents covered by No.2975/84: E:**Land of Yerneni Lakshmi Narayana, **S:**Land of Yerneni Lakshmi Narayana, **W:** Land of Koneru Kasi Viseswara Rao and others, **N:** Rivas canal Road. **viii) Boundaries of Ac.0-15 cents covered by No.5795/83: E:**Kandala Venkatamma, **S:**Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy, **W:** Land of Avula Satayanarayana, **N:** Harijanawada to some extent and Land of Yarlagadda Veeranna. **ix) Boundaries of Ac.0-15 cents covered by No.5796/83: E:** Harijana vada, **S:**Land of Yveeranna to some extent and Land of Avula Satayanarayana to some extent, **W:** Land of Avula Satayanarayana, **N:** Land of RS No 158/2 belonging to Yerneni Ramakrishna Babu.

2) Factory site to an extent of 169 sq yds, situated at RS No 159/1, Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Defendant No.1. M/s Pallavi Enterprises, Enikepadu, Vijayawada and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of M/s Pallavi Enterprises, **On the South by:** Agricultural land of Boyapati Padmaja Rani, **On the East by :** Land of M/s Pallavi Enterprises, **On the West by :** Land of M/s Pallavi Enterprises

3) Factory site to an extent of Ac3.28 cents situated at RS No 159/3,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Savithri W/o Viswanatham and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Harijans, **On the South by :** Land of Vallabhaneni Indira, **On the East by :** Land of Koppuravuir Sri Krishna, **On the West by :** Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy and others.

4) Factory site to an extent of Ac0.40 cents, situated at RS No 159/2, Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham S/oLakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by: East :** Land of Pallavi Enterprises, **South:** Way to Potluri Janardhana Murthy, **West :** Land of Pallavi Enterprises, **North :** Land of Pallavi Enterprises.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 8) Factory site together with Factory Building to an extent of Ac1.33 cents, situated at RS No 159/1,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District,Sub Registrar,Gundadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Late Smt Pulipati Lakshmi Kantamma (under title deed No.3308/2003) bequeathed to Sri Tatikonda Viswanadham vide registered wil bearing Doc. No.25/Bk-IV/2004 dated 11.03.2004 and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham, **On the South by :** Land of Rachamalla Rama Kotaiah and others, **On the East by :** Land of Seshagiri Rao, **On the West by :** Land of Vallabhaneni Indira.

9) Factory site together with Factory Building to an extent of Ac1.87 ½ cents, situated at RS No158/3, 159/1 and 159/2,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District,Sub Registrar,Gundadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham S/oLakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Yarlagadda Veeranna to to some extent and Land of Pallavi Enterprises's to some extent, **On the South by :** Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy to some extent and Land of Koneru Narasimha Rao to some extent, **On the East by :** Land of Yarlagadda Veeranna, **On the West by :** Land of Smt Pulipati Lakshmi Kantamma.

10) Factory site together with Factory Building to an extent of Ac0.60 ½ cents comprising of (Ac.0-54 cents and Ac.0-06 ½ cents) situated at RS No160/1,161/2B,161/2C ,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar,Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham S/oLakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by:Item No: 1: Boundaries Ac0.54cents: On the North by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham to to some extent and Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy to some extent, **Onthe South by :** 33' Road to someextent and Land of Rachamalla Arjuna Rao to some extent, **On the East by :** Land of G Ramesh and others, **On the West by :** Land of Land of Rachamalla Rama Kotaiah and others. **Item No: 2: Boundaries Ac0.06 ½ cents: On the North by :** Vehicles passage, **On the South by :** Passage, **On the East by :** Land of Pondugula Subbarao and others, **On the West by :** Land of Land of K Nageswararao and others.

11) Factory site together with Factory Building to an extent of Ac.0.44 ½ cents,situated at RS No 160/2,160/4,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District,District Registrar, Viiayawada(East), Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham S/oLakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham, **On the South by :** Land of Rachamallu Pandu Ranga Rao and others, **On the East by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham, **On the West by :** Land of Smt Tripemeni Nagamani and Kalyana Chakaravarthy

12) Factory site to an extent of Ac 0.02 1/8 cents,situated at RS No 159/1,Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham, S/o Lakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham, **On the South by :** Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy, **On the East by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham to some extent and Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy to some extent, **On the West by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham.

13) Factory site to an extent of Ac 0.04 1/4 cents,situated at RS No 159/1, Enikepadu Village-521108, Vijayawada (Rural), Krishna District, Sub Registrar, Gunadala, Vijayawada, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Tatikonda Viswanatham, S/o Lakshmi Kanthiah and **bounded by: On the North by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham, **On the South by :** Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy, **On the East by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham to some extent and Land of Potluri Janardhana Murthy to some extent, **On the West by :** Land of Tatikonda Viswanatham.

The above referred properties were originally mortgaged to defendant No.2 ie., Girija Modern Rice Mills. The Same properties were extended to cover the loan facilities sanctioned to defendant No.1 ie., Pallavi Enterprises.

SCHEDULE:D

S. No.	Details of Machinery/ Equipment	Make / Supplier / Model	Age (in yrs)	Qty	Capacity of Machinery
1	Steam Boiler (husk fired) with FD Fan-1 No., PPA Fan-1 No., ID Fan-1 No., Fuel Handling System, Ash Handling, Bag Filer-2 No., Cyclone Filter-1 No., Boiler Feed, Water Pumps-2 Nos., Electrical panels, cables & fittings, Steam lines & Supporting structures etc.,	Thermax	15	1	25 TPH
2	Steam Turbo generator set	Triveni/Toyo Denki Power Systems	15	1	2.5 MW/3125 KVA
3	Distributed Control System (DCS)	Rock Well Automation	15	1	....
4	Battery System	Micro Power System	15	1	....
5	Water Treatment Plant incl. RO & DM plants	.....	15	1	30 TPH
6	EOT Crane	Grip Engineers Pvt Ltd.	15	1	5 Ton
7	Cooling Tower (2 Cell)	Paharpur	15	1	....
8	Air Compressor with Dryer & Receiver	Elgi/E30	15	1	....
9	Air Compressor with Dryer & Receiver	Atlas Capco/GA45	15	129 LPS	....

DETAILS OF AUCTION

Date of Auction	Last Date of BID Submission	Time of Auction	Reserve Price	10% EMD Amount	Bid increment Amount
26.03.2026	24.03.2026	11.30 AM to 12.30 PM	Rs. 115,83,88,000/-	Rs. 11,58,38,800/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-

Given Under my hand & Seal of This Tribunal at on this 11th day of February 2026

Sd/- (DV Subrahmanyam) Recovery Officer,
Debt Recovery Tribunal-2, Hyderabad - 500001

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
(Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India)
31-31-21, Narayana Bhavanam, Sai Baba Street, Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam-530 020.

DEMAND NOTICE

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

RC/363/2020 **10-09-2024**

Bank of Baroda (e-Dena Bank), Kakinada Branch, East Godavari District.
Versus
M/s. Vinayaka Traders & others

To:
(CD-1) M/s. Vinayaka Traders, Rep. by its Managing Partner, Sri. Cherukuri Thirupathi Rao, Patta No. 1053,C/o Sri Sai Ginning Mill, Opp-IOC Petrol Bunk, Etukuru Road, Guntur District-522003
(CD -2) Sri Maddineni Sudhakar, S/o Sri M. Rama Rao, Partner of M/s Vinayaka Traders, H No. 8-2-293/82/1/229/A/202, Road No. 12, Sitha Rama Nilayam, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500034. **Also at:** D.No. 16-19-55, Flat No. 2, Chalapathi Paradise, 2nd Line, Venkataramana Colony, Guntur District-522006.
(CD-3) Smt. Maddineni Saradha, W/o Sri. Maddineni Sudhakar, D No. 16-19-55, Flat No.2, Chalapathi Paradise, 2nd Line, Venkataramana Colony, Guntur District-522006. **Also at:** H No. 8-2-293/82/1/229/A/202, Road No.12, Sitha Rama Nilayam, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034.
(CD-4) Sri Cherukuri Thirupathi Rao, S/o Chennaiah, Managing Partner of M/s Vinayaka Traders, D.No.7-8-10/1, 4/5, Kakumanu Vaari Thota, Donka Road, Guntur District-522002.

1. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam in **OA/951/2017** an amount of **Rs.1,08,16,813/-** (Rupees one crore eight lakhs sixteen thousand eight hundred and thirteen only) along with pendentellite and future interest **@ 11% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **24.10.2017** till realization / date of payment and the costs become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **25.02.2026** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings;
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken place for recovering the certificate amount.
6. Attention is invited to **Rule 16** of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 which is reproduced below:
16(1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him expect with the permission of the Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any proces against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
16(2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule, any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other moneys contrary to such attachment shall be void as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

(Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, Visakhapatnam on this day 10th September, 2024)

(AVASARALA ANIL)
RECOVERY OFFICER
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer Horamavu Division Jayanthi nagara Circle, Horamavu Main Road, Horamavu, Bengaluru 560 113

No.BECC/EE/HRM/TN/04/2025-26 **Dated: 21-02-2026**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (SHORT TERM)
(Through GOK KPPP Only)

The Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division invites Item Rate tenders from eligible tenderers for the work details in the table given below. Tenderers shall be registered in BECC /CPWD/KPWD/Railways/ MES/any State or Central Govt. organization. Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Estimate Cost in lakhs/EMD amount in Rs.
	Improvements to roads & drains at
1	Chelkere Village @ Census Block Number 46/2 and Surrounding Area Ward No.86 Chelakere. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.75 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,500/-.**
2	Vaddarapalaya Village (sai Layout) @ Census Block Number 34 and Surrounding Areas Ward No.86 Chelakere. (CAT-II(A) RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
3	Geddahalalli Village Main Road Sonia Gandhi Nagara and Surrounding Areas @Census Block No.1/1 of Census 2011 in Horamavu Ward No.87, (SC RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.90 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,900/-.**
4	Horamavu Tank Road and Horamavu Village Cross Roads @ Census Block No.95/2 of in Horamavu Ward No.87 (CAT-I RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
5	Jayanthi Nagara Village @ Census Block No.150/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87 (ST RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.75 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,750/-.**
6	Kothanuru Village Anganawadi Road and Kothanuru Village Cross Roads @ Cenusus Block No.20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**
7	Kylasanahalli Village Cross Roads and surrounding area @ Cenusus Block No.4/3 and 4/3 and 20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.90 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,800/-.**
8	Vaddarapalaya Village (Kaveri Nagara) Cross Roads and surrounding area @ Census Block Number 34 and Surrounding Areas Ward No.86 Chelakere (SC RESERVE). Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.99,800/-.**
9	Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village and Surrounding areas Kylasanahalli Village and Surrounding Areas @ Census Block Number 20/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**
10	Jayanthi Nagara Gangamma Temple Road and Lakshmi Narasimma Swamy Road and Surrounding areas @ Census Block No.150/1 in Horamavu Ward No.87. Estimate Cost : **Rs.99.80 Lakhs**, EMD (in Rupees): **Rs.1,99,600/-.**

Calendar of events:
1. Last date of submission queries : **27-02-2026 within 11.00 A.M**
2. Date & time for Pre Bid Meeting : **27-02-2026 at 11.30 A.M**
3. Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **09-03-2026 Upto 4:00 P.M.**
4. Date & Time for Opening Technical bid : **10-03-2026 at 4.30 P.M**
5. Date & Time for Opening Financial bid : **12-03-2026 at 4.00 P.M**
6. Validity of Tenders : **90 Days**

Bid document may be referred for other terms and conditions and any Corrigendum/Addendum will be published and notified only through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or Contact KPPP/portal

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Horamavu Division, Zone-2 BECC

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Cong., BJP cadre clash; Kamareddy MLA kept under house arrest

Sources say that an alleged attempt by a group of Congress functionaries to lay siege to the camp office of Kamareddy MLA K. Venkataramana Reddy of the BJP led to a ruckus; irate BJP workers allegedly attack car of local Congress leader

P. Sridhar
KAMAREDDY



Police personnel try to control the situation after a clash between Congress and BJP cadres outside the Kamareddy MLA's camp office in Telangana.

High tension broke out in Kamareddy following a scuffle between the Congress and BJP cadre on Saturday.

An alleged attempt by a group of Congress functionaries to lay siege to the camp office of Kamareddy MLA K. Venkataramana Reddy of the BJP led to a ruckus, sources said.

Mr. Venkataramana Reddy was kept under house arrest on Saturday morning and prevented from taking part in a debate at Shishu Mandir over Arora land issue.

This was a fallout of the ongoing war of words between the Congress and BJP leaders over allegations of land encroachment.

Mr. Reddy and Advisor to Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir had made allegations and counter allegations over the land issue.

Accepting the challenge for a debate, the MLA asked the Congress leaders to come with evidence and said he would also present evidence over his charges.

Even as Mr. Reddy was gearing up to proceed to Shishu Mandir, the police came to his house and kept him under house arrest.

Chaos prevailed right outside the MLA's camp office when the Congress cadre gathered at the entrance and raised slogans against Mr. Reddy.

In the melee, irate BJP workers allegedly attacked the car of a local Congress leader with boulders damaging its windshields before flipping the vehicle upside down. They reportedly attempted to set the car on fire.

Police dispersed the BJP and Congress workers as the situation turned tense, amid utter chaos.

Sources said that permission was not granted for the open debate.

A large number of police personnel were deployed at the MLA's camp office and elsewhere in the town to prevent untoward incidents.

The political tussle between the Congress and BJP further intensified in the aftermath of the recent municipal elections.

Telangana BJP decries attack

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana BJP strongly criticised the alleged attack on the camp office of party leader and MLA K. Venkataramana Reddy. State BJP chief N. Ramchander Rao called the incident an "assault on democratic values" and accused the Congress of resorting to violence to "conceal its political setbacks."

"Indulging in such violent acts to cover up the political failures of Congress is extremely deplorable," he said, and asserted that it was the responsibility of the government to ensure law and order in the region. BJP would not tolerate any disruption to public peace in Kamareddy, he added. "Political violence is unacceptable. We will visit the site of the incident to express solidarity with the local cadre and to assess the situation firsthand," Mr. Rao said.

Congress-mukt Bharat will remain a dream as party is soul of the nation: Revanth

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy addressing the inaugural session of the District Congress Committee presidents' training programme in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that the Congress and the nation cannot be separated, asserting that 'the soul of the country is the Congress', and it was the responsibility of the Congress workers to ensure that the Congress flag flies high.

Targeting the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), he said that parties which were born by using the freedom and the Constitution provided by the Congress were now calling for a 'Congress-mukt Bharat'.

He was addressing the inaugural session of the District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents' training programme, organised by the All India Congress Committee (AICC).

Making it clear that only hardwork will pay and not recommendations and proximity to big leaders, he cautioned the DCC presidents to work to strengthen the party and the rewards will follow. "Take everyone along as the post is a responsibility and not a position," he said.

He mentioned his example of how he was made the PCC chief and he sought support of all the seniors personally. The collective effort helped the Congress rise from just 2.5% vote share to 40% and form the government.

"Even as an aspiring leader and initially as a MLC, I caught the attention of then CM YS Rajashekhar Reddy for hardwork. You get respect only due to sincere work," he told them.

He reminded that those who worked effectively as DCC presidents were given opportunities as MLAs, while leaders active in party-affiliated organisations were appointed to corporation posts. "There is no quota in the Congress except merit quota," Mr. Revanth added.

Recalling the sacrifices of national leaders, the CM said that Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru went to jail for the country, while Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi laid down their lives for the nation.

The CM alleged that the BJP was conspiring against the Congress and the Gandhi family by preventing Rahul Gandhi from speaking in Parliament and by foisting cases against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi to politically eliminate them.

"Does a family that has sacrificed three leaders for the nation need money?" he asked.

INBRIEF

Congress condemns BJP protests at its offices

Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy condemned the BJP Yuva Morcha laying siege to Congress office in Hyderabad and also the residence of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. Addressing the media here, Mr. Reddy defended the protest staged by Youth Congress activists in New Delhi during the recent AI Summit, and said some activists demonstrated semi-nude against the policies of the Union government, and the protest was not against AI summit.



BRS leader urges govt. to ban herbicide 'paraquat dichloride'

Senior BRS leader and former MP B. Vinod Kumar requested the State government to immediately ban weedicide/herbicide 'paraquat dichloride' as it is claiming the lives at least 20 farmers every month in several district hospitals following its accidental ingestion by them or its intentional consumption. Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, he stated that pesticide companies were making and selling the herbicide widely with the claims that it would kill weeds completely, hiding the facts about its ill effects.

SEC urged to issue certificate to Ibrahimpatnam chairman-elect

A delegation of the BRS requested the State Election Commission to notify the election of Chairperson of Ibrahimpatnam municipality completed on February 17, but not announced by officials allegedly under pressure from the ruling Congress, despite BRS having won 14 wards against 8 by the Congress. Party leaders K.P. Vivekanand, Shambipur Raju, Dasoju Sravan, Manchireddy Kishan Reddy and others made the representation on Saturday.

KTR flays govt. for failing to resume SLBC tunnel work

Working president of Bharat Rashtra Samithi K.T. Rama Rao criticised the State government for its failure to resume work on the excavation of tunnel of Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) project after it came to a grinding halt on February 21 last year following roof collapse of the tunnel under construction burying eight workers alive. In a statement, he said on Saturday that despite repeated announcements of resuming the work 'soon' it was yet to begin.

Ponguleti seeks 3L rural houses from Centre

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy submits a representation to Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan seeking three lakh houses under PMGY, in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy urged the Centre to immediately sanction at least three lakh houses for the State during the current financial year.

In a representation submitted to Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Minister said there was a massive pending demand for houses in rural Telangana due to prolonged neglect of housing construction between 2014 and 2023. He met the Union Minister during his visit to Hyderabad and submitted a representation to him.

The Minister said the previous government had completely failed to secure even a single house from the Centre despite ruling for a decade.

He pointed out that, as per the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the State government has been repeatedly requesting the Centre for the past two years to sanction houses for rural areas, but there has been no positive response so far. "At least during this financial year, the Centre should sanction three lakh houses for rural Telangana," he appealed adding that the government is already constructing around four lakh Indiramma houses this year.

Mr. Ponguleti said that Telangana had not been part of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) 1.0 earlier. However, after the formation of the Congress government in 2023, the State officially joined PMAY-G 2.0 in accordance with the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Rural Development.

Owaisi wants probe into Banswada case

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi demanded that the State government compensate people whose properties were damaged. PTI

Hyderabad parliamentarian Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday expressed concern over what he described as an increasing number of communal incidents in Telangana, and touched upon the recent incidents in Banswada and Sadasivpet

Taking to X, Mr. Owaisi demanded that a First Information Report (FIR) be registered and a proper investigation conducted into the Banswada incident.

He sought to know how a large crowd could have been mobilised within a few hours even as he stated that that videos circulating on social media showed members of a right-wing group engaging in criminal activities.

Mr. Owaisi, who is the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president, said that shops and street vendors belonging to the minority community were specifically targeted during the violence.

The AIMIM president said he was in touch with the party's Kamareddy district general secretary, Sayeed Khan, and had instructed him to prepare a report on the damage caused by the mob violence. He demanded that the State government compensate people whose properties were damaged, and said the AIMIM would extend assistance and relief to the affected persons.

Referring to the demolition of Masjid-e-Moulana in Sadasivpet by Revenue authorities, Mr. Owaisi said he had asked Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin and district party president Sheikh Ghouse to hold discussions with local officials.

CCI to continue procuring cotton at MSP till month-end

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao asked the farming community to make use of the extended deadline for cotton sale and sell their produce to CCI at the minimum support price of ₹8,110 per quintal. MOHD ARIF

The Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has decided to continue the procurement of the fibre/yarn crop till the month-end following a request made by the State government.

According to Minister for Agriculture Tummala Nageswara Rao, the CCI had so far procured 16.15 lakh tonnes of cotton valued at ₹12,823 crore from over 8.8 lakh farmers. He stated on Saturday that he had written to the Union Textiles Minister, CCI and two Union Ministers from the State G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar requesting them to extend the procurement date since the fourth picking of cotton was still going on.

He asked the farming community to make use of the extended deadline for cotton sale and sell their produce to CCI at the minimum support price of ₹8,110 per quintal by following the fair average quality norms. He further stated that 2.24 lakh tonnes of low-quality cotton was also purchased from farmers in the market and another 9.99 lakh tonnes of cotton stocks were still available with farmers.

Though there was some opposition from the farming community and ginning mills to the 'kapas kisan' app introduced to register their details, the State government had addressed their concerns one by one and made them make use of the app. Booking the details of their produce (cotton) on the app was allowing the farmers to bring the stock to the procurement centre at the appointed/given time and avoid keeping their produce in queues at the procurement centres, the Minister said.

A section of the farming community (cotton producers) were worried with the information in circulation that CCI was stopping procurement even before the entire crop/cotton was picked. Now that the CCI had extended the time, the farmers could sell all their produce.

According to the agriculture department officials, cotton was raised in 50.7 lakh acres during 2025-26 Kharif season but only 45.32 lakh acres remained safe, as the crop in the remaining extent was damaged badly in the heavy rains and floods. The production of cotton was estimated at 28.29 lakh tonnes from 45.32 lakh acres.

Non-payment of rent forced students onto roads: Harish

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Deputy Floor Leader of BRS in the Assembly T. Harish Rao stated that students of Govt. Primary School at Jabbarpur in Wargal mandal of Siddipet district had to stage a protest seeking shelter for the school as the owner of the private building in which it is housed had locked the building for non-payment of rent by the government.

In a statement, he said that CM A. Revanth Reddy was keeping the portfolio of Education with him and under his leadership the education department was not even paying the rent of private buildings. He sought to know whether the government had no money to pay the rent when it had spent ₹100 crore on the camp office of the CM and another ₹4.5 crore for the third camp office of the Deputy CM.

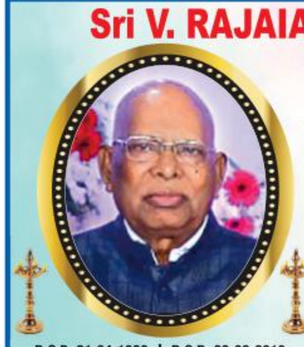
When the government was making tall claims of developing Gandhi Sarovar, why it was not allocating funds for quality food to students of residential schools and paying rents of private buildings.

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ED summons Tantri, ex-TDB president in gold theft case

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has issued a summons to former president of the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) N. Vasu and Tantri Kandararu Rajeevaru to appear for interrogation in the first week of March in connection with the alleged Sabarimala gold theft case. After being arrested by the High Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case, both were granted bail by the Kollam Vigilance court earlier this month. The ED has been issuing notices to people on the list of accused drawn up by the SIT and beyond.

CPI functionary, son-in-law killed in road accident

A 73-year-old man and his son-in-law were killed when a speeding car rammed into their motorcycle on Rajiv Rahadari (State Highway-1) on the outskirts of Kothapalli village in Thimmapur mandal of Karimnagar district on Saturday. The victims were identified as Sriramula Ramchandram, 73, a senior CPI functionary of Kondapalkala in Manakondur mandal, and his son-in-law Srinivas, 40.

A.P. govt. releases *ex gratia* to kin of 95 deceased fishermen

The Andhra Pradesh government has released pending *ex gratia* assistance to the families of 95 deceased fishermen under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said on Saturday. In a statement from Amaravati, Mr. Atchannaidu said cases pending since 2018 were reviewed on priority and ₹4.75 crore was sanctioned and released. Of the 95 beneficiaries identified, *ex gratia* amounts have already been credited to the bank accounts of 90 families.

Karnataka BJP MLA held for accepting ₹5 lakh bribe

Lokayukta Police arrest Chandru Lamani, two personal assistants after catching them allegedly accept a bribe from a contractor for an irrigation project; BJP says party won't tolerate bribery

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI



In the net: Lokayukta Police at the hospital in Laxmeshwar town of Gadag district of Karnataka on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shirahatti BJP MLA Chandru Lamani and two of his personal assistants were trapped by the Lokayukta Police while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹5 lakh from a contractor in Laxmeshwar town in Gadag district of Karnataka on Saturday.

The MLA allegedly demanded a bribe of ₹11 lakh for clearing a minor irrigation project.

Class 1 contractor Vijay Pujar, from Chinchali village in Gadag taluk, complained to the Lokayukta Police.

On Saturday, around 2.15 p.m., Dr. Lamani and his personal assistants, Manjunath Valmiki and Guru Naik, were caught by the Lokayukta Police while accepting a bribe at Balaji Hospital run by him in Laxmeshwar town. He and his aides have been arrested.

Money thrown

When the Lokayukta Police conducted a search, Dr. Lamani's personal assistant, Guru Naik, reportedly threw away a cover containing ₹50,000 into the compound of a nearby private school.

Along with the cover containing cash, the Lokayukta Police recovered ₹4.5 lakh in cash from the hospital.

The operation was carried out by Deputy Superintendent of Police of Lokayukta Police Vijay Biradar, Inspector Paramesh Kavatagi and staff under the guidance of Gadag Lokayaukta SP Siddalingappa.

The Gadag Lokayukta Police have filed a case under Section 7(a) read with the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

The arrest of Dr. Lamani led to a protest by his supporters outside the hospital in Laxmeshwar. However, the police intervened immediately and dispersed the crowd.

The protesters alleged that district in-charge Minister H.K. Patil and a Lambani seer were behind the whole development.

Before contesting the Assembly election in 2023, Dr. Lamani was a taluk health officer at Shirahatti Taluk Hospital. A complaint was registered against him in Lokayukta office over alleged discrepancies in issue of OPD (Outpatient Department) slips. Subsequently, he resigned on August 31, 2021 and established Balaji Hospital in Laxmeshwar.

However, for almost two years his resignation was not accepted by the government. After his candidature was announced by the BJP, the then Deputy Commissioner of Gadag, Vaishali M.L., had written to the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare mentioning that his resignation was a ploy to escape from punishment of corruption charges and he had violated government cadre rules by announcing his candidature to contest in election.

Subsequently his resignation was approved just few days before the Assembly election and he contested on BJP ticket and won by a margin of 28,520 votes.

Reacting to the incident, in a sarcastic remark, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said, "BJP leaders are very honest. They are corruption-free in this country. The Lokayukta might have received some wrong information." He added, "Let us see what the Lokayukta says. I will react after that."

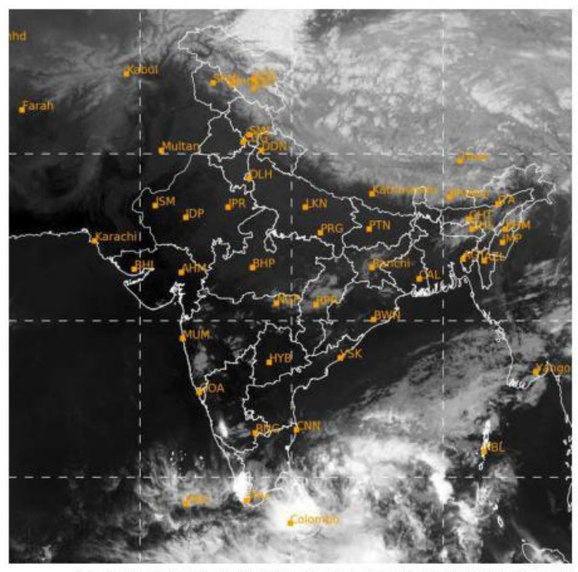
'Will not tolerate'

Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Council, Chalavadi Narayanaswamy, said he was not aware of the details and that his party does not tolerate bribery, adding that he would comment after gathering full information. State BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra said he "would respond after ascertaining the facts."

(With inputs from PTI)

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.5	17.0	Kozhikode	—	34.2	27.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.3	20.3	Kurnool	—	37.0	21.7
Aizawl	—	30.3	11.2	Lucknow	—	28.5	14.5
Allahabad	—	30.5	16.7	Madurai	—	35.2	23.2
Bengaluru	—	30.8	19.7	Mangaluru	—	33.5	24.9
Bhopal	2	29.8	14.6	Mumbai	—	36.3	22.4
Bhubaneswar	—	35.4	17.5	Mysuru	—	32.2	20.0
Chandigarh	—	26.4	12.9	New Delhi	—	28.1	14.2
Chennai	—	32.8	24.8	Patna	—	29.3	18.7
Coimbatore	—	33.5	23.4	Port Blair	—	31.2	26.3
Dehradun	—	28.4	12.5	Puducherry	—	31.4	23.9
Gangtok	—	19.6	10.7	Pune	—	35.7	21.1
Goa	—	35.9	23.4	Raipur	—	34.1	19.8
Guwahati	—	31.3	16.8	Ranchi	—	28.7	14.0
Hubballi	—	34.0	20.0	Shillong	—	22.2	10.6
Hyderabad	—	32.9	19.7	Shimla	—	20.8	10.3
Imphal	—	29.3	9.5	Srinagar	—	21.0	1.8
Jaipur	—	28.3	15.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.9	25.3
Kochi	—	32.2	26.8	Tiruchi	—	33.3	22.6
Kohima	—	23.8	10.7	Vijayawada	—	33.6	21.2
Kolkata	—	31.4	19.2	Visakhapatnam	—	32.5	20.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday** —

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.56	.62	26	110	152	
Bengaluru	.6	.31	17	123	94	
Chennai	.6	.13	—	88	472	
Delhi	.29	.77	81	225	243	
Hyderabad	.4	.11	50	87	108	
Kolkata	.8	137	40	266	196	
Lucknow	.15	.28	38	99	144	
Mumbai	.75	.64	41	164	195	
Pune	—	.62	35	213	185	
Visakhapatnam	—	—	16	—	—	

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

₹387.53 cr. 15th Finance Commission funds for TG

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Central government has released the third installment of the 15th Finance Commission grants, allocating ₹387.53 crore to the Telangana government.

Official sources said the funds were released following the completion of Gram Panchayat elections.

With this tranche, the State government has so far received ₹1,034.42 crore under the 15th Finance Commission's allocations.

Despite this release, the State government said that Telangana is still awaiting nearly ₹2,000 crore in pending Finance Commission funds from the Central government.

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Danasari Anasuya urged the Union Government to expedite the release of the remaining dues. Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Danasari Anasuya directed officials to clear all pending bills immediately and to speed up priority infrastructure works in the rural areas of Telangana, using the newly released funds by the Central government.

Congress workers storm Kerala Health Minister's residence

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



Veena George

A group of Youth Congress (YC) workers stormed the official residence of Kerala Health Minister Veena George on Saturday morning, catching the Thiruvananthapuram City police unawares and eliciting strong protest from the CPI(M).

The protest occurred minutes after Ms. George left to attend a function in her constituency, Aranmula, in Pathanamthitta district around 7.15 a.m. The trespass follows the startling discovery of an artery forceps in the abdomen of a woman who underwent surgery at the Government Medical College Hospital, Alappuzha, in 2021. The protesters broke open the gate and placed a funeral wreath at the front door of the house and staged a sit-in protest on the verandah. Subsequently, a police posse from the Cantonment police station arrested the workers.

Meanwhile, a meeting attended by Ms. George in Pathanamthitta witnessed chaotic scenes after activists of the United Democratic Front (UDF) erupted in protest.

Speaking to media persons, the Minister alleged that the attack carried out by YC workers had been orchestrated at the direction of Leader of the Opposition V. D. Satheesan.

Referring to the incident at Alappuzha Medical College, the Minister said, "A detailed investigation was ordered, and legal proceedings were set in motion," asserting that no form of medical negligence would be tolerated.

The CPI(M) State secretariat accused the Congress-led Opposition of attempting to instigate riots in the State, terming the ongoing protests against Ms. George unwarranted. The secretariat said the demonstrators had crossed all limits and the CPI(M) cannot sit idle in such a situation.

Former Health Minister and CPI(M) leader P.K. Sreemathy termed the mode of protest villainous.

"The Congress attacked a woman holding high office at her official residence. Ms. George escaped by a whisker," she said.

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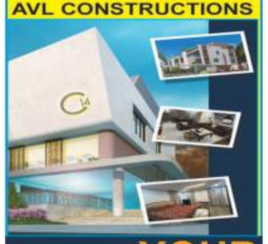
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India 'studying' U.S. tariff moves: Ministry

"The ruling invalidates country-specific 'reciprocal tariffs' and fentanyl-linked duties imposed on imports from major trading partners," Ajay Srivastava, founder of the think-tank Global Trade Research Initiative, said. "The decision effectively renders recent trade deals by the U.S. with the U.K., Japan, the EU, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam and India one-sided and useless. "

The U.S. also has other tariffs in place, such as those under Section 232 of the U.S. Trade Expansion Act of 1962. "It would need to be seen how President Trump could still use other laws like Section 232 to enhance/keep tariffs for covered products outside of this decision," Krishan Arora, Partner and Indirect Tax and India Investment Roadmap Leader at Grant Thornton Bharat, said.

Under the Section 232 tariffs, the U.S. has imposed a 50% tariff on imports of steel and aluminium. These tariffs will remain, and data shows they could continue to have an impact on India.

Aluminium and steel exports, taken together, form the fourth-largest group of exports for India to the U.S. Exports to the U.S. of these items fell nearly 66% in December 2025, as per the latest trade data, in response to the tariffs.

'De minimis' tariffs also still remain

In August 2025, the U.S. suspended the '*de minimis*' exemptions, which had granted imports of items valued at less than $800 per person per day. This meant that the import of such items – ranging from textiles to toys, cosmetics, and electronic accessories – would attract the country-specific duties based on their origin.

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, Mr. Trump issued an executive order saying that he has determined "it is still necessary and appropriate to suspend duty-free *de minimis* treatment".

This has an impact on India because a number of small exporters and e-commerce players used this *de minimis* route to send items to customers in the U.S. on a duty-free basis.

8% of voters out of rolls after SIR in 9 States, U.T.s

While Gujarat saw the most voter deletions among States with 13.4% of voters removed from the final list, Kerala recorded the least number of deletions at 3.22%. Among Union Territories, Andaman and Nicobar saw the most deletions at 16.87% and Lakshadweep the least at 0.36 %.

Voter deletions in Chhattisgarh stood at 11.77%, Goa at 10.76%, Puducherry at 7.5 %, Madhya Pradesh at 5.96%, and Rajasthan at 5.74%.

The final list for Uttar Pradesh is scheduled to come out on April 10 after numerous extensions, and the list for Tamil Nadu is set to be published on February 23.

In West Bengal, where the SIR has witnessed intense litigation between the Election Commission (EC) and the State government, the Supreme Court has allowed the final list to be published on February 28.

However, the top court also took an "extraordinary" decision to involve the judiciary in the ongoing exercise, saying the persistent "trust deficit" between the Mamata Banerjee government and the poll body has led to a "stalemate", with time running out.

In Bihar, the SIR was first conducted last year ahead of its Assembly election and the voter list shrank from 7.89 crore in June 2024 to 7.43 crore in September 2024. In Assam, a special revision of voter rolls was conducted and the total number of voters fell by 2.43 lakh.

The EC has asked the remaining 22 States and Union Territories to complete all preparatory work related to the SIR at the earliest with the revision "expected to start from April 2026".

India, Brazil ink pacts on minerals, steel mining; agree to step up trade

Day after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's tariffs, Modi and Lula discuss developments, launch action plan on digital partnership for the future; the Brazilian President proposes increasing bilateral trade to $30 billion annually by 2030

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in New Delhi on Saturday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

India signed agreements to cooperate in rare earth and critical minerals, and steel mining with Brazil as Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in New Delhi on Saturday. The two countries committed to enhancing trade beyond the current target of $20 billion by 2030, and to expanding the India-Mercosur Preferential Trading Agreement.

A day after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump, and Mr. Trump levied a new 10% tariff on all countries, the two leaders also discussed the development, which has cast a cloud over the trade deals just negotiated with the U.S. After the talks, the two sides also launched a joint declaration and action plan on a digital partnership for the future.

"Brazil is India's biggest trading partner, and we have committed to go beyond 20 billion dollars in the next five years. Our trade is not just a number, it is a symbol of trust," Mr. Modi said in a joint press appearance. "When India and Brazil work together, the voice of Global South becomes stronger...," he added.

The agreement on critical minerals is a significant step towards diversifying from China, which currently dominates all processing supply chains for critical minerals. India and Brazil have also been attempting to increase cooperation on the biofuel alliance announced in 2023 along with the U.S. and other countries, which has taken a back seat given the Trump administration's focus on fossil fuels.

"Increasing investments and cooperation in matters of renewable energies and critical minerals is at the core of the pioneering agreement that we have signed today," Mr. Lula said. "We are not just the two biggest democracies of the Global South. This is a meeting of a digital superpower with a renewable energy superpower," he added, saying India and Brazil are both regional hubs, and defend multilateralism and peace.

Mr. Lula, who was accompanied by 11 Ministers, and the largest ever business delegation for his five-day visit, which included the AI Impact Summit, said India and Brazil should aim for a more ambitious trade target, and proposed doubling current levels of trade estimated at about $12-15 billion to $30 billion annually by 2030.

Briefing the media, Secretary (East) P. Kumaran said that Mr. Modi and Mr. Lula had discussed trade and tariff developments in the U.S. "Both leaders agreed...that both sides need to study the implications of [the U.S. Supreme Court judgment and the new tariffs] and wait for further developments by the U.S. administration. So we are in a wait and watch mode," he added

In 2025, the U.S. levied 50% tariffs on both India and Brazil, the highest in the world, for different reasons. In recent months, both have negotiated with the U.S. for lower tariffs and more exemptions on goods, although neither has completed a trade deal with the U.S. yet. Both also face the threat of higher U.S. tariffs over their BRICS membership.

The two leaders also agreed to step up ties in defence, energy, healthcare, agriculture and pharmaceuticals, and South-South cooperation.

Rahul submits fresh surety in case of defamation

Chinmay Gaikwad
MUMBAI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday appeared before a court in Bhiwandi to complete formalities in connection with a defamation case filed against him over his remarks made about the RSS during the 2014 general election.

The appearance was necessitated by the demise of Shivraj Patil, who was the original surety in the case.

In accordance with legal procedure, the accused must furnish a new surety to maintain bail conditions. Mr. Gandhi submitted the name of Harshvardhan Sapkal, president of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee, as the new surety. The court formally took note of the substitution.

This marks the fourth occasion that the Congress leader has appeared before the Bhiwandi court in connection with this matter. He was previously granted bail in the case.

'Bangladesh set to restore visa for Indian nationals'

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NEW DELHI



Security personnel outside the Indian High Commission in Dhaka as Bangladeshi groups gather for a march. FILE PHOTO

Days after the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led (BNP) government took charge after scoring a major electoral win, Bangladesh is moving towards normalising visa facilities for Indian visitors, a diplomatic source has confirmed to *The Hindu*. However, a formal notification in this regard is yet to be issued by Bangladesh.

Bangladesh had halted issuing of visas in December 2025 when Indian missions faced protest and several incidents of stone throwing targeting Indian missions and visa centres were reported in Bangladesh. Subsequently, protests were held in India targeting Bangladesh's High Commission in New Delhi as well as visa centres in West Bengal. Against this backdrop, the High Commission of Bangladesh had paused visa issuance.

Visa had been one of the major areas that faced disruption with the overthrow of the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh in July-August 2024. As per diplomatic sources, India used to issue more than eight thousand daily visas for Bangladesh through multiple Indian visa centres in Bangladesh before the overthrow of the Hasina regime. However, following the major disruption of July-August 2024, Indian Visa Application Centres opened sporadically because of security threats. As per diplomatic sources, India isssued around 3,000 medical and student visas and at the time of the swearing-in of BNP's Chairman Tariq Rahman who became the new Prime Minister of Bangladesh on February 17, 2026.

Diplomatic outreach

The visa-related statements came soon after the Ministry of External Affairs on Friday expressed willingness to take the bilateral relation forward. Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Randhir Jaiswal had said in Friday's weekly briefing, "Building on the warm and historic ties between the two countries, India looks forward to further strengthening our multifaced bilateral ties with Bangladesh."

Manipur BJP MLA dies 3 years after mob assault

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI



Vungzagin Valte

Vungzagin Valte (62), a Zomi Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Manipur who was brutally assaulted by a mob in Imphal on May 4, 2023, died in a private hospital in Gurugram on Saturday after prolonged medical complications post the attack.

Though an official statement from the family or the hospital is awaited, Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said he was deeply grieved by the untimely demise of Mr. Valte, who "passed away today (Saturday) in New Delhi while under intensive medical care".

Mr. Singh paid his last respects to Mr. Valte at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram and is learnt to have told the family that the State government is inclined to accord the deceased full state honours in Imphal.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the demise of the legislator, noting that Mr. Valte worked diligently to bring a positive change in society and that his interventions in the Assembly were always insightful.

Several political leaders in Manipur including deputy chief minister Nemcha Kipgen posted condolence messages on X.

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla declared a three-day State mourning. "The National Flag will be flown at Half Mast on these days throughout the State and there will be no official entertainment on the days of State Mourning, that is, from 22nd to 24 February, 2026," the order said.

Mr. Valte had suffered life-threatening injuries a day after ethnic violence erupted between Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities in May 2023. On February 8 this year, he was airlifted from Manipur's capital Imphal to New Delhi for advanced treatment and had been on ventilator support for the past week.

A third-time legislator and also an adviser to former Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on tribal affairs, Mr. Valte was attacked while returning from the Chief Minister's office. His official vehicle was intercepted by a group of people at Lamphelpat. He and his driver, Thanghoulal, a Kuki, were taken to a nearby community centre while his security officer, Elangbam Mapu, a Meitei, was released. The driver died two days later.

Mr. Valte was stunned with a Taser gun and was repeatedly hit on the head by a sharp object, his son Joseph Valte had told *The Hindu* on June 7, 2023. An FIR was registered at the Imphal police station on charges of attempt to murder and causing grievous hurt against "unknown persons." No arrest has been made so far.

Need to redraw Union-State powers as centralisation has failed: Stalin

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The record of India's centralised governance is unpersuasive, says T.N. Chief Minister

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has made a strong case for recalibration of Union-State relations, pointing out that the objective is not to weaken the Union but to right-size it, allowing it to concentrate on genuinely national responsibilities while restoring to the States the autonomy essential for effective governance.

"India now stands at a constitutional juncture that calls for a recalibration of Union-State relations. Such recalibration would not diminish national unity; it would deepen it by aligning authority with responsibility," he said in a letter addressed to Chief Ministers, political leaders, constitutional experts, and journalists across the country.

He also enclosed a copy of Part I of the report of a High-Level Committee on Union-State Relations. The report was prepared by a committee headed by Justice Kurian Joseph, with former IAS officer Ashok Vardhan Shetty and economist N. Naganathan as members.

'Imbalance of power'

Mr. Stalin argued that through successive constitutional amendments, expansive Union legislation on subjects in the Concurrent List, conditional Finance Commission transfers, and Centrally-sponsored schemes with rigid templates, the balance of power had tilted further towards the Union.

"Large ministries exist in New Delhi that duplicate State functions and often attempt to steer State priorities through micromanagement and procedural oversight. In an inversion of democratic hierarchy, plenary State legislation in Concurrent List subjects is at times sought to be diluted through subordinate rule-making at the national level," he said.

According to Mr. Stalin, such centralisation might have been defensible if it had demonstrably delivered superior outcomes. "But by comparison with decentralised federations, global benchmarks, or India's own aspirations, the record of India's centralised governance is unpersuasive," he said.

'Struggling model'

Moreover, the Chief Minister observed, the model had struggled to deliver universal access, sustained quality, genuine equity or global competitiveness. "Instead, it has produced regulatory complexity, chronic underfunding as resources are stretched across expanding mandates, blurred accountability, and a gradual erosion of State capacity," he said.

Mr. Stalin expressed hope that the report would stimulate constructive dialogue among the States and contribute towards restoring a balanced and cooperative federal order.

U.P. POCSO court orders FIR against Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI



The court noted the applicant's allegations are supported by sworn affidavits and were examined in an initial police enquiry. FILE PHOTO

A special court in Prayagraj on Saturday ordered the Uttar Pradesh police to lodge a first information report (FIR) against Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati and one of his aides Mukundanand Giri, in connection with allegations that he sexually exploited two minors, aged 14 and 17, at his ashram.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Kumar Chaurasia, who presides over a court under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, directed the police to conduct a fair and independent probe in compliance with the provisions of the Act, and to protect the identity and dignity of the victims.

The order came while hearing a plea by Shakumbhari Peethadhishwar Ashutosh Brahmachari Maharaj, seeking registration of an FIR against the religious leader who was accused of forcing himself on minors at the ashram under the pretext of 'guru seva'.

The court noted that the applicant's allegations are supported by sworn affidavits and were examined in an initial enquiry by the Prayagraj Police Commissioner.

During this enquiry, both victims told the police that they were sexually abused by the accused on or about January 18, 2026, during the Magh Mela in Prayagraj.

It is alleged that Mr. Saraswati committed these acts while pretending to provide religious service and guidance.

The Magh Mela is an annual religious fair in which devotees assemble for a holy dip at Triveni Sangam, the confluence of the rivers Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati. Hundreds of seers and religious leaders set up their camps at Sangam during that time.

The applicant said that complaints were made to the police authorities, including written complaints to the Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj, and the local Station House Officer. However, no FIR was registered, forcing the applicant to approach the Court.

Ajit Pawar plane crash: 'Minister must step down for fair probe'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

NCP(SP) general secretary and MLA Rohit Pawar on Saturday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, demanding Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu resign from his position till the conclusion of the inquiry into the January 28 plane crash that killed then Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

This was necessary, he said, as Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders allegedly had links with the charter company, VSR Private Limited, which owned the aircraft that crashed, also killing four others on board.

"...This is why we request that the Civil Aviation Minister should resign as the investigation body comes under him, and we need a fair probe," Mr. Rohit Pawar said.

AI Impact Summit: 85 countries, 3 bodies sign New Delhi Declaration

U.S. and China are among the signatories of the statement that offers voluntary, non-binding framework to promote access to AI resources, support locally relevant innovation, and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

Eighty-five countries and three international organisations signed the New Delhi Declaration at the AI Impact Summit on Saturday, a day after the event's scheduled conclusion, as officials sought to expand the signatory list to achieve as broad a consensus as possible.

"Guided by the principle of *Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya* (Welfare for all, Happiness for all), the Declaration underscores that the benefits of AI must be equitably shared across humanity," the government said in a statement regarding the declaration.

Major participants, including the United States and China, endorsed the document.



Union Minister Piyush Goyal with U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor, Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, and other dignitaries on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit, in New Delhi on Friday. ANI

As with the 2023 G20 Summit, the road to consensus was paved with non-binding and voluntary commitments.

Democratising AI

While the Declaration does mention AI safety and trust – issues that the U.S. in particular rejected during last year's Paris discussions – its commitments lean heavily on knowledge sharing.

The 900-word statement offers a "Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI" as a "voluntary and non-binding framework to promote access to foundational AI resources, support locally relevant innovation, and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws." It also introduces a Global AI Impact Commons – described as a voluntary initiative – to exhibit AI use cases for governments to draw inspiration from.

Human capital

On security and trust, the statement says, "Advancing secure, trustworthy and robust AI is foundational to building trust and maximising societal and economic benefits. Noting that deepening our understanding of the potential security aspects remains important, we recognise the importance of security in AI systems, industry-led voluntary measures, and the adoption of technical solutions, and appropriate policy frameworks that enable innovation while promoting public interest throughout the AI's lifecycle."

The statement emphasised that achieving "the full promise of AI requires equipping individuals with relevant skills by expanding AI human resource development, specific initiatives on education, AI workforce development, training of public officials, enhancing public awareness of AI capabilities, increasing AI literacy, as well as upgrading vocational and training ecosystems."

"We take note of the voluntary guiding principles for reskilling in the age of AI and the playbook on AI workforce development, which would support participants in preparation for a future AI-driven economy," the statement added.

Poll body to deploy Central forces in West Bengal from March 1

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

About 480 companies of forces will be deployed in two phases in the State by March 10

The Election Commission of India (EC) has decided to deploy Central armed police forces (CAPF) in West Bengal from March 1, likely ahead of the announcement of the schedule for the Assembly election in the poll-bound State.

About 480 companies of forces will be deployed in two phases in West Bengal by March 10. In the first phase, about 240 companies of CAPF will arrive on March 1. The remaining 240 companies will be deployed on March 10.

Sources at the commission said that the early deployment of CAPF was a confidence-building measure for the electors of West Bengal.

The deployment of CAPF has often been a subject of political debate, particularly due to the high incidence of political violence in the State.

Earlier on several occasions including during the local polls, the Trinamool Congress has opposed the deployment of Central forces. The letter sent by the Union Home Ministry to the State's Chief Secretary, Home Secretary and State Director General of Police regarding the deployment gives a break-up on the forces being deployed.

In the first phase about 110 companies of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 55 of the Border Security Force (BSF), 27 of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), 27 of the Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) and 21 of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), will reach the State. In the second phase, the deployment will comprise 120 companies of the CRPF, 65 companies of the BSF, 20 companies of the ITBP, 19 companies of the SSB and 16 of the CISF.

After the completion of special intensive revision, the final electoral rolls are scheduled to be published on February 28.

Since the deployment will be made on the very next day, it is not likely that the dates of the elections will be announced in the State before March 1.

Put India-U.S. deal on hold and renegotiate it, Cong. tells Centre

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NEW DELHI



Jairam Ramesh

Following the United States Supreme Court's rejection of President Donald Trump's global tariffs, the Congress on Saturday asked the Narendra Modi-led government to put the India-U.S. interim trade deal on hold and renegotiate its terms, alleging that it was rushed through in "desperation" and has now become untenable.

Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said the Centre must "categorically state" that there would be no import liberalisation until there was clarity from the American side. "We demand that the Prime Minister state that we will not carry out import liberalisation after the [U.S.] Supreme Court decision..," Mr. Ramesh told reporters, adding that the agreement should be renegotiated afresh to safeguard farmers' interests.

His remarks came after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the tariffs imposed by the U.S. President exceeded presidential authority. Despite the ruling, Mr. Trump said there would be "no change" in the interim trade agreement with India, which includes a general tariff rate of 18% on Indian exports to the U.S. He also announced a temporary 10% import surcharge for 150 days under Section 122 of the Trade Act, 1974.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi sharpened the Congress attack. "The PM is compromised. His betrayal now stands exposed. He can't renegotiate. He will surrender again," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Mr. Ramesh questioned the "haste" with which the deal had been announced on February 2, claiming that Mr. Trump had declared the agreement effective immediately at the "request" of Mr. Modi.

Post court ruling on tariffs, Trump says no changes to India-U.S. deal

Sriram Lakshman

U.S. President Donald Trump confirmed that there were no changes to the parameters of the U.S.-India trade deal announced on February 2, following the U.S. Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling on Friday that the President's 'reciprocal tariffs' were unlawful.

At a press conference in which he railed against the Justices who ruled against the tariffs, Mr. Trump said that he would use alternatives to impose tariffs.

"Nothing changes. They'll be paying tariffs, and we will not be paying tariffs," Mr. Trump said, during a press conference shortly after the court decision was out when asked about the status of the deal with India. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, calling him a "great gentleman", but added, "He was ripping us off."

"So we made a deal with India, and it's a fair deal now, and we are not paying tariffs to them, and they are paying tariffs. We didn't flip," Mr. Trump said.

The agreed terms of the deal reduce the general tariff rate for Indian goods entering the U.S. from 50% (including a 25% 'penalty' rate for India's energy trade with Russia) to 18%.



U.S. President Donald Trump during a press briefing at the White House in Washington DC on Friday. REUTERS

During the press conference, Mr. Trump said that he would sign into law on Friday a broad 10% "global tariff" (raised to 15% on Saturday) across the board using Section 122 of the U.S.'s Trade Act (1974) which is expected to come into effect in three days. These tariffs are valid for a maximum of 150 days. He also emphasised that Section 232 tariffs, which are imposed on national security grounds (for example, on steel and aluminium) and Section 301 tariffs (related to 'unfair' trade practices) would remain in place, adding that he was initiating 301 investigations. It is, however, as yet unclear what the legal basis would be for the entire 18% tariff rate on India.

The White House issued a 'fact sheet' saying the President was using Section 122 (i.e., for all countries) to impose a 10% *ad valorem* tax (15% now) for 150 days starting February 24.

Some goods would be exempt, the White House said, listing certain critical minerals; some fertilizers; pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical ingredients; some agricultural products including beef, oranges and tomatoes; certain electronics; certain vehicles and their parts; certain aerospace products and informational materials.

The suspension of duty-free *de minimis* treatment for low-value shipments was also going to continue, the White House said, adding that these would be subject to Section 122 tariffs.

Asked by a reporter during the press conference to characterise his relationship with India, Mr. Trump said it was "fantastic" and that his relationship with Mr. Modi is "great". He quickly moved on to claim that India had stopped buying Russian oil at the U.S.'s request. Mr. Trump claimed, as he has done before on multiple occasions, that he stopped the "war" (in May 2025) between India and Pakistan "largely" by threatening each country with 200% tariffs.

Mr. Trump did not answer a question on whether he had plans to travel to India for the Quad Summit this year. The summit of the group of four countries (India, the U.S., Japan and Australia) was meant to take place last year but was put on hold.

Calcutta HC cancels leaves of judicial officers to assist SIR

Press Trust of India
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Saturday ordered cancellation of leave, except under medical emergency, granted to judicial officers in West Bengal till March 9 to ensure compliance with directions of the Supreme Court for completion of the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in the State. The court also asked those currently on leave to join their respective courts and offices by Monday. High Court Chief Justice Sujoy Paul also held a meeting with officials of Centre and State governments on Saturday as per the SC directive.

The order will apply to officers posted as district and sessions judges/chief judges, additional district and sessions judges, and those on deputation.

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Protest at AI summit: court sends four Youth Congress workers to police custody

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NEW DELHI



Delhi BJP workers protest IYC activists' 'shirts-off' disruption, on Saturday. PTI

A Delhi court on Saturday allowed five days of police custody of four Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers who were arrested for staging a "shirts-off" protest at the AI Impact Summit venue here over the India-U.S. trade deal.

Judicial Magistrate Ravi of Patiala House Court sent Krishna Hari, national secretary of the IYC from Bihar; Kundan Yadav, IYC state secretary, Bihar; Ajay Kumar, IYC State president, Uttar Pradesh; and Narasimha Yadav from Telangana, to police custody for interrogation.

In its plea seeking custody of the accused, the police argued that they had raised anti-national slogans and had worn T-shirts with objectionable images of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the venue of the event.

Stating that the act was a 'serious' misconduct, as an attempt had been made to stop the police in which three personnel had been injured, the police further claimed that the custody of the accused was needed to recover their mobile phones. The police also claimed that the aim of the custodial interrogation was to find out the 'conspiracy' behind the protest, the source of funding and place where the T-shirts worn by the accused were printed.

Counsel appearing for the IYC workers objected to the custody request by the police.

He argued that the arrested youth were associated with a political party and had exercised their democratic right to protest peacefully. He added that the arrest of protesters had 'greatly diminished the dignity of democracy'.

BJP, other parties slam Youth Congress protest at AI summit

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NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday held protests in different parts of the country against the Congress party over the "shirts-off" demonstration by the Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers at the India AI Impact Summit venue in New Delhi a day ago. Leaders of other political parties also condemned the incident.

In Mumbai, BJP workers showed black flags to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in Thane when he was *en route* by road to Bhiwandi for an appearance before a court in a 2014 defamation case. While the BJP Yuva Morcha organised a demonstration in Delhi, protests were also staged in Jammu, Jaipur, Surat, and other places.

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1st Corrigendum to National Competitive Bidding e_procurement Notice No.758 / Weir on Bridge work Dt.29.01.2026 (NCB No-406)
Due to unavoidable circumstances the important dates of tendering process for weir on bridge work is being changed as follows.

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per Original NCB	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum Notice
1.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding	10.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 25.02.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	27.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M to 13.03.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
2.	Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification if any	24.02.2026 up to 05.00 P.M	12.03.2026 up to 05.00 P.M
3.	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	26.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M	16.03.2026 at 11.00 A.M
4.	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	Will be intimated later	Will be intimated later

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
Sd/- Er.A.K.Naik, Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.CIRCLE, BARIPADA.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Commissionerate of Agriculture,
Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560001
No.: DDA(FM)/FM RfP/2025-26 Date: 21.02.2026
SHORT TERM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION
The Department of Agriculture invites Request for Proposals (RfP) from OEM / Manufactures / Importers for supply of **Sugarcane Harvesters, Combined Harvesters and Balers** to farmers under Departmental subsidy Programmes. The OEM/ Manufactures / Importers who are interested to participate in this RfP can submit their proposals through e-Procurement platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
The interested OEM / Manufactures / Importers can download the RfP document through e-Procurement platform by payment of applicable e-Procurement processing fees and the EMD amount as fixed by the Department. Applications for RfP can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **21.02.2026 to 28.02.2026.** The last date for submission of proposals in e-Procurement platform is **28.02.2026, 5:30 p.m**. The Technical Proposals will be opened on **02.03.2026 at 11:00 a.m**. in Samruddi, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
The Hard copies (Physical Deposition) of the Technical and Financial Proposals along with other relevant documents uploaded in the e-Procurement portal will be received at the Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Farm Mechanization), Department of Agriculture, Seshadri Road, Bangalore-560 001 upto **4:30 P.M. on 02.03.2026.**
The interested Manufacturers/OEM/Importers have to register at the e-Procurement Cell, Centre for e-Governance, 4th Floor, Sri Arvinda Bhavan, Mythic Society Compound, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru – 560001 and obtain the DSC key or e-token. **(Helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777)**
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DIPR/CP/LC/5800/2025-26 **Sd/-, Director of Agriculture and Tender Inviting Authority**

INBRIEF



9 CRPF personnel injured as vehicle falls into river in J&K

Nine personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were injured after their vehicle fell into a river in Srinagar of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. The accident occurred on the Dagpora-Umerhair road in the Ahmadnagar locality in Srinagar. The vehicle fell into the river after the driver lost control of it, officials said. The injured personnel have been shifted to the SKIMS hospital in Soura, where their condition is said to be stable, they added. PTI

Shantmanu takes oath as J&K SEC, hints at local body polls

Former bureaucrat Shantmanu, who was on Saturday sworn in as the State Election Commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for a five-year term, underscored the importance of holding the long-pending panchayat and urban local body elections in the Union Territory. Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha administered the oath of office to the retired IAS officer at a ceremony held at Lok Bhavan in Jammu. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, and his cabinet colleagues, including Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary and Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather. Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat were also present. PTI

Bihar farmers lose subsidies, incentives for stubble burning

The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) registration of 1,807 farmers in Bihar was suspended for stubble burning in 2025-26, according to a report tabled by the Agriculture Department in the Assembly. Subsidies and incentives of 1,758 farmers were blocked in 2025 for violating the government's advisory against crop residue burning. So far this year, DBT registrations of 49 more farmers were suspended for similar violations, according to the report. DBT enables farmers to directly receive financial assistance under various agriculture schemes, it said. Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) chairperson Devendra Kumar Shukla said the State government has imposed a blanket ban on stubble burning to curb air pollution and prevent soil fertility loss. PTI

HC quashes case on offering namaz at restricted site

The Allahabad High Court has quashed criminal proceedings against two students who were booked by the police for offering namaz at a site that had been declared restricted by the local administration. In an order dated February 17, a Bench of Justice Saurabh Srivastava set aside the FIR, observing that the implication of the applicants, who had no criminal antecedents, was not justified. The students had been booked for unlawful assembly and for defying orders promulgated by public servants. A court in Sant Kabir Nagar district had taken cognisance of the alleged offences and issued summons to the students in May 2019.

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'AI must remain a tool for humans'

At the AI Impact Summit held in the national capital, Bhutanese Prime Minister placed emphasis on ethics, regulation and transparency to keep AI human-centric; he sees space for India's leadership and proposes Gelephu Mindfulness City as a regional technology hub powered by clean energy

INTERVIEW

Tshering Tobgay

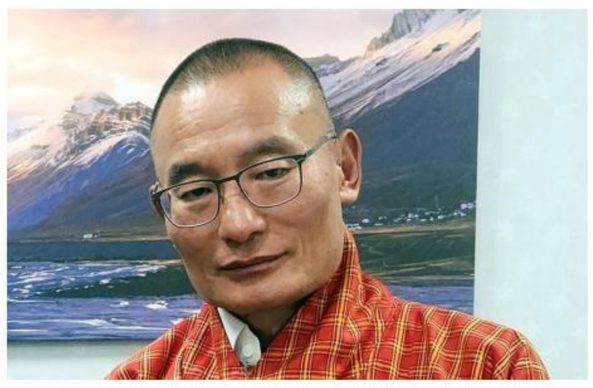
Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) must remain a tool for humans, and not replace humans, Bhutan's Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay says, sounding an alarm on the need for ethics and guardrails in an industry where the U.S. and China dominate 70% of the products and research. Mr. Tobgay, who was a speaker at the AI Impact Summit plenary session for leaders held in New Delhi, also made a pitch for the Gelephu Mindfulness City as a technological hub in the region, using India-Bhutan cooperation on hydropower for energy needs.

You are here for the AI Impact Summit in India, and Bhutan is a guest like so many others. But at the end of the day, it's clear that the AI industry today is dominated by only two countries – the U.S. and China. Is there space for other countries to have a voice?

1.4 billion Indians under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I dare say, is more than a space. I know that India has the ambition and the mettle to pull it off and lead [the sector] too. I hope that AI remains a tool. I hope the big powers, the U.S., China and India, will ensure that it is a tool, a good tool, an efficient tool, a tool like no other. But I hope it remains a tool. In the wrong hands, this tool could become something more, or be misused.

So we need ethics, we need values. We need regulation. We need oversight. We need transparency, as Prime Minister Modi said at the summit – he said we want a glass box, not a black box.



Are you hopeful of new synergies between India and Bhutan when it comes to AI, especially as AI requires a lot of electricity?

Yes. The development cooperation between India and Bhutan has been most successful in harnessing energy that is clean and green, from Bhutan's hydropower. We have ambitious targets to develop something like 25 gigawatts in the next 15 years.

We are working with the Government of India and private firms in India, and that energy is going to be used for development of technology in particular. Much of our development of Artificial Intelligence is going to take place in the Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC), which his Majesty the King (Fifth King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck) has established as a special administrative region along the border with India.

Gelephu's domestic airport is now operating international flights to India, and an international airport is being built.

GMC is going to be a hub for Vajrayana Buddhism, and many monasteries and universities and meditation centres will be built, and a lot of the infrastructure is coming up already. GMC has its own laws, Board, and authority, own government structure, and many businesses have expressed interest.

Tata Consultancy [Services] has an office in GMC, Tata Power, and Adani Power are doing a lot of work in developing energy. We now have many 'founding members' for GMC (these include Gautam Adani), and we are hopeful that we will get even more founding members from India.

During the COVID pandemic, Bhutan was seen as crypto power. Do you see a space for more outsourcing, high tech, AI, and quantum computing in the GMC?

Look, at the GMC, we have stability. We have proximity to India. We have a good friendship with India. We have Prime Minister Modi's personal support for the Gelephu Mindfulness City.

We have access to huge amounts of energy that is clean and green.

We have an area that is clean and sustainable and liveable, and therefore we can do a lot together in the technological space.

Is building a global institution for the governance of AI a solution?

Every leader at the AI Summit has expressed a need for guardrails.

They have all expressed a need for ethics and values and transparency and equity, also in terms of enjoying the benefits of AI. And every leader I have heard has expressed concerns about the lack of moderation, regulation, of oversight.

So if political leaders are so concerned and they apply action to their concerns, then we should be able to moderate how AI is developed.

I believe India is poised to provide that leadership in terms of moderation, because India is the seat of the world's most ancient wisdom, ancient civilisations. If we ignore ancient wisdom, however, then I think this technology can get out of hand.

(Full interview is at newsth.live/tobgay)

'India and U.S. Navies have critical role to play in IOR and Indo-Pacific'

Sumit Bhattacharjee
VISAKHAPATNAM





India has the capacity to play a central role in the IOR, says Admiral Stephen T. Koehler, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, on the sidelines of the International Fleet Review in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU, K.R DEEPAK

Both India and the United States have a critical role to play in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and the Indo-Pacific, given their strong naval capabilities, says Admiral Stephen T. Koehler, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the recently held International Fleet Review (IFR) and MILAN-2026 in Visakhapatnam, Admiral Koehler said the IOR and the Indo-Pacific were vast oceanic regions where it was important to safeguard sovereignty and ensure stability.

"It is a major trade route that underpins the economies of many nations. It is vital for like-minded countries such as India and the U.S. to maintain freedom of navigation in this region. Both nations share common values and possess strong naval forces. When they work together with other like-minded partners, their combined strength can help protect the region from various challenges, safeguard sovereignty, maintain peace, respond swiftly to disasters, and, if necessary, act as a deterrent," he said.

'Strong partners'

Highlighting the growing operational cooperation between the two countries, Admiral Koehler said India was a strong partner and that both nations regularly undertake joint operations and complex exercises such as Malabar, MILAN, and RIMPAC to enhance interoperability.

"Both Navies operate P-8I aircraft and MH-60R helicopters, which are capable of anti-submarine warfare. We are working to strengthen our capabilities in areas such as quicker response to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations and anti-submarine warfare by deploying our assets, as we value a free and open Indo-Pacific," he said.

Responding to allegations from China that the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) was formed to contain Chinese naval expansion, Admiral Koehler said the grouping – comprising the United States, Japan, India, and Australia – consisted of like-minded nations committed to a free and open IOR and Indo-Pacific, and was not created to contain any particular country.

On the rapid expansion of the Chinese Navy, he said, "We welcome any country expanding its naval forces. However, we will not accept any breach of peace or challenge to sovereignty. That position applies universally."

Praising India's naval capabilities, Admiral Koehler said, "India has a strong Navy and the capacity to play a central role in the IOR. Most importantly, it is a highly professional force. In the coming years, we expect to scale up the complexity of our joint exercises."

He also noted that Visakhapatnam-based Eastern Naval Command (ENC) was strategically positioned and likely to play a leading role in the years ahead.

Tripura CPI(M) slams Devanagari push in tribal languages

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Mr. Shah suggested that languages spoken in the region should switch to the script used for Hindi and Sanskrit

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has criticised the Centre's attempt to impose Devanagari on Northeast Indian tribal languages that are spoken without scripts.

The CPI(M)'s Tripura State secretary, Jitendra Chaudhury, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the 60-member Assembly, condemned Home Minister Amit Shah's call to the speakers of tribal tongues to adopt the Devanagari script. He told pressmen on Saturday that any attempt to enforce a single-language script would threaten the region's cultural diversity.

Addressing the Northern Regional Rajbhasha Sammelan in Agartala on Friday, Mr. Shah said the 'Nagari Lipi' would help protect linguistic identities in the Northeast, where many dialects and languages have no script. He also urged all stakeholders in the region not to politicise languages or create controversies over scripts.

"The promotion of Hindi through the Official Language Department is acceptable, but any attempt to force communities in the Northeast to adopt the Devanagari script for their native tongues is not," Mr. Chaudhury said, expressing concern over Mr. Shah's suggestion that some languages spoken in the region should switch to the script used for Hindi, Sanskrit, and other mainstream languages.

'Freedom to choose'

The CPI(M) leader also said that the Centre's push for linking the adoption of Devanagari with regional development "undermines our linguistic variety and cultural heritage". Stressing that the speakers of each language must have the freedom to choose their script, he said the Centre's "cultural hegemony" was aligned with the ideology of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

Indigenous tetanus and adult diphtheria vaccine launched; Nadda calls it momentous

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH



Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda launches of vaccine at Central Research Institute (CRI), Kasaul on Saturday. ANI

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda on Saturday launched the indigenously manufactured tetanus and adult diphtheria (Td) vaccine at the Central Research Institute (CRI) in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh.

Describing the indigenous launch of the vaccine as a momentous occasion, he said the launch marks a significant step towards safeguarding national health security and strengthening India's public health infrastructure.

With the formal launch of the Td vaccine, it has now been introduced for supply under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The Central Research Institute will supply 55 lakh doses through UIP by April this year, with production expected to scale up progressively in subsequent years to further strengthen the programme implemented by the Government of India, said Mr. Nadda while addressing the gathering.

Global pharmacy hub

Highlighting India's global standing, the Minister also stated that the country is widely recognised as the "pharmacy of the world" and is among the leading vaccine manufacturers globally. "Historically, vaccine and drug development timelines were long, tetanus vaccine development took decades globally, tuberculosis medicines took nearly 30 years to evolve and the Japanese Encephalitis vaccine took almost a century of scientific effort," he said, adding "In contrast, during the COVID-19 pandemic, India developed two indigenous vaccines within nine months and administered over 220 crore doses, including booster doses."

Mr. Nadda said that CRI is the first government institute to manufacture vaccines under Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standards, reflecting the modernisation of public sector vaccine manufacturing units. He said the Universal Immunization Programme is the world's largest immunisation programme, which currently provides 11 vaccines protecting against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases.

Constitution released in Tamil and Gujarati

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan on Saturday released the updated versions of the Constitution of India in Tamil and Gujarati languages, along with the 8th Edition of the Legal Glossary (English-Hindi) at Uprashtrapati Bhavan (Vice-President's Enclave) on the occasion of International Mother Language Day. Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal was present.

The Vice-President's Office said the initiative was aimed at taking the Constitution to the people in their own languages.

WASHINGTON

U.S. military strikes another alleged drug boat in eastern Pacific, kills 3



AFP

The U.S. military said on Friday that it has carried out another deadly strike on a vessel accused of trafficking drugs in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. It said the strike killed three people. Friday's attack raises the death toll from the Trump administration's strikes on alleged drug boats to at least 148 people in at least 43 attacks. AP

KYIV

Ukraine strikes what media calls a missile factory deep inside Russia



REUTERS

Ukrainian drones struck an industrial site deep inside Russia on Saturday, which a Russian news channel, *Astra*, said was a key state-owned missile factory. The attack took place in Russia's Udmurt Republic, leaving 11 hurt, three of whom were hospitalized, according to a Telegram post by the local Health Minister. AP

HONG KONG

Hong Kong plans to buy homes devastated in deadly high-rise fire



AP

Hong Kong proposes to spend about HK$4 billion ($512 million) to buy out the owners of homes in a high-rise housing complex ravaged by a massive fire to resettle nearly 2,000 affected households. The government ruled out the possibility of using the original site for future residential purposes. REUTERS

COLOMBO

Buddhist monks rally in Sri Lanka for a wider role in affairs of state



AP

Hundreds of Buddhist monks rallied in the capital of Sri Lanka on Friday to protest alleged government disrespect of their religion and disregard for a long-standing tradition that they be consulted in matters of state. The monks at the protest in Colombo read out an appeal note they said would be sent to President Dissanayake. AP

379 political prisoners get amnesty in Venezuela

Agence France-Presse
CARACAS

Venezuelan authorities have granted amnesty to 379 political prisoners, a lawmaker said on Friday, after a new law was enacted by interim authorities following the U.S. toppling of former leader Nicolas Maduro.

Venezuela's National Assembly unanimously adopted the law a day before, providing hope that hundreds of political prisoners behind bars may soon be released.

National Assembly deputy Jorge Arreaza, the lawmaker overseeing the amnesty process, said that the 379 prisoners "must be released, granted amnesty, between tonight and tomorrow morning."

It would be 'fine' if Israel took over entire region: U.S. envoy Huckabee

In an interview, American ambassador says Israel has 'historical and biblical rights' to West Asia; Jordan 'denounced' the diplomat's remarks, which it called 'absurd and provocative'; Arab League condemned 'the highly extremist statement'

Stanly Johny

Mike Huckabee, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, said in an interview that Israel has "historical and biblical rights" to West Asia and that "it would be fine if they took it all". He later appeared to walk back on the remark, describing it as a "hyperbolic statement", but the comment triggered sharp responses from Arab leaders.



Rattling the cage: U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, left, while visiting the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City. REUTERS

"This is a small population of people [Jews]. They have a connection to this land, historically, biblically," Mr. Huckabee, a former Republican Governor of Arkansas appointed Ambassador to Israel by the Trump administration, told podcaster Tucker Carlson. "This particular area we are talking about now, Israel, is a land that God gave through Abraham to a people that he chose. It was a people, a place, and a purpose," he said.

Mr. Carlson pressed the U.S. envoy to explain his comment. According to Genesis, the promised land stretches from the Euphrates to the Nile, "which will include the whole Middle East – Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, big parts of Saudi Arabia and Iraq," said Mr. Carlson. "What land you are talking about? [This] is basically the entire Middle East. " he asked.

"It would be fine if they took it all," replied the Ambassador.

Jordan's Foreign Ministry on Saturday "denounced" Mr. Huckabee's statement, which it called "absurd and provocative". It constitutes "a violation of diplomatic norms, an assault on the sovereignty of the countries of the region, and a flagrant breach of international law and the Charter of the United Nations," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Fuad Al-Majali said in a statement. The Arab League "condemned the highly extremist statements" made by Mr. Huckabee.

When Mr. Carlson asked the envoy if he would approve of Israel expanding across the region, he said: That's really not exactly what I'm trying to say."

"It was somewhat of a hyperbolic statement. They don't want to take it over... but they want to protect their people".



Mourners chant slogans as they carry the coffins of Hezbollah militants killed in Israeli strikes in eastern Lebanon on Saturday. AP

'Israeli strikes kill 8 Hezbollah members'

Associated Press
RAYAK

Israeli air strikes on eastern Lebanon have killed eight members of the militant Hezbollah group, including several local officials, two officials with the group said on Saturday.

The Lebanese Health Ministry put the death toll at 10, but did not distinguish between militants and civilians. The Hezbollah officials said that the eight militants were killed in strikes near the village of Rayak in northeast Lebanon late Friday.

The Israeli military said on Saturday that several members of Hezbollah's missile unit, in three different command centres in the Baalbek area in Lebanon, were "eliminated".

A funeral was held on Saturday in the eastern village of Nabi Chit for two Hezbollah members who were killed in the strikes.

RSP rides reform wave, old guard digs in ahead of Nepal's elections

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

Political parties in Nepal have launched campaigns for the March 5 parliamentary elections, necessitated by last September's Gen Z protests.

The Nepali Congress, the country's oldest party, kicked off its campaign rally from Janakpur in Madhesh, a province bordering India, on February 18, as it seeks to reclaim its clout in the region. The Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), a relatively new force in Nepal that rose from the 2022 elections, organised its election gathering in Dhangadhi, a city in Nepal's far-western region.

Various other parties have scheduled their programmes, with the vote just two weeks away.

The coming elections are seen as a litmus test for Nepal's traditional parties, which have drawn scorn from various quarters for their failures, despite ruling the country for the last three decades. Change is the common refrain among voters, but there is little clarity as to what exactly that means, except for one apparent issue that stands out – there is palpable frustration with the old parties.

Tanka Lama, from Ramechhap, a district around 150 km east of Kathmandu, says it's time Nepalis voted for a party other than the Nepali Congress or the Communist Party of Nepal-UML. "I had plans to vote for the RSP, but since Balendra Shah has joined the party as its PM candidate, I have changed my mind," said Mr. Lama, 25, who drives a taxi in Kathmandu. "I will probably vote for Ujyalo [Nepal Party]."



Poll fervour: RSP candidate Balendra Shah during a door-to-door election campaign in Jhapa, Nepal on February 16. AFP

The RSP was formed just six months before the 2022 elections by former TV host Rabi Lamichhane. Riding on the wave of widespread discontent against Nepal's traditional parties, it emerged as the fourth-largest force. Mr. Lamichhane is a controversial figure, facing charges of embezzling cooperative funds, while Mr. Shah, who resigned as Kathmandu's mayor, remains a Marmite figure.

Bet on the bell

Nityanand, an analyst based in Janakpur, says voters do not seem to care much about Mr. Lamichhane or Mr. Shah; the wave is such that everyone says "ghanti," or the bell, the election symbol of the RSP. "The RSP wave is unprecedented. It's a different matter whether the street emotions will materialise into actual votes," he said.

Apart from the RSP, other new forces are also emerging. The Ujyalo Nepal Party came into being only recently, launched by Kulmang Ghising, a former technocrat credited with ending Nepal's hours-long power outages.

As many as 68 parties are contesting the March 5 polls, with more than 3,000 candidates running for the 275-member House of Representatives. In Nepal, 165 members are elected under the directly elected first-past-the-post system, while 110 are elected under the proportional representation (PR) system. This mixed system makes it extremely difficult for any party to secure a majority.

The question many are asking this time is who will emerge as the biggest party. Though the street wave leans towards the RSP, it is a force with a weaker organisational structure compared to parties like the Nepali Congress or the CPN-UML. The Maoist party, led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal, who led the 10-year-long insurgency from 1996 to 2006, has now transformed into the Nepali Communist Party. Mr. Dahal, a two-time Prime Minister, has moved to Rukum – a Maoist stronghold during the insurgency – in search of a safe constituency, an indication of how the party's appeal has waned over the years.

Until 2022, Nepal's electoral trend showed little to no swing votes, with the Congress and the UML usually standing out. In 2008, the Maoist party, which had just emerged from the war, stunned many as it became the single largest party. But in elections after the 2015 constitution, the Congress and the UML have led. That pattern was disrupted in 2022 with the emergence of the RSP.

When the Gen Z protests happened in September 2025, which left 77 dead, the UML's K.P. Sharma Oli was the Prime Minister with the backing of the Congress. Dissatisfaction with these parties had already been simmering, as the protests called for an end to a status quo entrenched by the old guard that many believed was promoting corruption and mis-governance. Many also hold the two parties responsible for the protest deaths.

Mr. Oli resigned on September 9. President Ram Chandra Poudel, on September 12, formed an interim government led by Sushila Karki, a former Chief Justice. The interim administration dissolved the House and called elections for March 5.

As many as 19 million people, out of Nepal's 30 million population, are eligible to vote, with around one million voters – mostly youth – added to the rolls after the protests.

Mr. Lama, the taxi driver, says voting out old parties does not necessarily mean everything will change and improve in the country, but since the Gen Z protests demanded change, the country must see a shift. "I know even if the RSP wins, it cannot form a government alone," he said. "But the point is we have already seen other parties, let's give a new party a chance."

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Bids for the Water Supply Scheme for Augmentation and rehabilitation of UWSS Kishangarh, Pushkar, Nasirabad Cantt and Nasirabad Town, District Ajmer including 5 years O&M after 1 year defect liability period under AMRUT 2.0 (NIT No.24/2025-26; Estimated Cost Rs. 5183.72 Lacs) are invited from interested bidders up to dated 05.03.2026. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://sppp.raj.nic.in) (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state.

UBN No.: PHE2526WLOB14504, NIB No.: PHE2526A6702

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DIPR/C/3539/2026 **Additional Chief Engineer, PHED Region Ajmer**

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No.OHPC:TECH:C&P:51/2025-26/ 1372 Date: 18.02.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.08/2025-26

Sealed Tenders are invited in two-part bidding system i.e. (i) Techno Commercial bid and (ii) Price bid in separate sealed envelopes from eligible bidders as per this tender specification possessing valid GST Registration Certificate & IT PAN for the following work as detailed below:

Description of Work	Cost of Tender papers (Non-refundable) in Rs.	EMD in shape of DD / BC / BG / (Refundable) in Rs.
Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33 KV Single line circuit from 220/132/33 KV GSS, Jayapatna (Baner) to the proposed 600MW Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project, Ranibahal, Kalahandi on turnkey contract basis.	11,800/- (inclusive of GST)	4,96,000/-

For details of the tender documents, terms and conditions and corrigendum etc. please visit / refer our official website www.ohpcltd.com from Dated 25.02.2026.

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No.: EE(TEC-Z-2)/TEND/07/2025-26 Date: 21.02.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, TEC Division (BWCC) invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	T.E.C. Work as per requirement of Bengaluru Traffic Police Department for the work of providing Scientific Humps, HRPC, Lane Divider, Thermoplastic Paint & Other Safety Work in Arterial and Sub Arterial Roads in West zone. **Amount Put to Tender: 1,69,46,055.00, EMD (in Rupees): 2,60,000/-**

Calender of Events: **(1)** Tender document may be downloaded from KPPP Portal of the Government of Karnataka from **24.02.2026** onwards. **(2)** Prebid meeting: **26.02.2026** at **4:30 p.m.** **(3)** Last date for submission of tenders: **04.03.2026** upto **4:00 p.m.** **(4)** Date of opening of Technical bid: **06.03.2026** at **4:30 p.m.** **(5)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **09.03.2026** at **4:30 p.m. (if possible)**. Further details can be obtained from the above office during working hours or from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, TEC Division, BWCC

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No. SGITO/e-Tender/ME/OT/Anaesth/04/2025-26 Date:.21-02-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics, Byrasandra, Jayanagara East, Bengaluru - 11 invites tender from the eligible tenderers through the KPP portal of GOK for procurement of below mentioned Medical equipments.:-

ANAESTHESIA DEPARTMENT:

(1) Depth Of Anaesthesia Monitoring - 3 Nos., (2) Convective Patient Warming Unit With Blanket - 3 Nos., (3) Target Controlled Infusion Pumps - 3 Nos. (4) Pulse Co-oximeter With Capnography - 3 Nos., (5) Portable Capnography Monitor - 5 Nos.

O.T & ANAESTHESIA DEPT:

(1) Dvt Pump Machine - 2 Nos., (2) Defibrillators - 2 Nos., (3) Flexible Fiberoptic Bronchoscope -1 No., (4) Video Laryngoscope -1 No., (5) Air Compressor - 1 No.

(1) The Tenderers can download the documents from: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **22-02-2026** and the last date for submission of completed tenders through kpp portal is **12-03-2026** upto **4:00** PM.

(2) The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to accept / reject or cancel tender without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/SI/5803/2025-26 **Sd/- Director**
Tender Inviting Authority

HIGH PRAISE

Varun did well against us, and he is a very good bowler: de Kock



FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Quinton de Kock praised Varun Chakaravarthy while stressing that the South African batters had their plans. "He is a very good bowler. He bowled well against us in the series, like two months ago. Hopefully, the guys have had a bit more time to look at him, speak about how they are going to play against him," de Kock said.

DEALING WITH IT

Pitches have been tricky but not too challenging: Suryakumar



VIJAY SONEJI

The surfaces on offer in the T20 WC have thrown up challenges but skipper Suryakumar Yadav said that India has adapted well. "From Wankhede (venue for the first game) till the last league match, the pitches were not too challenging but a little tricky. We knew how to bat after the PowerPlay and finish the innings," said Suryakumar.

IN FOR A FIGHT

We underestimated a few sides in our group: England skipper Brook



FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

We probably underestimated a few of the sides. They put up a really good fight. Yeah, we came here to get through that stage, and thankfully, we have. So, we're here in the Super Eight, and that's our main focus now — England captain Harry Brook ahead of the match against Sri Lanka in the T20 World Cup.

LOOKING AHEAD

'The teams which make fewer mistakes are likely to go through'



AFP

Fielding coach R. Sridhar said Sri Lanka has moved on from the 0-3 drubbing by England at home in the run-up to the T20 World Cup. "The teams which do things correctly under pressure, the teams which make fewer mistakes are likely to go through," Sridhar said on the eve of Sri Lanka's Super Eight game against England.

India, South Africa lock horns in what promises to be a thriller

A lot would hinge on the Proteas speedsters and their battle with the defending champion's top-order; the home spinners will have to rein in the rival batters; the good show of all-rounders Hardik and Dube augurs well for Suryakumar's side

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

Much water has flowed down the Sabarmati since India and South Africa clashed at the Narendra Modi Stadium here last December. Suryakumar Yadav's men clinched that fifth T20I to seize the series 3-1. Now at the same venue, the two units will square up against each other in the ICC T20 World Cup Super Eight Group 1 match on Sunday.

Having played three Group D games at Ahmedabad, South Africa is clued into the surface. Yet, this awareness may not negate the host's advantage that India naturally has. The Men in Blue also played their last encounter here against the Netherlands.

Aiden Markram's men have some history to brood over. In the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup final at Bridgetown, South Africa lost to Rohit Sharma's men by seven runs. Cut to the present, the visitors know that defending champion India is a potent threat.

India won all its Group A outings but the results cannot mask some areas of concern. Atop the batting tree, Abhishek Sharma's three ducks may cause some worry but he is a rare talent, even as Sanju Samson remains an option.



Match-ups: Rinku may have a big role to play as a finisher. Markram, on the other hand, will be hoping for Rabada to strike early. VIJAY SONEJI

The host found its heroes in every game, with Shivam Dube sparkling against the Netherlands. Along with Hardik Pandya, Dube adds value to the all-rounder zone within the Indian playing XI. Losing wickets in clusters has often shadowed India, and now as the championship veers towards its business end, solidity and extra runs remain imperative.

The South African batters can strike hard and that would be a challenge to an Indian attack helmed by Jasprit Bumrah. The spinners will have to rein in the rival batters. Men like Quinton de Kock, thanks to the Indian Premier League, have a sense of the Indian bowlers. Much would hinge on South African speedsters like Marco Jansen and Lungi Ngidi, and their tussle with India's top-order.

In its campaign so far, South Africa has been on cruise mode except during the scare that Afghanistan nearly inflicted in a clash that spilled into two Super Overs. Against India, Markram's troops have an opportunity to find a second wind.

The ICC Test Championship mace rests with the Proteas, but in limited overs cricket, it has often been a tale of heartbreak. South Africa wants to alter its fortunes while India hopes for an extended winning streak. Sunday's face-off should be an adrenaline-soaked one.



de Kock. VIJAY SONEJI

'It's about who wins the small moments'

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

Quinton de Kock stressed that the recent flurry of T20Is between India and South Africa could add a twist to the T20 World Cup Super Eight game between the two teams.

"We will have a good game because we have played against each other quite a bit over the last two months. The teams haven't really changed much. So I think it's more about who deals with the pressure better and wins the small moments in the game," said the South African opener at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday.

Recalling the 2024 T20 World Cup final loss to India, de Kock emphasised that the players have moved on: "To be honest, after that day, we just forgot about it." And when specifically asked about Abhishek Sharma, de Kock replied: "He is the No. 1 T20 batsman at the moment so he must keep doing what he is doing. He is quite young, he is bound to fail but at some point he will play an important knock."

The southpaw also backed his fellow-opener and skipper Aiden Markram: "He has clarity as an opener and as a captain allows us to be ourselves".

Sri Lanka-England face-off set to be a middle-overs tussle

Abhishek Saini
COLOMBO

Having endured an underwhelming run through the group stage, England will be rubbing its hands at the prospect of facing an injury-ridden Sri Lanka in its T20 World Cup Super Eight opener at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Already bruised by the upset against Zimbabwe, the horrors of a 0-3 sweep at the hands of England at the same venue just days before this World Cup will be a psychological double whammy for Sri Lanka.

England was bailed out by Sam Curran's death bowling against Nepal and Italy, and lost to the West Indies.

But the next round could be the perfect occasion to align with its strengths once more.

Swashbuckling tee offs from Phil Salt and Jos Buttler had been central to England's T20 renaissance under Harry Brook in the last year. In this tournament, neither averages more than 15. If the duo survives Sri Lanka's early spin barrage, England will thrive.

England's middle-order has chipped in but its scoring rate has taken a hit in the absence of a launch pad.

Between the seventh and 15th overs, England has scored at just 7.77 per over, often leaving Will Jacks on his own to muster up a concluding flourish.

Sri Lanka's middle-order has been caught up in a similar rut. It scored just 66 runs between seventh and 16th overs against Zimbabwe, which sapped the momentum out of its innings.

Dasun Shanaka and Kamindu Mendis have compensated at the death, hitting at strike rates of 200 and 225, respectively.

But doing so would be difficult against Curran, whose melange of cutters and variations have shrunk the hitting arcs of batters this World Cup.

He has conceded at just 8.25 per over at the death and picked three wickets.



Under the scanner: Openers Buttler and Salt have not really fired so far in the tournament. AP

Last year he covered for us, now we will cover for him: Suryakumar on Abhishek

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
AHMEDABAD

In an age of instant judgement, an opener failing to open his account thrice may seem like a catastrophe but Suryakumar Yadav strongly backed Abhishek Sharma.

Addressing the media at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Saturday, the Indian skipper effusively supported Abhishek.

"I worry for the people who are worried about Abhishek's form. When he scores a run, you have seen what happens. The team has a requirement that the boy should play with his identity.

"If it happens, then it's fine, if it doesn't, then we are there to cover. Last year he covered for us, now we will cover for him," Suryakumar said ahead of the clash against South Africa.

The captain also supported Tilak Varma: "I am sure he must not be happy with how he is batting right now. He has practised a lot as well. But I don't have any concerns regarding him. He has been delivering for India at No. 3 and I am confident he will do better."

Suryakumar also explained the team's batting approach: "We don't have to be a team that keeps hitting and hitting. Sometimes, we can lose two or three wickets quickly. So we have to be smart and bat well between overs seven to 15. And then we have enough firepower to score around 60, 70 runs in the last five overs."

Refusing to dwell too much on the surface or on the toss, Suryakumar emphasised that he has the right men to adapt to all kinds of situations: "I feel toss is a bit overrated now. If you bat well in the first innings, even if there is dew, you can still defend (the score) if you have confidence in your bowling unit".

SUPER EIGHT

Today's matches

Pallekele, 3 p.m.	Ahmedabad, 7 p.m.
HEAD-TO-HEAD	HEAD-TO-HEAD
Played: 17	Played: 35
Sri Lanka 4 | England 13	India 21 | South Africa 13 | NR 1

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1, 2 & JIOHOTSTAR



Backed to the hilt: Suryakumar wants Abhishek to continue with his fearless approach at the top of the order. FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Men in Blue will be up against it if the dangerous de Kock gets going



Sunil Gavaskar

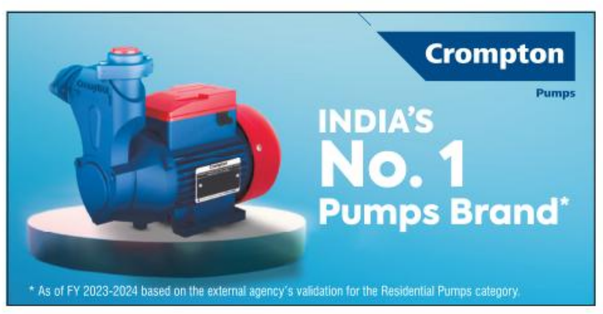
It was only a couple of months back that South Africa played a white-ball series in India after blanking the home side in the preceding Test series. That T20I series was not only a good warm-up for the World Cup but also gave both teams an idea about each other's strengths and weaknesses. Don't forget that South Africa are still smarting over that defeat in the World Cup final in Barbados in June 2024 and are thirsting for revenge.

Since then, they have gone on to beat Australia in the final of the World Test Championship and know better how to tackle the big-match temperament. That one win after being so near yet so far on several occasions has done wonders to their confidence and they have looked a different team since then in all formats of the game. There is a mean look about them now and they take the field with a swagger that the West Indies and Australian teams of yore had.

They also have the advantage of so many of their players competing in the IPL and so are familiar with the conditions and the pressure of the Indian crowds. Like the other teams in Super Eight Group 1, they won all their group-stage games quite comfortable barring the match against Afghanistan. Their changed mindset was seen again in the thriller against the Afghans. They never gave up, stuck to their plans and eventually prevailed in the second Super Over.

Like the Indian team, they don't rely on any one player and have several game-changers. The one to watch out for with the bat would be Quinton de Kock as his record against India is simply phenomenal. If the left-hander gets going, India will be up against it. Marco Jansen is a match-winner with both the bat and ball. But the bowler who has come on superbly is Lungi Ngidi with his variations of pace and use of slower deliveries.

India have had a different batter put his hand up in the matches so far and that's a good sign. The bowling, though, is still in the hands of the one and only Jasprit Bumrah and Varun Chakaravarthy with Hardik Pandya chipping in as usual with a wicket or two.



Slight edge

South Africa will probably have a slight advantage in the fielding department. But if India get their boundary fielders right, then they will save useful runs and also take those difficult catches. Every team would want to start the Super Eight on a winning note and the side that saves those crucial runs will be the one smiling in the end.

(Professional Management Group)

Super Eight stage off to a wet start

T20 WORLD CUP

Abhishek Saini
COLOMBO

The opening match of the T20 World Cup 2026 Super Eight between New Zealand and Pakistan at the R. Premadasa Stadium here on Saturday was abandoned due to rain without a single ball being bowled.

After staying away through the day, rain played spoilsport just moments after Salman Agha won the toss and opted to bat. Both teams took a point from this game.

Pakistan will take on England next in Pallekele while New Zealand welcomes Sri Lanka back to Colombo. Despite no action on the field, both teams' selections were key takeaways on their outlook towards Group 2.

For a second straight game, Pakistan opted for Salman Mirza over Shaheen Afridi, who has struggled to find his groove at this World Cup and conceded at an economy rate of more than 11. But the bigger surprise was reserved in the selection of Fakhar Zaman.

Out of 108 innings in T20Is, Zaman has batted inside the top four in 99. Pakistan persisting with him going forward could lead to a shuffle in its batting order, possibly pushing Salman or Babar Azam further down.

In the opposite camp, New Zealand paid heed to the demands of the conditions and slotted in Ish Sodhi, whose only outing thus far had been two for 27 against the USA in a warm-up match. On a wicket that would have been slower than at its venues until now, New Zealand went with the outright pace of Lockie Ferguson to partner Matt Henry, instead of Jacob Duffy and Kyle Jamieson.

Flip of the coin

The 39 group phase games of the ICC T20 World Cup showed that not all depended on the toss



- While chasing was the preferred option (71.79 to 28.21) after winning the toss, teams that defended targets ended up having a better win percentage (55.26 to 44.74)
- Four out of five matches in New Delhi were won by teams chasing. In Kolkata and Colombo (RPS), all but one game was won by sides defending
- No team apart from New Zealand managed to chase successfully in Chennai
- At two venues (Mumbai and Chennai) which hosted six matches each, teams batting first won thrice and sides pursuing a target emerged triumphant three times

0 New Zealand had no luck with tosses as it ended up losing all four of them

3 The Kiwis had a perfect group stage record at the MAC Stadium in Chennai, chasing successfully on all three occasions

4 India won all four of its group matches by successfully defending totals

4 England's Harry Brook and Dilpreet Bajwa of Canada had the distinction of winning all four tosses

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Sky is the limit for Zimbabwe: Mbangwa

S. Shrivathsan
CHENNAI

The staunch supporters of Zimbabwe cricket are in seventh heaven. Mpumelelo Mbangwa is no exception.

Mbangwa, a former Zimbabwe international and renowned commentator, cannot stop marvelling at the Sikandar Raza-led side's giant-killing run in the T20 World Cup. The optimist in him is hoping for more, in a tournament where Zimbabwe has already exceeded expectations by storming into the Super Eight stage.

"Zimbabwe can certainly give other teams a run for their money, and I hope that it does. Whether it will or not, nobody knows. But its progress was unexpected, so the sky is the limit. I would love a great fairytale," said Mbangwa in an email interaction with *The Hindu*.

The 49-year-old has every reason to dream big. Zimbabwe humbled former champions Australia and Sri Lanka to win Group B when only a few gave it a chance. "I did not expect it to top the group as beating one of Australia or Sri Lanka was the more envisaged way of getting through," said Mbangwa.

The former fast bowler opined that Zimbabwe's eye-catching streak could not have come at a better time. "The hope is that it will also attract youngsters along with the rest of the society to the game. The timing of this is important as Zimbabwe will co-host the 50-over World Cup next year," he said.

Mbangwa was effusive in his praise of Raza for building a great culture within the dressing room.

"Raza has gone to great pains to stress that togetherness and the step-by-step approach of all members are the reasons for success. They all need to keep going the same way," Mbangwa said. Write off Zimbabwe at your own peril.



Pushing boundaries: Zimbabwe has punched above its weight. AP



Left-right combo: Smriti and Jemimah's 121-run stand followed by Shreyanka and Shree Charani's wicket-taking efforts snuffed out Australia's fight. X@BCCIWOMEN, GETTY IMAGES

India rises to the occasion, clinches a famous series win against Australia

An all-round show ensures the visitors' 17-run victory in the final encounter; Gardner plays a lone hand with a fighting half-century for the hosts

INDIA IN AUSTRALIA

Press Trust of India
ADELAIDE

An entertaining century partnership between Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues laid the foundation for India's 17-run win over Australia in the third and final Women's T20I here on Saturday, sealing its second bilateral T20I series triumph against the hosts in a decade.

Smriti smashed 82 off 55 balls (8x4, 3x6), while Jemimah struck 59 off 46 as they stitched a commanding 121-run stand to propel India to 176 for six after electing to bat.

India's bowlers then seized control as Shreyanka Patil (three for 22) and pace spearhead Renuka Singh (one for 29) ripped through the top order to leave Australia reeling at 32 for three.

India eventually restricted the hosts to 159 for nine to seal the series 2-1.

Left-arm spinner Shree Charani underlined her credentials, claiming three crucial wickets.

India endured a slightly tricky start as Shafali Verma departed early.

Smriti and Jemimah then took charge. The duo cut loose in the sixth over bowled by left-arm spinner Sophie Molineux, collecting three boundaries in a 14-run burst.

At the end of the Powerplay, India was 54 for one.

Smriti took on leg-spinner Georgia Wareham in the ninth over executing a powerful sweep that bisected deep square leg and deep midwicket to perfection.

She brought up her half-century off 38 balls with a six off pacer Darcie Brown. It was her 33rd fifty in international cricket, achieved in her 160th appearance. However, Smriti fell in the 17th over, dismissed by Sutherland as she holed out to deep midwicket Ashleigh Gardner.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur promoted Richa Ghosh to No. 4, and the move paid dividends, as the 'keeper-batter hit 18 off just seven balls.

Early strikes

India then had Australia under immediate pressure as openers Georgia Voll (10) and Beth Mooney (6) were dismissed early.

Off-spinner Shreyanka struck in the second over to remove Voll, while Renuka accounted for Mooney in the third.

Australia was in all sorts of trouble when Ellyse Perry was clean bowled for one by Shreyanka.

Gardner (57 off 45 balls) mounted a spirited fightback, but her resistance was finally broken when Arundhati Reddy struck in the 16th over.

The scores:
India 176/6 in 20 overs (Smriti 82, Jemimah 59, Sutherland 2/34) bt Australia 159/9 in 20 overs (Litchfield 26, Gardner 57, Shreyanka 3/22, Arundhati 2/35, Shree Charani 3/32).
Toss: India. **PoM:** Smriti.
India won by 17 runs and clinched the series 2-1.

Smriti lauds Jemimah's positive approach

Press Trust of India
ADELAIDE

India vice-captain Smriti Mandhana said the positive approach of Jemimah Rodrigues in the third and final T20I against Australia helped her find the perfect rhythm after a tepid beginning to her innings.

Smriti struck 82 and, alongside Jemimah (59), forged a 121-run partnership. "When Jemimah came in, I think I was on 15 runs off 16 balls and still finding my timing. After she came in, she got the momentum going with three or four boundaries and I could take some time," Smriti said.

"Those small things don't really get noticed, but I feel it calmed me down. So, credit to her for coming in and playing that sort of a knock," said Smriti about Jemimah's match-winning effort.



Timely push: Jemimah shone for India in the decider. GETTY IMAGES

According to Smriti, defeating a formidable side like Australia at its home was a remarkable achievement. "It was good to contribute to the series win. Beating Australia in Australia is something really special. We've played T20 cricket after a very long time in Australia, so beating it is really nice. We will not celebrate too much and move on to the ODI series," Smriti added.

Kane brace fires Bayern nine points clear at the top

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

Harry Kane scored his third straight Bundesliga brace as Bayern Munich beat Eintracht Frankfurt 3-2 on Saturday to move nine points clear of Borussia Dortmund atop the table.

Kane has now scored more than one goal in a match 13 times this season in all competitions.

The England captain has netted 28 goals in 23 Bundesliga appearances and 43 in total this campaign.

Milner's record

James Milner set a new record of 654 Premier League appearances when the 40-year-old started for Brighton in its 2-0 win away to Brentford.



Harry Kane. REUTERS

Milner moves ahead of former Aston Villa and Manchester City midfielder Gareth Barry.

Juventus blew its chance of climbing into the Champions League places in Serie A as it slumped to a damaging 2-0 defeat at home to Como on Saturday.

The results: Premier League: Aston Villa 1 (Abraham 88) drew with Leeds 1 (Stach 31); Brentford 0 lost to Brighton 2 (Gomez 30, Wellbeck 45+1); Chelsea 1 (Joao Pedro 4) drew with Burnley 1 (Flemming 90+3).
LaLiga: Real Sociedad 3 (Oskarsson 64, 90, Caleta-Car 87) drew with Real Oviedo 3 (Vinas 50, 52, Bailly 90+3).
Serie A: Juventus 0 lost to Como 2 (Vojvoda 11, Caqueret 61).
Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 3 (Pavlovic 16, Kane 20, 68) bt Eintracht Frankfurt 2 (Burkardt 77-pen, Kalimuendo 86); Wolfsburg 2 (Gerhardt 41, Shiogai 70) lost to Augsburg 3 (Ribeiro 59, Gregoritsch 87-pen, Rexhbecaj 90+3); Union Berlin 1 (Khedira 28) bt Bayer Leverkusen 0; Cologne 2 (Ache 15, El Mala 63) drew with Hoffenheim 2 (Kabak 45, Kramaric 60).
On Friday: LaLiga: Athletic Bilbao 2 (Guruzeta 64, 89-pen) bt Elche 1 (Silva 69-pen).
Bundesliga: Mainz 1 (Amiri 42) drew with Hamburg 1 (Vieira 64).

EBFC proves too good for SC Delhi; JFC downs PFC

ISL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

East Bengal FC cruised to its second successive win in ISL-12 with a dominant 4-1 showing against Sporting Club Delhi at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday.

A young Delhi side started brightly and stunned the home crowd as early as the fourth minute. SC Delhi winger Augustine Lalrochana surged down the left flank, beat East Bengal defenders Jay Gupta and Anwar Ali, and slotted a grounded shot past goalkeeper Prabhsukhan Singh Gill.



Good start: East Bengal players celebrate their second straight win in the ISL. DEBASISH BHADURI

However, East Bengal responded swiftly and restored parity in the seventh minute through Edmund Lalrindika. A Bipin Singh free-kick was only partially cleared by the Delhi defence, and the ball reached Lalrindika outside the box. The crafty winger unleashed a powerful first-time volley that beat the Delhi custodian Vishal Yadav all ends up.

The host went ahead in the 12th minute after Lalrindika was brought down inside the penalty area by defender Clarence Savio Fernandes. Youssef Ezzejjari calmly converted from the spot to make it 2-1.

The home team extended the advantage in the 40th minute when Ezzejjari finished off a fine assist from Miguel Ferreira, effectively putting the game beyond Delhi's reach (3-1). Ferreira then capped off a commanding performance with a well-taken solo effort in added time, thereby sealing a comprehensive 4-1 victory for the Kolkata giant.

Later, Vincy Barretto's 78th-minute goal helped Jamshedpur FC get the better of Punjab FC 1-0 at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur.

The results: East Bengal FC 4 (Edmund Lalrindika 7, Youssef Ezzejjari 12-pen, 40, Miguel Ferreira 90+5) bt Sporting Club Delhi 1 (Augustine Lalrochana 4).
At Jamshedpur: Jamshedpur FC 1 (Vincy Barretto 78) bt Punjab FC 0.

Rahul plays an influential role in Karnataka's progress to the final

The senior pro has been priceless both with his batting and the experience he brings to the side; the 33-year-old was one of the five Test cricketers in the State's recent playing XI; it will be a full-circle moment if he can inspire the team to a ninth title

RANJI TROPHY

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The last time K.L. Rahul played three or more Ranji Trophy matches in a single campaign was way back in 2014-15. It was the second of Karnataka's double-treble seasons – winning the Ranji, Vijay Hazare Trophy and the Irani Trophy twice over – and the last of the Southern powerhouse's eight red-ball titles.

In 2025-26, Rahul, 33, has turned out for his State thrice in succession and the grand finale against Jammu & Kashmir in Hubballi from Tuesday is set to be his fourth.

A superstitious Karnataka fan will see this as a divine co-incidence, but what is undisputed is the value Rahul brings, both in letter (457 runs from six innings including two centuries) and spirit.

"KL has made a huge impact," said coach Yere Goud. "We have young players like R. Smaran and K.V. Aneesh, and he can tell as a batsman what they need to do and how to tackle certain situations. So him being there has given confidence."



Sharing knowledge: Young batter Smaran, right, says Rahul has a lot of inputs to give, be it for a bowler, a batter or a 'keeper. R.V. MOORTHY

Rahul was one of five Test cricketers in the recent Karnataka playing XI, along with Mayank Agarwal, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padikkal and Prasidh Krishna. And Smaran, who has scored a chart-topping 950 runs – including two double-centuries and as many centuries – in only his second Ranji campaign, has benefitted immensely.

"Karun has been with us since the start of the season, and he bats at No. 4 and I bat at No. 5," Smaran explained. "A lot of batting happens together and there is a lot of input from him as to how to take the innings [forward] and how to convert starts into big scores.

"And KL puts his State on top whenever he's playing for Karnataka. He has a lot of inputs to give, be it for a bowler, a batter or a 'keeper. It boosts the morale of the entire team when such a senior player is helping," the 22-year-old added.

> KL puts his State on top whenever he's playing for Karnataka
> **SMARAN**

For 23-year-old Kruthik Krishna, who has impressed both as a wicket-keeper and batter in his three First Class outings so far, Rahul is an idol.

"He has done everything possible when it comes to batting, whether it is opening or at No. 6, No. 7, and he is also a 'keeper," said Kruthik.

"So, having him is a boost. I can learn how to plan and shape my innings, and that's irrespective of the performance. That simplifies your game a lot, rather than you thinking about the pitch, the opposition and all of that."

If Rahul's final act as an agent of influence culminates in Karnataka's ninth triumph, it will be full-circle moment.

India's slump continues with loss to Spain

PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
HOBART

India's hopes of a revival in the FIH Men's Pro League were dashed as it lost 2-0 to Spain here on Saturday.

Goals from Ignacio Abajo (6th minute) and Ignacio Cobos (36th) proved decisive as Spain combined clinical finishing with disciplined defending to secure the win.

India began with sharp, quick passing, looking to control possession early, but Spain's counter-attacking approach proved effective.

Abajo capitalised on one such move, neatly deflecting the ball into the net for an early lead.

Unfazed, India stayed committed to its structure, circulating the ball swiftly through midfield and probing Spain's defence with intent.

The Indian team created multiple promising openings and nearly found the equaliser towards the end of the quarter when Abhishek fired a powerful strike, only to be denied by an excellent save by goalkeeper Luis Calzado.

The second quarter produced end-to-end action, with both teams creating chances but failing to convert. Spain earned its second penalty corner in the 24th minute. However, Indian goalkeeper Suraj Karkera stood tall and prevented Spain from extending its lead.



Unfruitful: Despite creating chances, India could not breach Spain's defence. FACEBOOK/FIHOCKEY

Despite both teams pushing for a goal, neither could find the net, and Spain carried a slender advantage into half-time.

Soon after the restart, Karkera produced a brilliant save as Spain came out aggressively.

Its pressure eventually paid off when Cobos struck from close range after finding himself unmarked inside the circle to double Spain's lead.

With four minutes remaining, India withdrew its goalkeeper to add an extra outfield player in search of a breakthrough, increasing the pressure on Spain's defence.

However, despite its late push, India could not find the back of the net.

India will next take on hosts Australia on Sunday.

The result:
Spain 2 (Ignacio Abajo 6, Ignacio Cobos 36) bt India 0.

BCCI announces structured support for CABI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Saturday announced a structured support framework for the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI), including international exposure, home series assistance and venue access, reaffirming its commitment to inclusive growth in the sport.

India's visually impaired cricketers have achieved remarkable success on the global stage over the past decade, winning multiple Men's World Cups along with a historic inaugural Women's World Cup.

Recognising these achievements and the challenges faced by blind cricketers, the BCCI has committed to extending support to both the men's and women's teams.

"The achievements of India's visually impaired cricketers are a source of immense pride for the cricketing fraternity," BCCI President Mithun Manhas said in a release.

"Through this support framework, the BCCI aims to strengthen opportunities, infrastructure and exposure for these athletes. Inclusive growth remains central to our vision for the game."

Banthia and Donski win Delhi Open doubles title

TENNIS

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's Siddhant Banthia and Bulgaria's Alexander Donski claimed the men's doubles title in the Delhi Open at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association Complex here on Saturday.

The pair saved a match point against Niki Poonacha of India and Pruchya Isaro of Thailand to win 4-6, 6-4, [12-10].

In the men's singles event, fifth seed Oliver Crawford of Great Britain and unseeded Stefanos Sakellaridis of Greece advanced to set up a title clash on Sunday.

Tense affair
The doubles final proved to be a tense affair as the winner was decided after a tiebreak.

The victory marked Banthia's second career ATP Challenger doubles title while it was the Bulgarian's third doubles crown.

The doubles semifinals took place earlier in the day where Banthia and Donski defeated the British-Belgian pair of Jay Clarke and Michael Geerts 7-6(6), 7-6(3).

In the singles competition, Crawford progressed to the final after defeating second seed Rei Sakamoto 6-4, 6-3 in one hour and 38 minutes.

"It was a very high-level match. I thought I played very well from start to finish," Crawford commented after his win.

In the other semifinal, Sakellaridis registered a 6-1, 7-6 win over Great Britain's Felix Gill.

Tie-break
The Greek dominated the opening set before a closely-contested second set, which featured no break points and was decided after a tie-break.

The results: Semifinals: Oliver Crawford (GBr) bt Rei Sakamoto (Jpn) 6-4, 6-3; Stefanos Sakellaridis (Grc) bt Felix Gill (GBr) 6-1, 7-6(5). **Doubles: Final:** Siddhant Banthia & Alexander Donski (Bul) bt Pruchya Isaro (Tha) & Niki Poonacha 4-6, 6-4, [12-10]. **Semifinals:** Banthia & Donski bt Jay Clarke (GBr) & Michael Geerts (Bel) 7-6(6), 7-6(3); Isaro & Poonacha bt Jisung Nam (Kor) & Patrik Niklas-Salminen (Fin) 7-6(3), 6-4.

Leclerc tops testing timesheets; alarm bells for Aston Martin

FORMULA ONE

Agence France-Presse
SAKHIR

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc topped the timesheets on the final day of pre-season testing at the Sakhir circuit in Bahrain on Friday while Aston Martin's plans to make an impact in the new Formula One season crumbled into chaos.

The new Adrian Newey-designed Aston Martin car is radically different to the others on the grid, although all have undergone major changes as teams adapt to new regulations on chassis and engines.

The eye-catching Aston Martin ran into problems with its Honda power unit on Thursday when Fernando Alonso suffered a battery failure.

The team was also short of spare parts and Lance Stroll only completed six laps on Friday – two in the morning and four in the afternoon – before Aston Martin called time on testing two hours before the scheduled close.

"Overall, we are not happy with our performance and our reliability at the moment," said Honda's trackside general manager and chief engineer Shintaro Orihara in a press release.



Leading the pack: Ferrari's Leclerc put in 132 laps and clocked the quickest time of 1min 31.992sec REUTERS

Alonso and Stroll completed a total of just 128 laps over the three days – the equivalent of what many teams did in one day.

"It's been a challenging couple of weeks here in Bahrain, and today's limited running wasn't the way we wanted to finish the second test," said Stroll.

With teams still hiding their full capacity and testing different aspects of their cars, the timesheets were not a clear indicator of strength.

However, over the course of the shakedown in Barcelona and the two sessions in Bahrain it appeared the top four teams – McLaren, Ferrari, Red Bull and Mercedes – will again dominate in 2026.

Ferrari's Leclerc put in 132 laps on Friday and threw in the quickest time of one minute 31.992 seconds, heading world champion Lando Norris in his McLaren and Max Verstappen's Red Bull.

Ferrari team principal Fred Vasseur pronounced himself "happy" with testing but stressed that it was not just important to be ready for Melbourne.

Mercedes has been tipped as the car to chase in 2026 although Kimi Antonelli was brought to a halt on the track on Friday by a pneumatic issue.

India claims four medals at Asian Cross Country

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

India's Harmanjot Singh won the men's 10km silver as India also bagged three bronze at the Asian Cross Country Championships in Fukuoka on Saturday.

The 30-year-old clocked 29:21 seconds as Japan's Ryuji Miura won the gold in 29:20. Harmanjot also eclipsed his previous best timing of 29:57, set in 2024 in Bengaluru. In the senior women's 10km, India's Soniya finished fifth in 35:24.

In u-20 women's team championships (6km), India finished third with 22 points, behind Japan (nine) and China (20 points).

India's u-20 men's team also won bronze with 25 points. Host Japan claimed the gold (six points), while China, with 19 points, took home the silver. India also clinched bronze in women's team event (10km), with Japan taking the top podium spot with six points, followed by China with 17 points.



Harmanjot, who won the men's 10km silver.

Salahuddin blames former sports adviser for T20 WC fiasco

Press Trust of India
DHAKA

Bangladesh assistant coach Mohammad Salahuddin has hit out at former sports adviser Asif Nazrul, alleging he misrepresented facts and shifted his position regarding the team's participation in the T20 World Cup. Salahuddin also said that it was extremely difficult for the players to come to terms with their exclusion from the tournament.

Ram Baboo and Manju clinch the titles

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Ram Baboo and Manju clinched gold in the men's and women's sections respectively of the inaugural full marathon walk (42km) at the 13th Indian Open Race Walk Competition at the Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh, on Saturday.

Uttar Pradesh's 26-year-old Baboo clocked 3:09:17.00 to edge past Haryana's Sandeep Kumar (3:11:18.00) in his season opener and hoped to finish on the podium at the Asian Games later this year.



Champions: Baboo and Manju, the full marathon walk winners.

Local favourite Manju, meanwhile, upset experienced senior and Olympian Priyanka Goswami to finish on top. Manju kept pace with the leading group till the 32-km mark before increasing her pace and breaking away to clock 3:33:24.00 for the top spot, more than four minutes faster than second-placed Priyanka (3:37:25.00).

Interestingly, Manju and Baboo had won bronze in the 35km mixed race walk at the 2022 Asian Games. In the 10km race walk, Army's Nitin Gupta took top spot in 41:44.00 while Reshma Patel of Uttar Pradesh took the women's gold in 46:19.00.

The results: Men: Full-marathon (42km) walk: 1. Ram Baboo (UP, 3:09:17.00), 2. Sandeep Kumar (Har, 3:11:18.00), 3. Resham Midhun (Tel, 3:12:11.00). **10km race walk:** 1. Nitin Gupta (UP, 41:44.00), 2. Rishikesh P. (TN, 43:11.00), 3. Bilin George Anto (Ker, 43:53.00). **Women: Full marathon (42km) walk:** Manju (Pun, 3:33:24.00),2. Priyanka Goswami (UP, 3:37:25.00), 3. Payal (Utk, 3:39:57.00). **10km race walk:** 1. Reshma Patel (UP, 46:19.00), 2. Mary Margaret (Del, 47:18.00), 3. Akshaya K. (Ker, 51:49.00).

LIVE TELECAST

Women's Rising Stars Asia Cup: (final), **Bangladesh-A vs India-A**: Sony Sports Ten 1, 3 & LIV, 12.30 p.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m. & **India vs South Africa**, 7 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
ISL: Sony Sports Ten 2 & FanCode, 5 & 7.30 p.m.
LaLiga: FanCode, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
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INBRIEF



PhonePe IPO: Macquarie flags ESOP, revenue concentration

Broking firm Macquarie, in a report ,has drawn key concerns related to ESOP costs and revenue concentration for the proposed PhonePe initial public offering (IPO.) Macquarie said PhonePe's high Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) expenses are a 'significant drag' on its EBITDA margins. "ESOP costs accounted for 46% of PhonePe's revenue during the first half of FY26, the highest among its fintech peers," Macquarie said in the report.

'SBI investing in funds focused on start-ups to boost MSMEs'

State Bank of India (SBI) is actively investing in startup-focused funds and financial market infrastructure through direct equity participation as part of its MSME strategy, a top official said on Saturday. "We have been actively investing in startup-focused funds and financial market infrastructure through direct equity participation and schemes like Startup India, and banks in startup-intensive branches and business centres," SBI MD Ravi Ranjan said. PTI

This decade is India's tech-ade, says PM Modi

Hailing India's rapid strides in technology sector, PM Narendra Modi said, "This decade is tech-ade for India." Underlining India's surge towards building a robust semiconductor ecosystem, he said, "If the 20th century was about nations with the highest oil reserves, the 21st century is ruled by countries with prowess in chip-making." He was speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of India Chip Private Ltd., a JV between HCL Group and Taiwanese Foxconn in Greater Noida.

Global economic impact of U.S. SC invalidating Trump tariffs

The order introduces uncertainty around executive-driven trade arrangements concluded with the EU, the U.K., Japan and Vietnam and ongoing with India, among others as sweeping tariff authority requires explicit Congressional sanction.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Kunal Shankar


Trump Trumped: The U.S. Supreme Court building, where justices struck down Trump's sweeping tariffs in Washington, D.C. REUTERS

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs has sent shockwaves through global trade – not only because of what it invalidated, but because of what comes next. Even as the SC ruled Mr. Trump lacked authority under IEEPA to impose sweeping tariffs, the administration proposed a fresh 10% across-the-board duty under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, effective February 24.

Unlike the IEEPA tariffs, Section 122 authority is explicitly temporary. It allows the President to slap up to a 15% ad valorem tariff for 150 days, after which continuation would require Congressional approval. In the current political climate – with the President's approval ratings under pressure ahead of mid-term elections – securing that approval may not be straightforward.

Refund question

The fiscal stakes are enormous. As per Final Monthly Treasury Statement for Fiscal 25 (Oct. 1, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2025), the U.S. raised $195 billion in Customs duties, more than twice what it raised the previous fiscal. A large share of that increase reflects the post-April 2,2025 measures now invalidated.

This means tariff collections between April 2, 2025 and February 20, 2026 may be subject to protest and refund claims.

Under U.S. customs law, refunds hinge on a technical concept: "liquidation of an entry."

When goods enter the U.S., Customs initially assesses estimated duties. "Liquidation" is the formal administrative act by which Customs finalises the duty owed on that specific shipment.

Once liquidated, the importer has 180 day to file a protest challenging the duty assessment.

If Customs denies the protest, the importer may sue before the U.S. Court of International Trade. Once liquidation becomes final and the protest window expires, refund options narrow considerably.

The dissenting justices warned invalidating the tariffs would create an administrative "mess."

They were referring to the cascading process of protests, litigation and accounting adjustments that could stretch over months.

Who benefits?

Under U.S. law, only the "importer of record" – typically a U.S. company – may file the protest and receive the refund.

The answer for who benefits lies largely in contractual arrangements, not statutory entitlement

There is no government-to-government mechanism that channels refunds back to foreign exporters.

Distribution depends on private commercial arrangements.

Chinese importers gain

China accounted for roughly one-third of U.S. tariff collections in CY2025, by far the highest nation paying duties to the US. Reports before the Senate Joint Economic Committee indicate importers of Chinese goods paid roughly $91.8 billion in Customs in CY25. Even before the reciprocal tariffs, China was one of the largest contributors to U.S. customs revenue.

If a significant share of post-April collections is refunded, the largest nominal relief would accrue to importers dealing in Chinese goods. The same logic applies to exporters from the European Union, India, Vietnam, Japan and the United Kingdom, all of whom faced higher effective duties in 2025. For context, automotive products, vehicle parts, electronics, apparel and textiles were among the top revenue-generating sectors in 2025. A reversal would materially reduce effective tax exposure for exporters from these economies.

Trade deals, leverage

The ruling also introduces uncertainty around executive-driven trade arrangements concluded with the EU, the U.K., Japan and Vietnam and ongoing with India among others. While the agreements themselves remain intact, the Court has clarified that sweeping tariff authority requires explicit Congressional sanction. That shifts the bargaining landscape. Countries yet to finalise deals may now negotiate with greater confidence.

Section 122 gamble

The proposed 10% tariff under Section 122 offers the administration a legally clearer pathway. However, it is capped at 150 days. Its continuation requires Congressional approval, cannot exceed 15% and is intended to address balance-of-payments concerns, not broad geopolitical leverage. With mid-term polls approaching, Congressional appetite for extending universal tariff – amid inflation sensitivities – may be limited.

Institutional jitters

Internationally, the ruling sends two contrasting signals. On one hand, it reinforces confidence in U.S. constitutional checks and balances. On the other, it may weaken the perceived credibility of Presidential tariff threats.

For global markets, uncertainty – over refunds, Section 122's lifespan, and future Congressional action – may prove as economically consequential as the tariffs themselves.

The economic consequences of SC order are only beginning to unfold.

Confident of IPO in a year or so, says SECL chief

Saptaparno Ghosh
BILASPUR

South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (SECL) is aiming at completing its listing on stock exchanges within "this year or so," CMDHarish Duhan told the media.

In response to a query from *The Hindu*, Mr. Duhan observed in the recent past, Coal India's subsidiary Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) received a very enthusiastic response and he felt SECL would be able to follow a similar path.

"We are confident [because] if you see in the recent past BCCL's initial public offering (IPO) received a very enthusiastic response," he stated, adding, "if you look at SECL's coal reserves, spectrum of the grades of coal we produce, our overall resources and being located in Central India, we have customers across [the country], we are, therefore, are very confident about receiving a similar enthusiastic response."

"The capital we generate from the IPO would be utilised for expansion of current projects, [acquire] newer technologies and land acquisition. A major part would be used to pursue diversification," according to Mr. Duhan.

"In the coming future, SECL would not just be a coal-producing company but an integrated energy company.

"That's the vision with which we having the IPO."

(The reporter was in Bilaspur at the invitation of the Ministry of Coal)

'Honeywell to speed up India transition to green hydrogen, SAF'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU


Ashish Modi

Honeywell is supporting India's transition to green hydrogen by helping enterprises and governments move from pilots to safe, bankable and scalable assets by offering proven process technologies, advanced automation and hydrogen-specific digital solutions, said Ashish Modi, president, Honeywell, India & APAC.

Honeywell India, a key subsidiary of North Carolina-based Honeywell International Inc., with a market capitalisation of over $147 billion, offers integrated software and technology-driven solutions to key business verticals, automation, aviation and energy transition.

Setting the context, he said, Green Hydrogen was becoming critical, especially as India continued to rapidly scale its renewables and industrial corridors and had a target to position itself as a global hub for green hydrogen production, exports, and domestic decarbonisation.

Mr. Modi told *The Hindu*, "Our approach is technology-agnostic and safety-first, built on operational excellence in complex industrial environments."

Boost hydrogen purity

Elaborating on Honeywell's contribution towards green hydrogen across industry spaces, he said, in refining and petrochemicals, where Indian refineries are among the country's largest hydrogen users, the company's solutions help integrate electrolysers into existing sites, improve hydrogen purity, and strengthen safety systems, supporting the shift from grey to green hydrogen.

In fertilizers, as firms explore green hydrogen for ammonia production, Honeywell ensured a reliable hydrogen supply despite renewable intermittency via energy management software, digital twins, and performance optimisation platforms, he stated.

For steelmakers piloting hydrogen in DRI (direct reduced iron) and high-heat processes, Honeywell supports hydrogen-ready combustion controls, plant automation, and leak detection to enable safer and more stable operations. "We also support city gas distribution networks evaluating hydrogen blending through hydrogen-compatible monitoring, measurement, and safety systems, and enable mobility and logistics hubs with fuel-cell components, depot automation, and safety and monitoring solutions," he added.

He said India was also poised to play a meaningful role in the development of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), supported by innovations that convert biomass-based feedstock into cleaner, drop-in replacement fuels.

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2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. CE-BRIDGES - 14/ 2025 - 26

Following changes are made to the Invitation for the work at Sl.01 "Improvement such as widening and strengthening of Raikia - Simanbadi road from 0/0 to 9/000km (Except 6/425km to 6/575km) in the District of Kandhamal for the year 2025-26 " vide **Bid Identification No.CE-BRIDGES-14/2025-26.**

- The Last date of submission of tender is extended upto **5.00 PM of dt.06.03.2026.**
- Bids received on line shall be opened at **11.30 A.M of dt.07.03.2026.**

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Chief Engineer, Bridges, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
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2	RCC work	2704.31 Cum	901.34 Cum
3	Reinforcement	628.12 MT	209.35 MT
4	Shuttering	22222.12 Sqm	7406.63 Sqm
5	Flooring work	15203.98 Sqm	5067.48 Sqm
6	Plaster	32657.71 Sqm	10884.81 Sqm

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2	RCC work	4302.82 Cum	2151.41 Cum
3	Reinforcement	408.59 MT	204.30 MT
4	Shuttering	21710.45 Sqm	10855.23 Sqm
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The curious case of the star that may have swallowed itself

Vasudevan Mukunth

When a sufficiently massive star runs out of fuel, its core collapses and triggers a supernova, a dramatic explosion that scatters the star's outer layers into space. But scientists have long suspected that sometimes, the explosion fails and instead of a supernova, the star just disappears.

In a recent paper in *Science*, astronomers have reported observational evidence of such a star in the Andromeda Galaxy, dubbed M31-2014-DS1.

The star was a supergiant about 100,000 times brighter than the sun. In 2014, it brightened in infrared light, suggesting dust was forming around the star. Then, from 2017, the star's brightness dropped by more than 10,000 times over five years until, in 2023, optical telescopes couldn't see it.

The researchers, led by Kishalay De from Columbia University, analysed years of archival data as well as made new observations using some of the world's most powerful telescopes, measuring the star's brightness in different wavelengths. They also built computer models of how stars evolve and die to help them understand the star's properties.

All the evidence indicated a failed supernova. When the star's core collapsed, it should have sent a powerful shockwave through the star's outer layers, blasting them into space. However, the wave may not have been powerful enough, causing most of the star's material to fall back to the collapsing core.

As a result, the star would have 'swallowed itself', leaving behind a black hole.

The infrared brightening in 2014 was likely caused by the small amount of material that was ejected; this material would have subsequently cooled and formed dust, which would have glowed with infrared light before eventually dispersing.

The researchers also found similarities with another candidate named NGC 6946-BH1, which vanished from optical telescopes' view in 2009, suggesting 'failed supernovae' may not be as rare as astronomers once believed. At the same time, the researchers wrote in their paper, the relationship between a star's mass and how it dies may also be less predictable than first thought.

'Will keep studying'

This said, a separate group led by Emma Beasor of Liverpool John Moores University argued in early January that the observations don't exactly match a failed supernova, including that the erstwhile star's infrared brightness didn't fade as expected. Instead, this group suggested the data could also be explained by two stars colliding and merging.

At present, Dr. De said in a podcast, the team will keep studying the star to learn more.

New Kashmir wheat varieties to solve crop cycle issue

Wheat is sown in October and typically harvested in early summer; in Kashmir, however, the timing is critical: farmers need to vacate their fields by May-June to transplant paddy; if wheat stays in the field, the rice-wheat rotation breaks down

Hirra Azmat

Scientists at the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Kashmir (SKUAST-K) have developed two wheat varieties that could help farmers harvest on time and boost the region's total food grain production.

"One of the major challenges with earlier wheat varieties was that most of the planting material came from sub-tropical regions such as Haryana and Delhi," Asif Bashir Shikari, professor of genetics and plant breeding at SKUAST-K, said. "In Kashmir's climatic conditions, these varieties tended to mature late, often around June or July."

Wheat, a rabi crop, is sown in October and typically harvested in early summer. In Kashmir, however, where rice is the dominant kharif crop, farmers need to vacate their fields by May-June to transplant paddy. When wheat stays in the field until June, the rice-wheat rotation, a mainstay of food security and livelihoods, breaks down. "Although those varieties were high-yielding, they affected the cropping cycle," Dr. Shikari explained. "That is why plant breeders in Kashmir prioritised developing early-maturing wheat varieties that could be harvested by end May."

After nearly a decade of breeding and testing, researchers at SKUAST-K developed Shalimar Wheat-4 (SW-4), which matures by the last week of May, and the Shalimar Wheat-3 (SW-3), which matures in the first week of June. Both varieties are broadly similar to earlier wheat types in agronomic traits and cold tolerance. But they stand out for their early maturity, a trait that has often come with trade-offs.

"There is a negative correlation between maturity duration and yield," Dr. Shikari said. "Breeders sometimes accept this trade-off because timely maturity is more critical for cropping systems."

The varieties were developed using conventional breeding techniques, including cross-breeding and selection. Scientists generated thousands of progenies from hundreds of crosses and screened thousands of pedigree lines before identifying a promising candidate that matured early.

"First, we spent years selecting the best plants in the lab and research fields; this is called pedigree selection. Then we tested the wheat for 2-3 years at different university research stations to see how it performs in different environmental conditions," Shabir Hussain Wani, assistant professor of genetics and plant breeding at SKUAST-K, who developed SW-3, said. "After that, we tried it in real farmers' fields for about two years with help from the Agriculture Department. In total, it takes about 9 to 10 years to complete the entire process of testing and validation."

Another important trait is resistance to yellow rust, a fungal disease that leads to stunting and lower yield and which prevails in Kashmir's climate. "Yellow rust has been a recurring problem for farmers here," Dr. Wani said. "Resistance reduces risk, especially in years with favourable conditions for disease outbreaks."

The new varieties are suited for mid-altitude regions up to about 1,850 m. Researchers expect the varieties to benefit farmers in regions such as Gurez, where wheat is often grown for fodder, with grain as an additional benefit. "SW-3 is also biofortified with iron and zinc content of more than 40 ppm, protein content of 12 %, is disease-resistant, and with a potential productivity of up to 38 quintals per hectare," Dr. Wani said.

In October 2025, SKUAST-K introduced SW-3 to farmers in the Gurez valley near the Line of Control. According to official data, 70 quintals of SW-3 seeds plus a scientific package of practices were distributed among 700 farmers. The programme was aimed to extend modern agricultural technologies to isolated villages, where farmers often use traditional seed systems and have limited access to scientific innovation.

"If this wheat matures by May, we can prepare the fields for paddy on time. Even if the yield is similar, the timing itself is a big benefit for us," Abdul Hamid, a 52-year-old in Kulgam, explained. "Also this will resolve our problem of growing fodder shortage. We grow wheat both for its grain and fodder. The stalks ... are essential fodder. We dry and store them for the harsh winter."

Shabir Ahmad, a 34-year-old farmer in Gurez who grows wheat primarily for fodder, said the new varieties could offer more security: "In Gurez, cold and disease are always a problem. Yellow rust has damaged crops in the past. If these varieties resist rust and mature early, it will be safer for us. We mainly need fodder for livestock and grain is a bonus. But timely harvest means we can plan our fodder supply better and avoid losses from unexpected weather."

(Hirra Azmat is a Kashmir-based journalist who writes on science, health, and environment)

Timely harvest

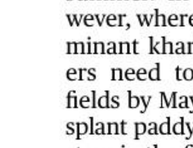
New wheat varieties are suited for mid-altitude regions up to about 1,850 m



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- SKUAST-Kashmir scientists have bred two early-maturing wheat varieties mindful of Kashmir's rice, wheat cropping calendar
- High-yielding wheat brought from subtropical regions matured too late in Kashmir, delaying the transplantation of paddy
- Of the new varieties, SW-4 matures by late May while SW-3 matures in early June
- The new varieties aim to keep the yields competitive while prioritising a timely harvest for farmers
- Researchers used conventional cross-breeding, pedigree selection, and multi-site trials over nearly a decade to develop the varieties
- Both varieties resist yellow rust fungal disease and yield reliable quantities of fodder, improving farmers' ability to manage risk

The biology of belief, optimism, and good health



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

Helen Keller, the American author and activist who was deaf and blind, became an international symbol of human potential. She wrote, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Optimism can be defined as maintaining positive expectations for the future. It is a human trait that has also been associated with better health and a higher quality of life. Optimism shapes how we look ahead and functions as a modulator that amplifies positive possibilities and filters out negative projections. The Israeli-British neuroscientist Tali Sharot has estimated that about 80% of humans are optimists but that the optimism levels of most people can be best described as "mild".

It can be argued that optimism represents a biased view of reality. Why would evolution favour a trait that presents you with a bias instead of a perfectly objective view? The consensus among researchers is that optimism is highly adaptive, meaning it increases an organism's chances of survival.

Imagine a human as she lived several thousand years ago. She is in a cave and there is a drought going on. If she were to calculate the probability of successfully finding food – a rabbit perhaps, or a bush with edible fruit on it – she would in all likelihood not go out at all. Lethargy, which conserves energy, would be the rational choice. But optimism could encourage her to persist. By overestimating the probability of finding some food out there, she could be more likely to make an effort. This bias gives her an incentive to exert effort, which itself increases the probability of success.



People who score better for optimism have been shown to have healthier hearts. PABLO GUERRERO/UNSPLASH

However, there are limits to how optimistic you can be and still make gains. What seems to work best is a general, positive outlook, known as dispositional optimism. In response to a negative outcome in real life, a pessimist may say "I knew it" whereas optimists may resort to the conviction that "tomorrow is another day". This resilience is maintained through an 'optimism bias' (*Nature*, vol. 450, 102, 2007) characterised by an asymmetric processing of information in the brain: good news is given disproportionate significance and bad news is given less weightage.

One area at the front and centre of the brain, called the rostral anterior cingulate cortex (rACC), is highly active when optimists envision positive future events. High neuronal activity in this region seems to facilitate the encoding of favourable possibilities. Conversely, the rACC's diminished response to negative information seems to make sure setbacks have less influence on the individual's long-term expectations.

The Revised Life Orientation Test is a brief test used to measure whether a person is disposed towards optimism. It presents 10 statements that one has to rate on a five-point scale (from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'). Statements include "In uncertain times, I usually expect the best" and "If something can go wrong for me, it will".

People who score better for optimism have been shown to have healthier hearts. In ageing individuals, dispositional optimism is known to be neuroprotective, shielding the brain from the ravages of time. High levels of the brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) enhance resilience in ageing (*Aging and Disease*, 16, 1813, 2024). Even as some neurons are being lost to age, BDNF helps surviving neurons rewire more effectively, allowing one's senses to stay sharp and the mind to remain perceptive.

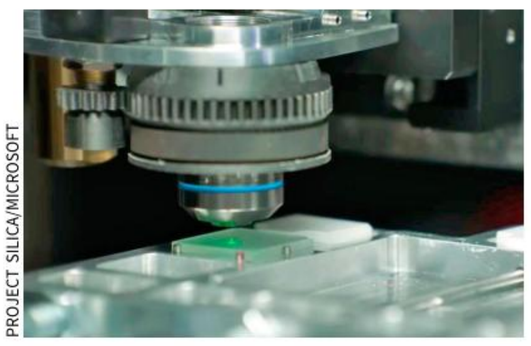
(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling.)

SNAPSHOTS



Scientists find bouba-kiki effect in three-day chicks

Humans often match "bouba" with round shapes and "kiki" with spiky ones. Researchers raised baby chicks, then played the sounds while showing them the two shapes. Three-day-old chicks chose the round shapes more often when they heard "bouba" and spiky shapes more often when they heard "kiki". The study concluded brains may come pre-wired to connect sounds and shapes and this ability may be shared across species, supporting the idea that the link starts from perception.



PROJECT SILICA/MICROSOFT

Laser pulses turn glass into super-dense data store

Microsoft researchers have found a way to store data inside a 2-mm-thick glass plate by firing short laser pulses to create 3D pixels in hundreds of layers. Each pixel could be made to represent more than one bit, and the team found a 120 mm x 120 mm plate could hold 4.8 TB. A borosilicate glass version was also projected to be stable for 10 millennia. The team could 'read' the data using microscopes and machine-learning.



Psychedelic could join depression treatment options

In a trial, 34 adults with moderate to severe major depressive disorder randomly received either an intravenous dose of DMT, a psychedelic, or a placebo. Two weeks on, the DMT group reported a larger drop in depression symptoms and also improved more after a week. The benefits were found to last up to three months, side effects were mild or moderate, and there weren't any serious safety issues. The results point to a new treatment option pending more tests.

Question Corner

On the bright side

Why do shrubs like hibiscus flower/fruit profusely only on the sunlit side?
– Gayatri Chandrashekar

Shrubs and trees often flower and fruit more on the sunlit side because the planet's energy budget on that side is different. Sunlit leaves capture more usable light so they photosynthesise more and make more sugars and starch. Buds and young fruits need that carbon supply to form and grow. On the shaded side, on the other hand, the leaves make less carbon so the buds stay vegetative, the flowers abort more often, and small fruits drop more easily.

Well-lit leaves also produce stronger 'signals' that encourage the buds nearby to make flowers. Likewise, the plant interprets the way shade changes the quality of light as crowding and tries to extend shoots and leaves so that they get more light, over its own reproduction. Temperature helps this process but isn't the full picture. It warms buds and increases the speed of development, yet also dries leaves and raises the planet's demand for water. If the plant can't supply enough water, it closes its stomata and the rate of photosynthesis drops.

Readers may send their questions / answers to science@thehindu.co.in

Why has eastern Nagaland got autonomy?

What does the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority offer to six 'backward' districts of the State?

Rahul Karmakar

The story so far:

On February 5, the Centre signed a tripartite agreement with the Nagaland Government and the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) to form the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). An experiment in "devolutionary autonomy", the FNTA offers a high degree of administration and financial autonomy to six "backward" eastern districts – Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, and Tuensang.

What was the ENPO's demand?

The core demand of the ENPO was the creation of a separate State to be carved out of Nagaland. Its demand for a 'Frontier Nagaland' was conveyed in 2010 through a memorandum to the Centre, but is rooted in the policy of the pre-1947 British administration to leave the hills as an un-administered frontier. This lack of governance created a "developmental differential" that postcolonial India struggled to bridge. The eight Naga tribes inhabiting the six eastern districts increasingly began feeling ignored, politically and economically, after Nagaland was carved out of Assam as a State in 1963. The resentment snowballed into a movement for independence from the alleged administrative dominance of the western Naga tribes.

> A central feature of the agreement is the establishment of a mini-Secretariat within the region, to bring state machinery to the doorsteps of the eastern tribes

Why did Centre find merit in the demand?

The Centre's decision to intervene was driven by a mix of strategic compulsion and political obligation. New Delhi and Kohima, Nagaland's power centre, attempted to satisfy the ENPO with SOPs, including a ₹500-crore package, but these solutions failed to address the underlying political aspirations of the people. In 2024, the situation reached a breaking point when the ENPO leaders called for a total boycott of the Lok Sabha elections, demonstrating their immense collective leverage. That the ENPO region is a critical buffer zone bordering Myanmar also played a role in the Centre's eagerness to resolve the issue. Leaving a large segment of Nagaland's population disillusioned in such a region was a major security risk, especially as armed extremist groups are based across the porous border.

The FNTA is seen as a pacifier for a strategic asset to ensure that the frontier remains stable and aligned with national interests.

What does the FNTA offer?

The FTNA offers semi-autonomous governance to six eastern Nagaland districts. A central feature of the agreement is the establishment of a mini-Secretariat within the region, headed by a high-ranking officer to bring state machinery to the doorsteps of the eastern tribes, reducing their dependence on Kohima. According to the blueprint, development outlays will be shared proportionally based on population and area, and the Ministry of Home Affairs has committed to providing initial expenditure for the authority's establishment. The FNTA will exercise legislative and executive powers over 46 specific subjects. This devolution allows local leaders to make decisions on land use, agriculture, rural development, and infrastructure tailored to the specific needs of their tribes. Crucially, the agreement achieves this without abrogating or altering Article 371(A) of the Constitution, thereby preserving the unique customary laws and social practices central to the Naga identity.

Can the FNTA model be leveraged to resolve the Kuki-Zo demand?

The FNTA model has raised questions about its applicability to the Kuki-Zo demand for a Union Territory-like separate administration in conflict-scarred Manipur. Structurally, the FNTA is similar to the Hill Areas Committee mechanism under Article 371(C) in Manipur, which was provided to protect tribal interests. The Nagaland model suggests that the Centre is willing to create "territorial authorities" as a middle path between total Statehood and standard district administration. This may provide a solution for the Kuki-Zo community, as it demonstrates that New Delhi can innovate constitutionally to grant autonomy without redrawing State maps. However, the differences in context are stark. In Nagaland, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio was a willing partner in the negotiations, and there was no active, violent conflict between the Nagas. In Manipur, the government based in the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley remains vehemently opposed to any administrative separation, and the levels of inter-group trust are currently non-existent. Furthermore, the presence of other groups, especially the Tangkhul Naga-heavy National Socialist Council of Nagalim, who also claim parts of the hill districts, makes a clean administrative carve-out much more difficult.

What are the key takeaways from AI summit?

What does the New Delhi Declaration say? How many countries are signatories? What were the goals? What is the aim of the Global AI Impact Commons? Apart from Reliance and the Adani Group, which companies have announced investments in domestic AI?

Aroon Deep

The story so far:

The AI Impact Summit from February 16-20 attracted lakhs of visitors, with high-profile AI executives and heads of state visiting New Delhi. On Saturday, 88 countries and international organisations signed the New Delhi Declaration on AI, which stresses that the technology must be democratised to make a difference.

Since when are AI summits being held?

Since 2023, dozens of countries have participated in annual gatherings to discuss AI. In its first instalment in Bletchley Park, the U.K. hosted a small dialogue on safety, where India was represented by then Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar. There is no international organisation that convenes these gatherings as of now – participating countries have generally passed on the baton for the following year's summit. 2024's edition was held in Seoul, and the last AI Action Summit was held in Paris in February 2025, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi co-chairing the edition with President Emmanuel Macron. In the Paris summit, the multilateral AI dialogue saw a significant shift, with U.S. Vice-President J.D. Vance vocally rejecting a safety-first approach, instead emphasising innovation and unrestrained investment into frontier research and commercialisation of the technology.

What were the India-hosted summit's goals?

For India's turn, the government advanced a key set of priorities: that AI's capabilities must be available to as many people as possible; more work must be done to make it relevant in the Global South, such as by expanding representation for languages that have been under-represented in the training of western LLMs (large language models); and that the technology should be "safe and trusted".

> The summit is expected to catalyse long-term international partnerships

On the domestic front, the government sought to project India as an attractive destination for AI infrastructure and research, drum up investor sentiment for putting money into AI, and for encouraging the technology's already-enthusiastic adoption in India, especially in fields such as healthcare, agriculture and education. The names of the working groups convened for this purpose reflect some of these priorities: human capital, inclusion for social empowerment, safe and trusted AI, resilience, innovation, and efficiency, science, democratising AI resources, and AI for economic development and social good.



New route: PM Modi poses with Google CEO Sundar Pichai, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, and other leaders at the AI summit, in Delhi on February 19. REUTERS

What were the outcomes of the summit?

The government says that the summit attracted over five lakh visitors, a record that easily surpassed the attendance of the G20 summit in 2023. The government also touted $250 billion in investment commitments, as well as $20 billion in commitments for frontier deep tech research. The event also hosted over 500 individual discussions, with speakers from around the world. During the summit, India joined the U.S.-led Pax Silica initiative, which seeks to build a network of like-minded countries opposed to concentration of power in electronics manufacturing and critical minerals. India also achieved broad consensus among 88 countries and international organisations for the New Delhi Declaration on AI, which was signed by the U.S., China, France, and several other countries who are key for the development and deployment of AI at present.

The event saw the long-anticipated launch of India's first domestically trained multi-billion parameter LLMs by Sarvam AI. Sarvam is a Bengaluru-based firm that enjoys millions of dollars in private equity investment as well as government support in subsidised access to computing resources under the IndiaAI Mission. The firm says its models are efficient, and beat comparable models at many benchmarks. It has announced that its models will be open source, and after the summit, launched a chatbot interface in beta to interact with its LLMs.

The event was also plagued by a series of setbacks almost every day. On the opening day – three days before the plenary with the heads of state and keynotes by figures like OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and Google CEO Sundar Pichai – organisers were overwhelmed by an unexpected number of participants. Security and logistics issues abounded, with significant traffic snarls delaying even some speakers from making it to their discussions. On the second day, an exhibitor at the summit's concurrent expo, Galgotias University, passed off a Chinese-made robodog as their students' creation. The wide publicity to this caused significant embarrassment to the organisers, who ordered the university to vacate the premises. And on Friday, a group of Indian Youth Congress members stormed the expo, revealing hidden T-shirts and chanting, "Modi is Compromised," before being apprehended by the police. The Delhi Police has apprehended the protesters, and is investigating the protest.

What were the investment commitments?

Reliance Industries Ltd. announced commitments of ₹10 lakh crore in domestic AI, only slightly more than the Adani Group's similar commitment. Google gave a few fresh details about its existing $15 billion investment in data centre and AI projects in India, such as a subsea cable system that would directly connect India and the U.S. The event also saw high-profile pacts between OpenAI and the Tata Group, along with another agreement between Anthropic and Infosys. OpenAI said it would lease 100 megawatts of data centre capacity from Tata's HyperVault, and provide its advanced models to the firm's employees. The pacts were notable due to the stock price damage that both firms took after Anthropic's latest coding LLM shocked investors with its advanced capabilities. Yotta Data Services, a domestic data centre operator, announced $2 billion in data centre infrastructure build-out, with graphics processing units from Nvidia.

What does the New Delhi Declaration say?

The declaration is broadly in line with India's stated multilateral priorities when organising the summit. Nearly all commitments are described in the statement as "voluntary" and "non-binding," encouraging wider participation. These include a charter for the "democratic diffusion" of AI; a "Global AI Impact Commons," which would serve as a database of use cases for countries to draw inspiration from; a "Trusted AI Commons," described as a "repository of tools, benchmarks, and best practices [that supports the] development of secure and trustworthy AI systems,"; an "International Network of AI for Science Institutions" which would link technical institutes around the world; an "AI for Social Empowerment Platform"; an "AI Workforce Development Playbook and Reskilling Principles," and "Guiding Principles on Resilient and Efficient AI." "The summit is expected to catalyse long-term international partnerships and position AI as a key driver of economic growth," the government said in a statement, adding that there was "broad-based global consensus on leveraging AI for economic growth and social good".

Why has NGT cleared the Nicobar project?

Why does the government insist that the project is of strategic importance? What will India achieve by establishing a major cargo transshipment hub? What will happen to the biodiversity of the Great Nicobar Island? What are the concerns? Can coral colonies be translocated?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) recently concluded a high-stakes legal battle over the 'Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island', and ruled that all environment safeguards are in place for the Great Nicobar Island Project. This integrated project, estimated to cost ₹80,000-90,000 crore, has been at the centre of a debate between national interests and the preservation of one of the world's most sensitive ecosystems.

What is the Great Nicobar project?

The project is an integrated infrastructure development plan proposed by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO). It consists of four major components: an International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT), a 450 MVA gas and solar-based power plant, a large-scale township and area development, and an international airport. Building all of this would require diverting 130.75 square kilometres of forest land – roughly 18% of the total area of the Great Nicobar Island. It is projected to generate over 1.28 lakh jobs by the time it is fully implemented in 2052. However, the inevitable environmental impact of this project has prompted global outrage.

> The island is a biodiversity hotspot, and the project faces several ecological challenges



Ecological importance: A view of the Great Nicobar Biosphere reserve.

What is the history of the project?

The project's regulatory journey began in May 2021 with a Stage-I forest clearance granted in October 2022, followed by environmental and Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearances on November 11, 2022. These clearances were challenged in a "first round" of litigation in 2022. On April 3, 2023, the NGT found "unanswered deficiencies" regarding coral conservation, the adequacy of environmental data, and zoning violations. The tribunal then formed a High-Powered Committee (HPC) to revisit these issues. The final order issued this month is the result of the "second round" of litigation, where the tribunal reviewed the HPC's findings and the government's subsequent actions.

Why is it a 'national necessity'?

The government maintains that the project is of extraordinary strategic, defence, and national importance. The Great Nicobar is located just 40 km from the Malacca Strait, a critical international shipping lane. The area is seen as a vital location to counter the "growing presence" of foreign powers in the Indian Ocean. By establishing a major cargo transshipment hub, India can participate more fully in the global maritime economy and save significant costs on cargo that is currently transshipped through foreign ports. A permanent, robust presence on the island is expected to curb the poaching of marine resources by foreign entities.

What about Nicobar's ecology?

The island is a biodiversity hotspot, and the project faces several ecological challenges. Initial surveys identified 20,668 coral colonies in the vicinity. While Island CRZ regulations prohibit the "destruction of corals", the project involves the translocation of 16,150 colonies to suitable recipient sites. The island is home to the Leatherback Sea Turtle, the Nicobar Megapode, and the Saltwater Crocodile. Critics argued that the construction would destroy nesting grounds in Galathea Bay. A major point of contention was whether the port layout overlapped with Island CRZ-IA areas, which are the most ecologically sensitive zones (like mangroves and sand dunes) where heavy construction is strictly prohibited. Environmentalists argued that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was based on only one season of baseline data, which they claimed was insufficient for a project of this magnitude. Critics have also raised concerns that the environmental impact studies downplay the seismic risks of the region, which is located in a high-activity tectonic zone.

How will it affect the tribal populations?

The island is inhabited by the Shompen and Nicobari tribes. The NGT noted the following regarding tribal rights – the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), which advises the Centre on environmental clearances, found that the project is designed not to disturb or displace any tribal habitation. The tribunal stated that the habitat rights of the tribes would be protected under the Forest Rights Act, though as recently as last month some of the leaders of the tribal council said that they were being "coerced" to sign 'surrender' certificates noting that they have no objection to their lands being given to the government. ANIIDCO is required to provide funds to the A&N Tribal Welfare Department for the welfare and protection of the tribal groups.

What was the NGT's reasoning?

The tribunal ultimately upheld the environmental clearance, adopting a "balanced approach" that weighed environmental safeguards against national security. The NGT ruled that while EIA procedures are mandatory, they should not be used to adopt a "hyper-technical approach" that ignores ground realities and national security. It accepted the Zoological Survey of India's (ZSI) finding that no "major" coral reef exists in the direct work area of Galathea Bay, only "scattered" colonies. It ruled that translocation would effectively protect the colonies. Following a site visit by the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), the tribunal accepted that no part of the port project fell within the prohibited ICRZ-IA zone. The tribunal also ruled that one-season data was sufficient because the islands are not classified as a "high erosion" stretch where multi-season data is mandatory.

With the NGT according legal clearance, the ANIIDCO can move ahead with project development. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is also expected to move on port development activities.

Champion of European autonomy

Emmanuel Macron

France's centrist President has been pushing for reducing Europe's reliance on the U.S. and building military and strategic autonomy, but faces policy resistance abroad and political instability at home

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In 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle declared that "Europe must be organised so that it depends on no one". Now as the world order reassesses itself in light of various upheavals, the same rhetoric rings true from the same quarter as it had over 60 years ago. On February 13, at the Munich Security Conference, French President Emmanuel Macron stated that "Europe has to learn to become a geopolitical power".

Over the past few weeks, Mr. Macron has been clear that Europe must fashion for itself a path of 'strategic autonomy' by deepening the EU's single market, reducing dependencies on external powers especially in critical sectors such as AI and rare-earth minerals, supporting domestic companies by bringing in a 'Buy European' drive, and focusing on creating deep-strike capabilities and re-articulating nuclear deterrence (France is currently the only nuclear power in the EU). On January 20, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the French President emphasised, "...building more economic sovereignty and strategic economy, especially for the Europeans,... is the core answer".

Mr. Macron's push for European autonomy is a result of three main geopolitical realities that Europe is facing at the moment. One, the Russia-Ukraine war. Europe has been supplying Ukraine with arms and aid. Even with such help, Russia is incrementally advancing into Ukrainian territory, with peace talks being endlessly dragged on without breakthroughs. Economic sanctions on Russia as well as Europe's support for Ukraine have meant that Russia is no longer a reliable energy partner for the bloc.

Second, the dominance of China and Chinese companies in areas of critical security such as rare-earth minerals/metals. European investments have not been able to withstand China's position as a fierce competitor in these sectors.

Finally, and the most alarming of all, has been the volatility of the U.S. as both a trade and a security partner. Considered its most traditional trade partner as well as its largest security guarantor under the NATO framework, the U.S. has now become a flashpoint for Europe. If the sweeping tariffs imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump were not enough, his aggressive bid for ownership of Greenland, an island under Danish sovereignty, has signalled to Mr. Macron that the U.S. is no longer reliable as a stable partner. "There are threats and intimidation and then suddenly Washington backs down. And we think it's over. But don't believe it for a second," Mr. Macron said in an interview earlier this month.

This is not the first time that the French leader has put forth his idea of European autonomy. In fact, right at the beginning of his political career in 2017, his foreign policy stood out for its emphasis on strategic autonomy for Europe. While the idea had few takers back then, Mr. Macron has stuck true to his initial stand. He reiterated his position in 2023, when, after a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, he said Europe must not become "America's followers" and that it must not get "caught up in crises that are not ours", referring to Europe possibly getting dragged into a confrontation between the U.S. and China over Taiwan.

Now, by using the 'Greenland moment', Mr. Macron is actively rallying European powers to confront their standing in the world order, and strengthen Europe's ability to stand up to both the U.S. and China. "We have the Chinese tsunami on the trade front, and we have minute-by-minute instability on the American side," Mr. Macron warned.

Regional distrust

Mr. Macron has advanced the call for European autonomy on two main policy pillars, the first being eurobonds. As individual nation states may not be able to fund the scaling up of critical sectors, a common borrowing mechanism will enable joint investments in specific industries such as security and defence, climate, AI and quantum computing. These "eurobonds", Mr. Macron believes, could fund strategic investments for Europe and challenge the hegemony of the U.S. dollar.

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The second policy is the Industrial Accelerator Act, which is expected to be published on February 25 by the European Commission. The Act is meant to reconcile decarbonising high emission industries with maintaining competitiveness both internally and internally. One of its key provisions includes introducing local-content, that is 'Made in Europe' requirements in public procurement and consumer schemes. It also imposes certain restrictive criteria on foreign investment in the EU.

However, Mr. Macron has been having a tough time convincing other European nations, especially Germany and Italy, Europe's two main industrial powerhouses. His 'Make in Europe' rhetoric, and pushback on foreign investment in critical sectors has come across as a tad too protectionist for Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz.

At the informal summit of leaders of the EU in Belgium on February 12, member states committed to the idea of a 'One Europe, One Market', with Germany and France focusing on their goal of creating a "competitive industry in Europe", without clearly addressing the apparent differences in how they wish to achieve the same. However, Mr. Macron has always maintained that "all this must be done in consultation and coordination with all European partners" and structured at the level of the EU.

Domestic insecurities

However, all such grand plans may come to naught, if in next year's presidential elections in France, the far-right National Rally (RN) party comes to power. Mr. Macron will not be able to contest as there is a two-term constitutional limit on the presidency. This means that Emmanuel Macron has just one more year left in office. And if the RN does come to power, there is no guarantee that it will honour Mr. Macron's agenda and commitments to the EU, as the RN has always been a Eurosceptic party going as far as to suggest, at one point, leaving the bloc.

Mr. Macron has been trying to expand his influence within the French bureaucracy and potentially stop the Rally's populist agenda by appointing close allies to top government posts such as replacing France's top auditor, and reshuffling foreign embassies.

Mr. Macron's rule has been unstable ever since his announcement of snap elections in 2024 when his centrist alliance lost its majority in the European Parliament. As the sudden elections again resulted in a hung Parliament, he went on to appoint three different Prime Ministers in succession until October 2025, as each one was voted out by no-confidence motions or tendered resignations due to political backlash.

These successive short-lived governments have reduced Mr. Macron's standing both domestically and internationally. It remains to be seen how he attempts to bridge his European agenda with the hypernationalist discourse of the RN.

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Security dilemma

Anthropic

The Claude developer's push to be Washington's trusted AI partner while drawing red lines on surveillance now risks putting it at odds with the Pentagon

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Anthropic has spent the last year trying to get into an awkward position: close enough to the U.S. national security apparatus to be treated as a frontier supplier but far enough to not get burnt. In one demonstration of this reputational yoga, it was revealed that the U.S. operation to abduct Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro on January 3 used Anthropic's AI model Claude.

More recently, Anthropic clashed with the Pentagon over safeguards to prevent fully autonomous weapons targeting and U.S. domestic surveillance. While Anthropic contended that these are non-negotiable limits, the Pentagon has held that commercial AI should be available for "all lawful purposes". Even more recently, the Pentagon has been considering designating Anthropic a "supply chain risk" – a tag that could pressure contractors to certify that they're not using Claude.

Why has Anthropic found itself in this bind?

In 2025, the company publicly embraced a larger defence footprint by announcing an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defence worth $200 million. It was a sign that Anthropic wanted to be the lab to say 'yes' to national security while still operating within limits, and in the process keep up a public reputation as a company that's part of the military machinery. Anthropic has also been trying to present itself as an enterprise productivity company rather than as only a lab with a chatbot. Its partnership with Infosys, for instance, will pair its models with a firm that already sells compliance and governance services to industries that are heavily regulated.

Two ambitions

The reason for its bind is that a company that can claim to operate safely in government contexts with stringent security expectations can also plausibly sell itself to banks, manufacturers, and telecom companies. That is, to governments, Anthropic says: "We will help democratic states maintain a technological advantage but we won't accept deployments like autonomous targeting or expansive domestic surveillance". As a result, it gets to say to enterprises: "We can operationalise frontier AI inside environments with strict compliance requirements".

Unfortunately, these two ambitions have since collided. Anthropic appears to believe that conceding on autonomous targeting and domestic surveillance would destroy the line it has tried to draw with other frontier labs and entrants that are also courting defence customers.

The Pentagon, however, seems to be signalling that its vendors' moral compunctions are beside the point, especially once the vendors are inside the defence supply chain.

The enterprise automation layer – i.e. the coding and agentic systems that allow Claude to be embedded directly within workflows rather than keep it as a chatbot that enterprises use in an ad hoc way – is still one of Anthropic's main focus areas. And the company has also been trying to pitch its models' safety features as an advantage because its logic seems to be, regulators and enterprises will prefer these models even when competitors develop more powerful alternatives. But this also means that if Anthropic yields to the Pentagon's demand, it could lose its signature differentiation, whereas if it refuses, the Pentagon could make an example of it.

The fact is that while Anthropic can try to control how Claude is used, its control will weaken once Claude leaves the building. Anthropic can say "you may not use Claude for x" in the terms of service or train the model to refuse certain requests, but even then, large customers rarely use an AI model as a standalone chatbot. Instead, they access it through cloud platforms, embed it inside software tools like for data analysis and automation, and they adapt it for specific missions. In other words, customers can work around the terms of service and the question of Anthropic's complicity still lingers.

In this sense, Anthropic's recent decisions are probably coherent. It bet that a market nervous about AI – e.g. governments worried about adversaries or enterprises worried about liability – will pay a premium for a developer that can both deploy and restrain. And the dispute with the Pentagon is the first major demonstration of what it will cost Anthropic to do both at once.

Deal in deep water

Chagos Islands

As the U.K.'s draft legislation to ratify the transfer of sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius moves through Parliament, Trump is taking aim at the deal

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In a social media post, U.S. President Donald Trump asked the U.K. to "not give away Diego Garcia", referring to the site where a U.S-U.K. military base is located in the Chagos archipelago.

The U.K. deal concerning the Chagos Island grouping is the result of a long negotiation surrounding the archipelago, located in the central Indian Ocean, around 1,600 km from the tip of the Indian subcontinent. The archipelago, positioned around 2,000 km north-east of Mauritius about mid-way between East Africa and Indonesia, is an overseas territory of the U.K., one of 14 remaining in the post-colonial era.

Officially referred to as the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), the grouping consists of 60 islands set in seven ring-shaped coral atolls. The largest of the lot, Diego Garcia, plays host to the joint U.S-U.K military base, which reportedly has an airfield, a deep-water port, and communications and surveillance-related infrastructure. The islands have American and British military presence and contract civilian personnel, but do not host a permanent civilian population as of today.

The islands were uninhabited when they were discovered by Portuguese explorers in the 16th century. Given its strategic location on international trade routes, several foreign powers sought to establish control over the archipelago. In the late 18th century, France took over the islands, along with Seychelles, treating them as dependencies of Mauritius. In the early 19th century, the islands were taken over by the U.K.; Mauritius and its dependencies were proclaimed colonies of Britain in 1814 under the Treaty of Paris. Seychelles was detached from Mauritius and became a separate colony in 1903. The BIOT came into being in 1965 following the U.S-U.K. agreement.

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Mauritius gained independence in 1968; the U.K. reportedly paid it a £3 million grant to maintain control over the Chagos Islands. In 1971, a military facility was constructed on Diego Garcia, and the local Ilois/Chagossians, descended from African slaves and Indian plantation workers, were offered the choice to relocate to Seychelles or Mauritius. While most resettled in Mauritius, a few moved to the U.K.

Right to return

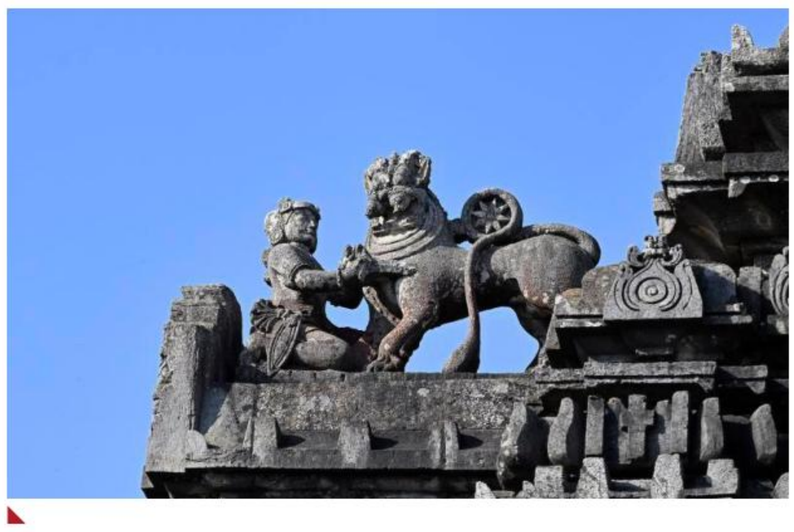
In 2000, the British High Court found that the removal of the Chagossians was illegal and granted them the right to return. While this was upheld by the Court of Appeal in 2007, it was reversed by the House of Lords in 2008. An ICJ advisory ruling in 2019 found that the decolonisation process pertaining to Mauritius was illegal and recommended that the U.K. stop its administration of the Chagos Islands.

Although non-binding, the ruling had international weight, and the U.K. government began negotiations over this in 2022, under then-Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak. An agreement was sketched out in October 2024. A final treaty to transfer sovereignty over the islands to Mauritius was signed in May 2025 by Labour Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Mauritius Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam. Before the treaty enters into force, it needs to be ratified by legislation, and a draft law dealing with this is progressing through Parliament.

The plan, estimated to cost £3.4 billion, envisages the handing over of Chagos Islands to Mauritius by the U.K, and the leasing back of the military base in Diego Garcia for 99 years, at an average cost of £101 million a year. The deal includes a £40 million trust fund to support Chagossians, who will be permitted to resettle in all islands except Diego Garcia.

Mr. Trump has called the deal "an act of great stupidity", and the potential loss of the land "a blight on our Great Ally". Describing the island as "strategically located", Mr. Trump indicated that Diego Garcia may be brought into play "in order to eradicate a potential attack by a highly unstable and dangerous Regime"– a reference to Iran. He has also linked the deal to his own designs to acquire Greenland.

The U.K. has maintained that the deal is vital for the U.K.'s security interests, with Mr. Starmer noting that the deal was required to avert the risk of a future binding legal judgment affecting the U.K.'s ability to use the Diego Garcia base. On the other hand, the deal has invited criticism from Conservatives and Reform UK, who view Mauritius's ties with China with suspicion.



Dynastic mark: The Hoysala *lanchana*, depicting the legendary founder Sala slaying a tiger, is carved atop the Lakshmidevi temple.



Pointed base: The 13th-century Chennakeshava temple, built under King Vira Someshwara, stands on a striking 16-pointed star-shaped raised platform (*jagati*).



Fading grandeur: The sun's rays thread through the temples of Koravangala, Nageshwara and Govindeshwara, in the Hoysala-era village where three brothers built three shrines.



Ritual descent: The 12th-century Hulikere Kalyani is among the finest examples of Hoysala water architecture. Built below ground level with steps descending on all four sides, it includes 12 shrines with *shikharas* and 14 without, symbolically linked to the zodiac and the 27 *nakshatras*.

Unearthing the silent splendour of Hoysalas

In the rural parts of Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru in Karnataka, overlooked Hoysala-era temples and *basadis* reveal a thriving medieval kingdom's devotion and sculptural mastery; through star-shaped platforms, serene shrines, finely sculpted pillars and quiet stepwells, the Hoysala imagination continues to whisper through stone



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Across the quiet farmlands of Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru stand some of Karnataka's most remarkable yet overlooked Hoysala-era monuments – temples and *basadis* (shrines) that once formed the spiritual fabric of a thriving medieval kingdom. Built between the 11th and 13th centuries, these shrines reveal the dynasty's signature blend of devotion and sculptural mastery, extending far beyond the celebrated sites of Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura.

Carved from the soft, malleable soapstone favoured by Hoysala artisans, the structures rest on star-shaped platforms and feature sanctums arranged in *ekakuta*, *dvikuta* and *trikuta* formations. Their walls unfold like stone tapestries: celestial dancers, finely turned pillars and friezes dense with epic narratives.

Once a vibrant Hoysala outpost, Koravangala is home to three temples built by three brothers. The Nageshwara and Govindeshwara temples (1160 CE) showcase an early phase of Hoysala workmanship. A decade later came the village's architectural peak – the Bucheshwara temple (1173 CE), raised by Buchi in honour of Veera Ballala II. Today, Bucheshwara stands restored, while the older shrines linger in graceful decay.

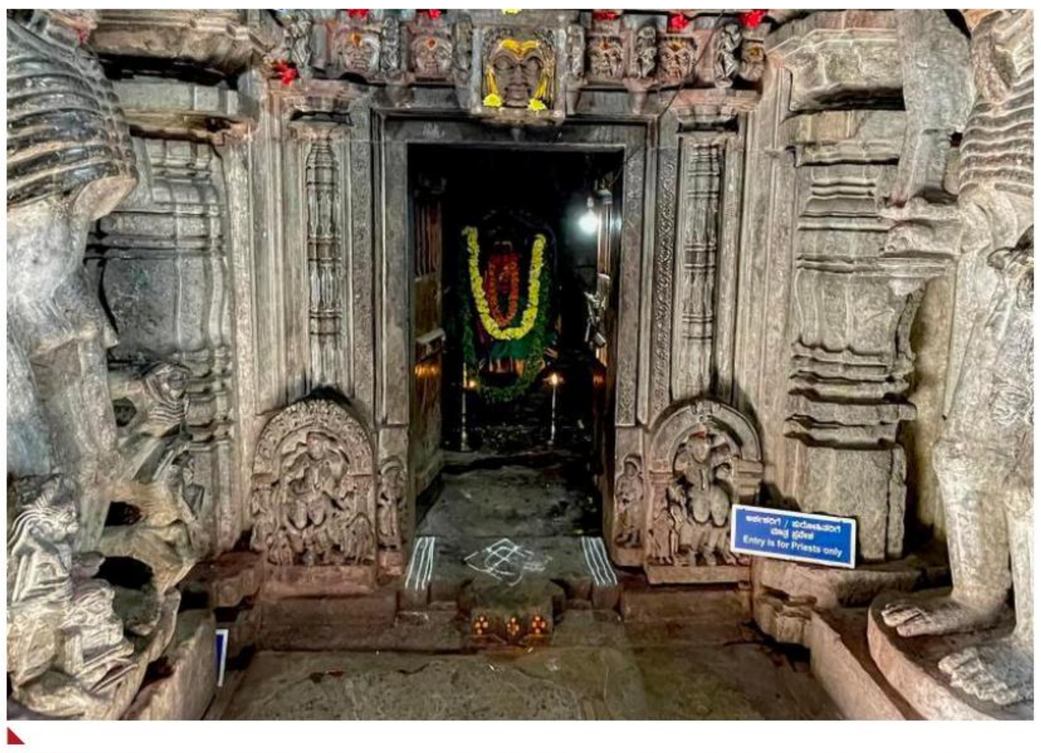
Long before it lent its name to fast bowler Javagal Srinath, the village was a key commercial centre under King Vira Someshwara. Its jewel is the Lakshminarasimha temple (1250 CE), a striking *trikuta* shrine known for its elegant elephant sculptures and a later Vijayanagara-era gateway.

The Lakshmidevi temple at Doddagaddavalli (1114 CE) is among the earliest surviving Hoysala structures. Its stark lines set it apart from later ornate creations, while its rare Mahakali shrine, guarded by skeletal *betalas* (guardian deity), hints at ancient tantric traditions. Built by merchant woman Sahaja Devi, the temple's four-shrine plan – dedicated to Lakshmidevi, Shiva, Vishnu and Kali – captures a moment of early Hoysala ambition.

The 12th-century Hulikere Kalyani near Halebidum, with its stepwell, showcases the dynasty's imagination in water architecture. Commissioned around 1160 CE by Lattayya, an official of Narasimha I, it is also steeped in local lore as the private bathing pond of Queen Shantala Devi.

A short walk from the exuberant Hoysaleshwara temple lies the Jain Basadi complex. The Parshvanatha (1133 CE), Shantinatha (1192 CE) and Adinatha Basadis reflect Jain principles of restraint and clarity.

Together, these sites reveal an intricate world beyond the kingdom's famous temples, one in which the Hoysala imagination continues to whisper through stone.



Tantric trace: Built in 1114 CE, the Lakshmidevi temple stands in stark contrast to the dynasty's later creations, with its highly ornate architecture. Its stone-cut towers frame a rare Mahakali shrine guarded by skeletal *betalas*, figures associated with early tantric traditions.



Epic in stone: A raging battle between Rama and Ravana is depicted across the walls of the Hoysaleswara temple, a 12th-century Shiva temple.



Sacred restraint: A short walk from the ornate Hoysaleswara temple stands the Jain complex of Halebidu. The Parshvanatha (1133 CE), Shantinatha (1192 CE) and Adinatha shrines embody Jain ideals of restraint and contemplative stillness.



Living legacy: Visitors gather at the Hoysaleswara temple, where intricate 12th-century carvings continue to draw crowds centuries after their creation.



Golden hour glory: Morning light washes over the Veera Narayana temple. Built around 1200 CE by King Veera Ballala II, the temple is renowned for its expansive *ranga-mandapa* and rows of uniquely carved elephants inside.



Enduring wonder: Set amid agricultural fields in Mandya district, the 13th-century Panchalingeshwara temple shows a rare Panchakuta design, five east-facing Shiva shrines aligned in a row and connected by a pillared hall, all set in understated yet refined stonework.