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PANT CHECKS IN, SHAMI IGNORED FOR TESTS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Rishabh Pant made comeback into India's Test squad for two-match series against SA. However, Mohammed Shami has been ignored once again

DELHI KEEPER-BATTER PASSES FITNESS TEST

India's wicketkeeper batter Pant was an automatic choice after recovering from a foot fracture sustained during the fourth Test against England in Manchester in July. He missed the West Indies series but led India A team against South Africa A. Shami, who has had a creditable Ranji campaign as of now, has been overlooked again

AKASH DEEP IN, PRASIDH KRISHNA OUT

- Pacer Akash Deep Singh recovered from shoulder injury and has been picked but Prasidh Krishna's name has been dropped
- India's pace attack features Jasprit Bumrah and Mohd Siraj while the spin will be led by veteran Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav and all-rounder Washington Sundar. Shubman Gill is captain | P11

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INDIA WILL PLAY TWO TESTS AGAINST SA IN KOLKATA, GUWAHATI

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

ALL SET

Security personnel carrying election materials ahead of the first phase of Bihar polls, in Muzaffarpur on Wednesday | PTI

STILLNESS OF THE DISCERNING IN BIHAR

BIHAR has never been short of noise. Certainly not when it mattered. Its politics has marched through history with a daring swagger — JP's call that shook New Delhi, Mandal's churn that redrafted power, the long years of Lalu raj that jolted the old order. Even the subtler Nitish era made bold strokes on the canvas, turning India's polity yet again with the caste census narrative and grand alliance politics.

Yet this election arrives on soft feet. On November 5, the campaign for the first stretch of 121 constituencies is winding down, and the battle for the remaining 122 — those border districts where sentiment often travels across rivers and frontiers — will begin soon. And through it all, there hangs a curious quiet.

Whether in Nitish Kumar's native Bakhtiyarpur, or hamlets like Gauspur and Chitapur fringing Patna, whether in Dalit 'tolas' where caste is still geo-tagged or along the mobile 100-km sweep to Gaya on NH-22, out in villages like Barachati and Tekari near where a legend named Dashrath Manjhi once moved mountains, the stillness is audible. Even in places like Mokama where bullets flew the other day, or Barh, which saw fisticuffs after this writer left, the action is all on one slim band where politics does its business. The people seem unmoved. Almost cold.

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA
EDITOR

This is not indifference. It is an extended pause — a thinking state, perhaps it's the hush of crores of people thinking harder.

The old Bihar election grammar is still here: the woven caste alliances, the search for the right symbol atop the right community, the deft stitching of booth workers and social equations. But listen closely, and the dialogues are shifting pitch. It is no longer enough to promise representation; people want opportunity. Bihar's young — impatient, painfully aware of the ticket-to-life stamped "migration" that's been their lot for years, and now uniformly literate about the ways of the world beyond their panchayat WhatsApp group — are asking sharper questions.

Identity of the other sort has not dissolved; only its fabric has thinned in the face of this new common identity, an identity of experience. Numbers are never incidental here. OBCs and EBCs together form roughly two-thirds of Bihar — a demographic truth that still underwrites strategy. Yadavs remain the single biggest OBC bloc, Kurmis and Kushwahas count in pockets where one village's mood can bend a seat, Dalits and Mahadalits together hold a weight politicians can never ignore, and the elite castes — though numerically modest — continue to influence candidate choice and the political discourse, particularly in the plains. CONTINUED ON: P8

Americans of Indian origin make major political gains

Mamdani first Indian-American and Muslim to be elected New York mayor

Ghazala Hashmi

Aftab Pureval

INDIAN ROOTS

Ghazala Hashmi, L-G-elect Virginia was born in Hyderabad. Aftab Pureval is the son of a Punjabi father and a Tibetan mother

HAPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IN an extraordinary moment for diversity in American politics, three Indian-origin Americans carved history across key states signalling a possible new era in the United States.

Zohran Mamdani became the first Indian-American and Muslim to be elected Mayor of New York City, Ghazala Hashmi was chosen as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and Aftab Pureval secured a second term as Mayor of Cincinnati. Together, their victories mark a milestone in the growing political influence of South Asian Americans.

At just 34, Zohran Kwame Mamdani's stunning win has made him New York City's youngest mayor in over a 100 years and the first of Indian heritage to hold the post. Running as a Democratic Socialist, Mamdani triumphed over two formidable opponents, former governor Andrew Cuomo, contesting as an independent with the backing of President Donald Trump, and Republican Curtis Sliwa. With 83% of votes counted, Mamdani secured 948,202 votes (50.6%), while Cuomo managed 776,547 (41.3%). The city saw a record turnout of nearly two million votes, the highest since 1969.

Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani (2nd from right), with wife Rama Duwaji (2nd from left), father Mahmood Mamdani and mother Mira Nair in New York on Tuesday | AP

Born in Kampala, Uganda, Mamdani moved to New York at the age of seven. His mother, acclaimed filmmaker Mira Nair, and father, Columbia University scholar Mahmood Mamdani, have long been symbols of cultural and intellectual achievement.

In his victory speech, Mamdani called his win a "mandate for change," thanking his parents and wife, Syrian-American artist Rama Duwaji.

His campaign, which resonated with young and working-class voters, centered on reducing living costs, expanding housing, and improving public transport—a continuation of his progressive record as a Queens assemblyman, where he introduced a pilot programme for free city buses. CONTINUED ON: P9

BJP 'stole' Haryana poll with 25 lakh fake votes, Bihar next target: Rahul

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused the Election Commission of India of colluding with the BJP to 'steal' the 2024 Haryana elections in the saffron party's favour and claimed the same sinister plan will be used in Bihar to ensure the BJP's victory.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters here on Wednesday, the Congress leader alleged that 25 lakh votes were 'stolen' in Haryana through 5.21 lakh duplicate votes, 93,174 invalid addresses, and 19.26 lakh bulk voters. Haryana has a total of two crore voters.

"I am confident that after the Bihar poll, we will make a presentation that the same thing happened in Bihar," he said, adding political parties are unable to check the 'vote theft' as they are provided with the voter list at the last moment.

SIR: Integrity of poll main issue

On INDIA bloc's strategy to protest against SIR, Rahul said the "integrity of the election" is the fundamental issue

"We have crystal-clear proof that 25 lakh voters in Haryana are fake, that they either don't exist, are duplicates, or were designed in a way that allows anybody to vote. One in eight voters in Haryana is fake, that's 12.5%," he said.

To substantiate his claim, he cited the example of a woman who appeared 223 times on the voter list. He also showed the photo of another woman, which he claimed was a Brazilian, saying it appeared 22 times under different names in 10 booths.

"This is proof of a centralised operation. What is a Brazilian person doing on the voters' list in Haryana?" he asked.

Responding to the allegations, Election Commission officials said the vote manipulation charge is unfounded as no appeals were filed against Haryana electoral rolls, nor was any multiple voting flagged when it allegedly happened.

ASR tribal families see light of Independence

Pawan's initiative

Moved by the plight of tribals, the Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan directed the ASR District Collector to prioritise electrification of the hamlet. He coordinated with Energy Minister G Ravi Kumar and APEPDCL CMD Prithvi Tej for the speedy execution of the project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

AFTER seven-and-a-half decades of Independence, electrical lights have illuminated the houses of 17 tribal families in the remote Gudem hamlet of Alluri Sitarama Raju(ASR) district, thanks to the proactive initiative of Deputy Chief Minister (Panchayat Raj and Rural Development) Pawan Kalyan.

The electrification project, completed in just five months, marks a historic milestone for this isolated hilltop settlement under Rompalli Gram Panchayat in Ananthagiri mandal. On Wednesday, coinciding with Karthika Pournami, all 17 houses in Gudem got electricity connections.

The project involved laying power lines over 9.6 km through dense forest and rugged terrain, installing 217 electric poles, and setting up a dedicated transformer. Each house was provided with five bulbs, and one fan free of cost.

The hamlet, situated 50 km from the mandal headquarters, had remained cut off from basic infrastructure like roads, safe drinking water and electricity. Residents lived in constant fear of wild animals at night, and relied on lanterns.

Despite repeated appeals to authorities over the years, no solution materialised until the tribals took their woes to Pawan Kalyan's notice five months ago. Moved by their plight, the Deputy CM directed the ASR District Collector to prioritise electrification of the hamlet. He coordinated with Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar and APEPDCL CMD Prithvi Tej for the speedy execution of the project at an estimated cost of ₹80 lakh. P4

The house of a tribal family in Gudem hamlet of ASR district with new electricity connection | EXPRESS

NATIONAL PRIDE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets the victorious ICC Women's World Cup team in New Delhi on Wednesday | PTI

ACB conducts searches at 12 sub-registrar offices

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

FOLLOWING numerous complaints of rampant corruption in sub-registrar offices (SROs), the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) carried out simultaneous surprise checks at 12 SROs across the State on Wednesday.

More than 20 ACB teams raided SROs at Jagadamba Centre, Pedagantyada and Madhurawada in Visakhapatnam district, Bhogapuram (Vizianagaram), Ibrahimpatnam (NTR), Narasaraopet (Palnadu), Ongole (Prakasam), Stonehousepet (Nellore), Renigunta (Chittoor), Rajampet (Annamayya), Chilamathur (Anantapur), and Allagadda (Nandyal).

During the searches, unaccounted cash ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹75,000 was found at Bhogapuram, Jagadamba Centre, Ibrahimpatnam, Ongole, Stonehousepet and Narasaraopet SROs. A total of ₹4 lakh unaccounted cash and several documents were seized during the ACB raids. P4

GoM studies demands for 8 new districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

RESPONDING to a surge in public appeals, the Group of Ministers (GoM) on district reorganisation met at the State Secretariat on Wednesday, and studied the feasibility of creating eight new districts in Andhra Pradesh.

While acknowledging the widespread demand, Revenue, Registration and Stamps Minister Anagani Satya Prasad clarified that only proposals offering tangible administrative advantages would move forward. "Our priority is to ensure governance becomes more accessible and efficient," he said. Acknowledging the NDA poll promises, Anagni said they too are being taken into consideration.

The GoM also looked into several proposals for new revenue divisions, especially in areas where existing headquarters are located over 125 km away. These proposals were evaluated with a focus on citizen convenience and operational viability. P4

EXPRESS READ

SAEL Industries to invest ₹22,000 cr in renewable energy and other sectors

Vijayawada: SAEL Industries Limited has announced investments worth ₹22,000 crore across renewable energy, biomass, data centres & port development. The projects are expected to generate 7,000 direct and 70,000 indirect jobs across the State | P4

52 govt school students take flight to Delhi for Science Exposure Tour

Vijayawada: In a virtual interaction that ignited young minds, Minister for Investments BC Janardhan Reddy felicitated 52 government school students selected for the Science Exposure Tour to New Delhi, organised by SCAP & Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan | P4

BOOST FOR BLUE ECONOMY

Net cast to catch unsustainable fishing practices

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Nautical miles from a country's coast is the extent of EEZ. It grants countries the right to exploit resources

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE Centre has issued a notification to promote the sustainable exploitation of fisheries within India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

The newly introduced rules, titled 'Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone Rules, 2025', focus on licensing, registration, and scientific monitoring of fishing activities in the EEZ. They seek to encourage sustainable mariculture, including seaweed cultivation, reduce fishing pressure, create new livelihood opportunities, and enhance overall marine production. The rules recognise Fisheries Cooperatives and Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FFPOs) as key stakeholders in managing the EEZ.

In addition, the government will provide training and capacity-building for traditional and small-scale fishers, including fisheries cooperatives and Self-Help Groups.

Trained and registered fisherfolk entities, such as SHGs and FFPOs, will be eligible to obtain licences through the government's ReALCRaft portal, ensuring greater participation of organised fishing communities in offshore resource management. Finally, the rules lay down guidelines for issuing health certificates for catches in line with relevant national and international regulations.

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Thursday :** 06/11/2025 • **Year:** Sri Viswavasu • **Aayanam:** Dakshinayanam • **Rutuvu:** Varsha • **Masam:** Karthika • **Paksham:** Bahula • **Tithi:** Padyami 02.54 pm • **Nakshatram:** Bharani 06.34 am • **Durmuhurtham:** 10.05 am - 10.51 pm • **Varjyam:** 05.01 pm - 06.24 pm • **Rahukaalam:** 01.30 pm - 03.00 pm

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST Mostly Cloudy

Sunrise 06.08 am
Sunset 05.43 pm
Moonrise 06.22 pm
Moonset 07.49 am

Watchman held for abusing boys

Social Welfare Officer suspended, and charge memo issued to Assistant Officer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirupati

TIRUPATI District Collector S Venkateswar has taken decisive action following allegations of sexual abuse involving two minor boys at the SC Welfare Boys Hostel in Chennareddy Colony.

The accused, hostel watchman K Hari Gopal, allegedly summoned the children to his room late at night and engaged in inappropriate behaviour.

A preliminary inquiry led to his arrest and remand under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. He has been suspended, and proceedings for his permanent dismissal are underway. In response to supervisory lapses, Welfare Officer R Muni Shankar has also been suspended, and formal charges have been filed.

Assistant Social Welfare Officer A Shyama Sundar Rao has received a charge memo.

District authorities, under the Collector's directive, have prioritised student safety and ordered enhanced supervision and security protocols across all social welfare hostels.

A comprehensive departmental probe is in progress alongside the ongoing police investigation.

Temples witness heavy rush on Karthika Purnima

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

Srisailam temple EO M Srinivasa Rao and MLA Budda Rajasekhar Reddy lightning Jwala Thoranam during Karthika Purnima celebrations on Wednesday | EXPRESS

THOUSANDS of devotees thronged Lord Shiva temples across Kurnool and Nandyal districts on Wednesday to mark Karthika Purnima, considered an auspicious day in the Karthika Masam.

Heavy rush was reported at prominent shrines including Srisailam, Omkaram, Mahanandi, Yaganti, and Jagannathagattu temples. Devotees offered prayers and lit Kartika Deepams on temple premises.

At Srisailam, pilgrims took a holy dip in Patala Ganga and floated about one lakh Deepams in the river as part of the rituals. The temple authorities also conducted special programmes, including Maha Mangala Harathi to Goddess Krishnaveni and a Jwala Toranam event in the evening.

General darshan took about seven to eight hours, while special darshan lasted four to five hours. Temple Executive Officer (EO) M Srinivasa Rao said elaborate arrangements were made to manage the large turnout of devotees.

In Mahanandi, devotees lit around one lakh Deepams around the temple premises. At Yaganti, temple officials organised Deepotsavam, while Mantralayam Mutt officials performed Tunga Harathi on the banks of the Tungabhadra River, where devotees floated thousands of Deepams.

In Kurnool, major temples including Jagannathagattu, Nagareswara Swamy, New Ayyappa Swamy, and Rambotla temples also witnessed heavy crowds. Thousands of devotees released Karthika Deepams into the KC Canal at Vinayaka Ghat and the Tungabhadra River near Durga Ghat.

Yi delegation invites Min Lokesh to national meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

A delegation from the Young Indians (Yi), the youth wing of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), met HRD & IT Minister Nara Lokesh in Amaravati on Wednesday.

The delegation, comprising Yi chapter leaders from across Andhra Pradesh, briefed the Minister on the organisation's nation-building initiatives aimed at fostering innovation, leadership, and inclusive growth among youth, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, and rural communities.

The team was led by Yi Amaravati Chapter Chair Sri Hari Krishna K, Co-chair Bala Krishna Chittineni, Yi Tirupati Chapter Chair Varsha V Kasthuri, and Co-chair Nitin D, along with other members. The Yi representatives congratulated Lokesh for securing the ₹15,000-crore Google 1-GW data centre project for Vizag, describing it as a milestone that highlights Andhra Pradesh's emergence as a global technology and investment hub.

They also invited the Minister to deliver the keynote address at the Yi Annual National Conference Take Pride, scheduled in New Delhi on December 19-20.

The meeting reaffirmed Yi's commitment to collaborate with the state government in empowering young leaders and advancing Andhra Pradesh's development agenda.

Ameen Peer Dargah Urs festival begins on a grand note in Kadapa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kadapa

THE Urs celebrations of Hazrat Sufi Sarmast Sani Chilla Kash Khwaja Syed Shah Arifullah Mohammad Mohammdul Hussaini Chistiwul Qadri at the renowned Ameen Peer Pedda Dargah in Kadapa commenced with grandeur.

On the first day, fakirs started from dargah at 10 am with drums, reached Badullah Khan Makan, offered Fateha, and distributed annaprasadam. They returned by 3 pm.

Peethadhipathi Aripulla Hussaini seated Malang Shah on the gaddi for a three-day austerity, demonstrating Sufi yoga traditions without sleep or food. The sandalwood festival began at 9 pm, the Peethadhipathi offered sandalwood pot on mazar with Fateha. At 10 pm, renowned qawwal Aslam Anis Rice performed qawwali

The city is illuminated with lights. Free accommodation, meals, and medical camps are arranged for devotees. AR Rahman, Fakirs, dargah heads, and devotees attended the event.

Probe into Parakamani scam launched

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirumala

CID Additional DG Ravi Sankar Ayyannar confirmed that, following High Court orders, a detailed investigation into the TTD Parakamani scam is underway with five teams and 20 officers.

Prime suspect Ravi Kumar, a Jeeyar Mutt employee since 1985, has been traced to Hyderabad. His assets across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana are under scrutiny. Notices have been issued to former Trust Board members, who must appear in person.

CID is collecting CCTV footage and gift deed records. Officials from TTD, police, and banks will be questioned.

Public and staff with information may contact 9440700921 or email apgcid@ap.gov.in. The final report is due by 2 December.

EXPRESS READ

Lokesh lauds academic progress of Madanapalle Institute

Tirupati: N Vijaya Bhaskar Choudary, Founder of MITS Deemed to be University, Madanapalle, met HRD Minister Nara Lokesh in Amaravati. During the meeting, Choudary briefed Lokesh on achievements of MITS in higher education, and infrastructure expansion. Lokesh lauded their efforts toward academic excellence and student-centric growth

MLA inspects arrangements for Bhakta Kanakadasa Jayanti

Anantapur: Preparations for the State-sponsored Bhakta Kanakadasa Jayanti celebrations are underway in Kalyanadurgam. Education Minister Nara Lokesh will unveil the Kanakadasa statue during the event. MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu reviewed arrangements on Wednesday, accompanied by the RDO, DSP, Electricity officials

Min refutes TDP ticket sale allegation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

MINISTER for Industries TG Bharath on Tuesday dismissed allegations that the TDP was selling tickets for money in the upcoming municipal elections. In a press statement, the Minister said the TDP and the TG family had no need to sell tickets for money. "Such a culture does not belong to our party," he said.

Bharath condemned rumours that party tickets for corporator elections were being given only to those who deposit large sums. "These are baseless and malicious campaigns. No one should believe such false propaganda," he said. He clarified that party tickets would be allotted only to candidates who earned the public's trust through their work in resolving local issues. "We will issue tickets only after conducting surveys. Those who top the reports will get the opportunity. Money is not a criterion — public trust is," the Minister said.

Bharath alleged that some individuals were deliberately spreading false information to create confusion among party cadres.

He urged TDP leaders and workers to focus on addressing public issues and expediting ward-level development works instead of paying attention to rumours.

Kurnool police return 669 mobile phones worth ₹1.2 cr to owners

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

KURNOOL district police on Wednesday handed over 669 recovered mobile phones worth around ₹1.2 crore to their rightful owners at a mobile recovery mela organised at the District Police Office.

SP Vikrant Patil said the Cyber Lab team traced the lost phones from various parts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana, and other districts.

He said many phones are lost during travel, at railway stations, fairs, and public gatherings.

"This is the third Mobile Recovery Mela organised by Kurnool police this year," the SP said, appreciating the efforts of the Cyber Lab team and all personnel involved.

He urged the public to report lost phones immediately by visiting www.kurnoolpolice.in/mobiletheft and submitting IMEI details. He added that the service is free of cost and advised citizens to remain vigilant in crowded areas. Among the personnel recognised, Fourth Town Police Station constable Sekhar Babu recovered the highest number of phones (96), followed by Adoni Two Town Sub-Inspector Nagaraju (30) and Yemmiganur Sub-Inspector Ramachandra (16). The SP presented them with commendation certificates.

Several citizens expressed gratitude to the police for retrieving their devices.

SPDCL to set up EV charging stns along NH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirupati

THE Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (APSPDCL) will establish Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations along national highways to facilitate EV users, said Chairman and MD Shivashankar Loteti.

During a teleconference from the APSPDCL corporate office in Tirupati on Wednesday, Loteti, along with Directors P Ayub Khan, K Guravaiah, and K Ramamohan Rao, reviewed progress with Superintending Engineers from all nine districts under the company's jurisdiction.

He directed engineers to identify suitable locations for EV charging stations, preferably within substation premises along national highways, and to study the performance of existing facilities. He suggested that government lands and hospital premises could also be considered. Reports on feasibility are to be submitted within a week.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

06th November : How Not to Light a Candle Over a dozen aspects today tempt us to light both ends of a candle. But no one makes holders for that. How do you set it down without catching other things on fire? In a related story, a culture that equates busyness with goodness makes it feel psychologically disagreeable to relax. But the body needs it. And the body tends to win. It will find a way to get what it needs.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Phrases like "self-care," "manifest abundance" or "be mindful" lose potency from over-use, and you're right to be desensitized to anything that doesn't work for you. A disruption will wake your mind back up and let real insight in again.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Something may be temporarily blocking you from feeling hope. But the trajectory is still there. The load you're carrying is not permanent. You don't have to feel hopeful for hope to still be true.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You're not expecting any person or experience to guarantee your happiness. This takes pressure off everything and everyone, including yourself. There's simply no need to demand joy; all you have to do is notice it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Knowing that groups get tedious if the same people, places and things are always involved, you'll change it up with new configurations. Your true genius is in doing this without causing anyone to feel excluded.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Environments act like mirrors, reflecting and awakening different aspects of your personality. You can use this today to change your mood when you want to. It's about transportation. Go to the next place and you'll feel a different way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
People don't always think before they speak, and you've been on both sides of that equation. It's what makes you overlook the little slights and opinions and slips, regardless of where they come from, and that tendency is much to your benefit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
It's a story as old as time. Someone handles the work; someone else takes the credit. When you see this dynamic, it reminds you that power moves are necessary to keep the spirit of peace and justice alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Ancient Greek philosophers defined passion as an emotion based on a false sense of reality -- a delusion. Then again, entire civilizations have been built on delusions. Today, don't judge it; just go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Strategy and skill matter less than your energy. If you approach something with warmth, openness and a genuine intention to enjoy people, that energy gets mirrored back. People cooperate; things go smoothly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
When you feel in control of your daily life, you also feel healthy and vibrant. There are many things you can't control, and that's why it's so important to acknowledge the hundreds of small decisions you can completely take charge of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You can't change the past, but you can change the way you tell the story, or even the way you think about it. The truth has many facets. Why not focus on the one most helpful to you?

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Your silence or neutrality will be more respectful than advice. To hand someone the solution too quickly could deprive them of the process that would teach them more.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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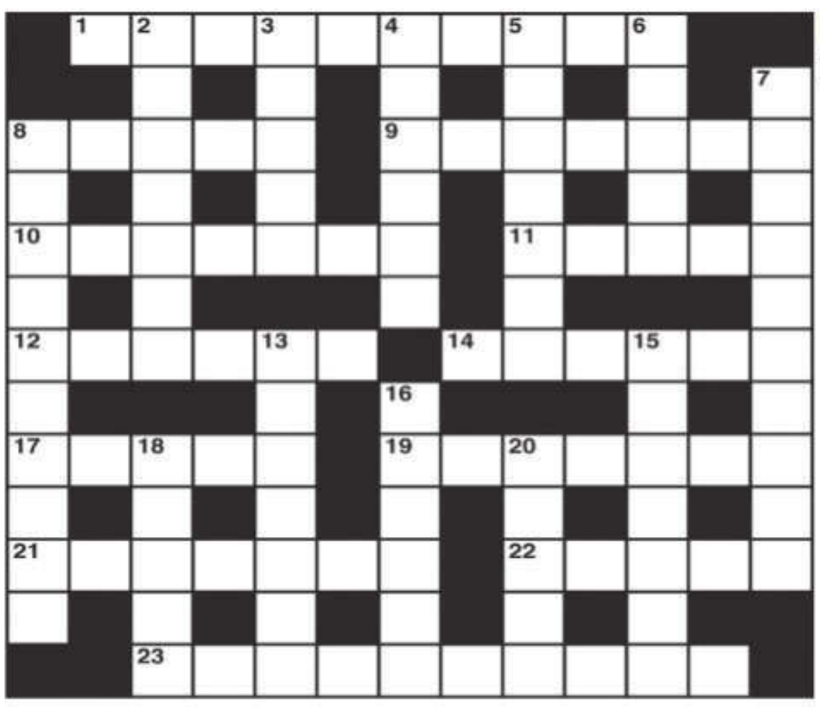

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Firm belief expressed in the criminal's guilt (10)
8 A writer writing verse (5)
9 A for Athens for example (7)
10 One of a number knocked down in play (7)
11 Clergyman getting in the beer is confused (5)
12 Large girl having two husbands? (6)
14 Little beast becomes angel on her entering (6)
17 Catch and miss nothing (5)
19 He charges a small amount to the employer (7)
21 An excuse can appear so naive (7)
22 Sort of trap for a bird (5)
23 Overbearing attitude of one surrendering? (4-6)

DOWN

2 Initial opportunity (7)
3 It is paid for what baby minders do after six (5)
4 Spaniel follows the bird with hesitation (6)
5 Hip came loose in charge (7)
6 Celebrated reply to unlucky Edward's proposal (5)
7 More mature fruit used to make wine (10)
8 It was once thought incredible (4,6)
13 Low loop for tying up (7)
15 Revive with a little relaxation and a mineral (7)
16 Craft project (6)
18 Keep silent about mother's bankruptcy (5)
20 The shed has a taxi in (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Object, 4 Hot air, 9 Connate, 10 Diced, 11 Patti, 12 Sorties, 13 Badge of rank, 18 Repaper, 20 Vicar, 22 Enrol, 23 Panacea, 24 Tender, 25 Genera.

Down: 1 Occupy, 2 Janet, 3 Crating, 5 Order, 6 Auction, 7 Radish, 8 Seismograph, 14 Aspirin, 15 Revenue, 16 Urgent, 17 Errata, 19 Pulse, 21 Cache.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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PRUATB

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Get the free JUST JUMBLE app • Follow us on Twitter @PlayJumble

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PEPPY TOXIC JOGGER EXOTIC
Answer: Building an elaborate doghouse in the backyard was his — PET PROJECT

NINE HELD The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) seized 20 logs and arrested nine smugglers in Srikalahasti range forests during a combing operation led by RI Sai Giridhar and ARSI N Eeshwar Reddy on Wednesday

Woman delivers baby aboard train

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Visakhapatnam

A woman passenger travelling on the Prashanti Express (Train No. 18464, SBC-Bhubaneswar) delivered a baby boy on board early on Tuesday, prompting swift assistance from the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and station staff at Anakapalle railway station.

As per RPF Circle Inspector (CI) Srinivasa Reddy, a message was received at 9.30 am from the Deputy Station Superintendent at Anakapalle, reporting that a woman in the S4 coach, berth number 64, was in labour pain and required immediate assistance upon the train's arrival.

"The train reached Anakapalle at 10.09 am, where RPF Assistant Sub-Inspector P Venkati Babu, on-duty staff members, and licensed woman porter B Laxmi attended to the passenger, identified as Sunita Chatar of West Singhbhum district in Jharkhand. By the time they reached her, she had already given birth to a healthy baby boy with help from her husband and two women Travelling Ticket Examiners," the CI revealed.

The woman's husband informed officials that the couple had boarded the train at Dhone and that his wife had begun experiencing labour pains around 7.30 am, eventually giving birth before reaching Anakapalle.

"An ambulance was arranged immediately, and both mother and child were transported to the Government Hospital in Anakapalle. Medical authorities confirmed that both were stable," the CI added.

Musalimadugu set to be an emerging eco-tourism destination in Chittoor

Dy CM to inaugurate it soon; Project aims to boost awareness of human–tusker coexistence

NETHAJI KUMARAMANGALAM
@ Tirupati

DEPUTY Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan will inaugurate the Musalimadugu Kumki Elephant Training Camp in Chittoor coming Sunday, marking its transformation into an eco-tourism destination.

Located near Palamaner on the Andhra Pradesh–Karnataka–Tamil Nadu border, the 50-acre camp, managed by the Forest Department, is being upgraded to attract nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts.

The initiative aims to promote awareness of human–elephant coexistence while offering visitors a glimpse of trained elephants' daily activities and behaviour.

To address this, the State Forest Department has adopted the Kumki elephant model, in which trained elephants assist in managing wild herds and guiding them back into forest areas. Chittoor District Collector Sumit Kumar said plans are under way to develop Musalimadugu into a major tourist hub with facilities such as washrooms, drinking water points, and seating areas, all adhering to wildlife board norms. He recently inspected the site and directed forest officials to prepare a detailed development plan.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Chittoor Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Subba Raju said, "The Deputy Chief Minister will officially inaugurate the Musalimadugu Kumki Elephant Training Camp, most likely coming Sunday. After the inauguration, visitors will be allowed to visit the camp to learn about human–wildlife conflict and understand the nature and behaviour of tuskers."

The camp serves as the base for trained elephants - providing facilities for their acclimatization, training of mahouts, and maintenance infrastructure. It will now be upgraded as an eco-tourism destination, allowing visitors to observe the elephants' behaviour, food habits, and interactions with humans.

Musalimadugu Kumki Elephant Training Camp in Chittoor district | EXPRESS

The camp houses three trained elephants — Krishna, Jayanth, and Vinayak — brought from Karnataka to assist in managing wild herds that stray into farmlands. Facilities at the camp include feeding kitchens, fodder storage, water sources, and solar fencing to prevent animal intrusion.

Officials said the site serves as a training base for mahouts and forest personnel involved in Kumki operations. The initiative forms part of the Forest Department's efforts to reduce human–elephant conflict, which has intensified in recent years in southern Chittoor.

The Collector said the welfare of trained elephants remains a top priority, with proper fodder, medical care, space, and environmental enrichment being ensured in line with national guidelines.

Once operational, Musalimadugu is expected to emerge as a key eco-tourism centre promoting community awareness, conservation education, and sustainable coexistence with wildlife.

K'TAKA LAW UNIV

Guv receives Honorary Doctorate

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THE Karnataka State Law University conferred an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree on AP Governor S Abdul Nazeer during its 7th convocation at the Farmer's Knowledge Centre, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, on Wednesday.

Karnataka Governor and University Chancellor Thaawar Chand Gehlot presented the honorary degree to the Governor. Minister for Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation and University Pro-Chancellor HK Patil attended as Guest of Honour.

Vice-Chancellor C Basavaraju conducted the convocation, which was also addressed by Chief Guest and former Supreme Court judge Shivaraj V Patil, who serves as Chairman of the Karnataka State Border and River Protection Commission.

Meena warns negligent excise officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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PRINCIPAL Secretary (General Administration–Political, Excise and Mines) Mukesh Kumar Meena on Wednesday warned of strict action against officials showing negligence in duties.

He said any act harming the State government's reputation would be dealt with seriously. Referring to the Mulakalacheruvu spurious liquor case,

The Excise Commissioner and Enforcement Director will hold fortnightly reviews, while Meena will review key issues monthly. He cautioned officials against corruption, citing the CM's directive for firm action.

Excise Director Chamukuri Sridhar ordered data-based reports on toddy production and prompt action on pending cases. Enforcement Director Rahul Dev Sharma instructed liquor registration in the Suraksha App and vigil against illegal distillation.

BR Naidu highlights major TTD pilgrim-friendly reforms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

TTD Chairman BR Naidu on Wednesday termed his one-year tenure as a "satisfactory and enriching experience," saying the board took key decisions to enhance the sanctity and services of the Lord Venkateswara Swamy temple at Tirumala.

Addressing the media in Hyderabad, he said the board prioritised protecting the temple's religious sanctity by removing non-Hindu employees in line with legal provisions, a move welcomed by the global Hindu community.

Action was initiated against political speeches and false propaganda, hurting the devotees' sentiments. He said the feedback system by AP Digital Corporation was launched to gather suggestions.

We have amended religious laws to curb commercial activities and promote spiritual programmes at Tirumala

BR Naidu, TTD Chairman

"We reclaimed 25 acres around Tirumala, including Alipiri Zoo Park and Muntaz Hotel sites, from the Tourism Department. We have also amended religious laws to curb commercial activities and promote spiritual programmes," he said, adding that the regularisation of contract drivers and lecturers with over 15 years of service is in process.

Naidu said that TTD would build one temple in every state capital and build 5,000 temples in Dalit, Harijan, and fishermen colonies in AP. He said measures were being taken to curb online fraud, including the setting up of a cybersecurity lab in Tirumala.

He said proposals were sent to rename Renigunta Airport as 'Sri Venkateswara International Airport,' with plans to give it a temple-style design.

TTD has allotted ₹131 crore to boost SVIMS Super Speciality Hospital, including the recruitment of medical staff.

"We are reviving the AI-based darshan system to ensure devotees complete darshan within two hours. Under the new EO, Anil Kumar Singhal, this project is back on track. TTD received ₹918 crore in donations over the last 11 months — the highest in its history — reflecting devotees' renewed faith," Naidu said.

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UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

QS Asia University Rankings 2026: KIIT Tops in Odisha

The QS Asia University Rankings 2026 have been released, with KIIT-DU emerging as the top-ranked institution in Odisha among both public and private universities. Nationally too, KIIT has registered an impressive performance, securing the 294th rank in Asia, placing it among several globally reputed universities. Among India's private universities, KIIT has earned a highly respectable position.

Every year, the QS Rankings are prepared based on evaluations of universities across the world. In the latest 2026 edition of the QS Asia University Rankings, KIIT has once again retained its top position in Odisha among both public and private universities, while also maintaining a commendable rank at the national level. In Eastern India, KIIT continues to hold the number one position. This achievement reflects KIIT's strong commitment to excellence in higher education.

Over 1,500 universities from across the world participated in this year's ranking, with 555 new universities being evaluated for the first time. Notably, KIIT was also ranked within the 501 cohort in the Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings recently, where it was recognised as the 5th best university in India.

- **KIIT ranked 294th in Asia in the QS Asia University Rankings 2026, securing the top position in Odisha.**
- **Continues to be the No. 1 university in Eastern India, reflecting excellence in academics and global standards.**
- **Achievement highlights KIIT's strong research output, international outlook, and student-faculty ecosystem.**

The QS Asia University Rankings are based on criteria such as Citations per Paper, Papers per Faculty, Academic Reputation, Faculty Student Ratio, Staff with PhD, International Research Network, International Students, Outbound Exchange, International Faculty, and Employer Reputation.

Expressing his happiness over the achievement, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT and KISS, said that the QS Asia University Rankings are a reflection of KIIT's continuous pursuit of academic excellence. "KIIT has consistently maintained its strong position in all world rankings, bringing pride and recognition to Odisha," he said.

He further noted that despite being a relatively young university — only 22 years old — KIIT has performed remarkably well in global university rankings and stands shoulder to shoulder with some of the world's most prestigious institutions.

Dr. Samanta congratulated all the faculty members, staff, and students of KIIT for their contribution to this success. In turn, the faculty, staff, and students of both KIIT and KISS expressed their deep gratitude to Dr. Samanta for his vision and leadership that made this achievement possible.

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RISING DEBTS CPI leaders K Ramakrishna & Palla Venkata Reddy slammed the NDA governments for rampant privatisation, rising debts and corruption, urging cadres to launch strong movements to end 'misrule' & defend public education and welfare

Managing Trustee of NTR Trust N Bhuvaneswari receives the prestigious awards at a ceremony in London | EXPRESS

Bhuvaneswari honoured with 2 prestigious awards

CM urges industrialists to lay a strong foundation for future growth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has called for a shared sense of responsibility between the administration and industrialists to build a strong foundation for future generations.

He was speaking at an event where the Institute of Directors, London, conferred the Distinguished Fellowship 2025 on his wife, Nara Bhuvaneswari, in recognition of her contributions to sociological initiatives. Heritage Foods, which she heads, also received the Golden Peacock Award for excellence in corporate governance.

In his keynote address, Naidu expressed pride at his wife's recognition and said the growing partnership between India and the UK, strengthened by the trade cooperation agreement signed in July, reflected the evolving global economic order. He stressed that governments and organisations must recalibrate their vision to match global trends, particularly in the age of rapid technological change.

Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's forward-looking policies, Naidu said the upcoming Google AI Data Centre in Visakhapatnam will serve as a catalyst for innovation, research, and skill development. "Technology should always be used to improve living standards," he said, citing the Montha cyclone response as an example where real-time data helped minimise casualties and property damage.

He added that the State's business-friendly environment had drawn significant investments within a short span. Naidu also reiterated his government's commitment to developing Amaravati as a blue and green city, combining sustainability with modern infrastructure. Describing climate change as the biggest global challenge, he called for international collaboration to safeguard the planet for future generations. The CM congratulated all award recipients, including Nara Bhuvaneswari, Dr Krishnaprasad Chigurupati, Prof. Peter Bonfield, and Harshbina Jhaveri, for their outstanding contributions.

> **The growing partnership between India and the UK, strengthened by the trade cooperation agreement in July, reflected the evolving global economic order**
>
> Chandrababu Naidu, CM

In her address, Nara Bhuvaneswari, Managing Trustee of the NTR Trust, outlined the trust's social initiatives such as free health clinics, mobile health camps under the Sanjeevani programme, and access to safe drinking water. She emphasised the trust's focus on women's empowerment, skill training, and rehabilitation efforts during natural calamities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh expressed pride on social media, describing his mother as "an inspiring role model whose leadership and integrity have made a lasting impact." He lauded Heritage Foods for emerging as a sector winner in a rigorous three-tier global evaluation.

Actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna said the honours brought pride to Telugu people worldwide, calling Bhuvaneswari "a visionary whose dedication continues to inspire generations."

Rural students take 1st flight to Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN a virtual interaction that ignited young minds, Minister for Investments and Infrastructure BC Janardhan Reddy felicitated 52 government school students selected for the prestigious Science Exposure Tour to New Delhi, organised jointly by the Andhra Pradesh Science City (SCAP) and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

The video conference, held from the Samagra Shiksha office in Vijayawada, was attended by senior officials, including Special Chief Secretary (I&I) Krishna Babu, Education Secretary Kona Shashidhar, Samagra Shiksha SPD Srinivas, and AP Science City CEO Kesineni Venkateswarlu.

Students showing their flight tickets in a virtual interaction with Investments and Infrastructure Minister BC Janardhan Reddy on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Addressing the students, Reddy described the initiative as a reflection of CM N Chandrababu Naidu and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh's vision to foster scientific curiosity among children in government and rural schools. "For the first time, such a large group of government school students will experience air travel, a milestone under the NDA coalition government," he said proudly.

Two students from each of the 26 districts were chosen for the three-day tour, scheduled from November 6 to 8. The itinerary includes visits to the National Science Museum, Nehru Planetarium, and the Russian Science and Cultural Centre, offering hands-on exposure to science and innovation.

Highlighting CM's directive to instill scientific temperament from a young age, he lauded SCAP and Samagra Shiksha for promoting rural talent. Students will interact with NASA engineers and leading scientists, gaining global insights into technology.

Dy CM to visit Chittoor and Tirupati dists from Nov 8

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and Minister for Forests, Environment, Science, and Technology Pawan Kalyan will undertake a two-day official visit to Tirupati and Chittoor districts from November 8.

On the first day, he will inspect the red sanders depot in Tirupati district and hold a review meeting at the Collectorate with task force members and forest officials to discuss strategies to curb illegal red sanders smuggling.

On November 9, he will visit the Kumki Elephant Camp in Palamaner to review conservation measures and assess the use of advanced technologies for managing and mitigating human-elephant conflicts while promoting sustainable coexistence between communities and wildlife.

SAEL to invest ₹22k cr in renewable, data and port sectors in State

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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IN a major boost to Andhra Pradesh's clean energy and industrial growth, SAEL Industries Limited has announced investments worth ₹22,000 crore across renewable energy, biomass, data centres, and port development. The projects are expected to generate 7,000 direct and 70,000 indirect jobs across the State.

SAEL Industries, a leading player in renewable energy with an expanding footprint in data and port-linked infrastructure, has already commissioned 600 MW in just nine months, demonstrating strong execution capabilities as it scales up operations under the new MoU with the State government.

The MoU outlines a multi-sector pipeline covering utility-scale solar and storage, biomass-based power, a hyperscale-ready data centre, and port-linked infrastructure aimed at boosting industrial and logistics efficiency.

Seven solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects totalling over 1,750 MW are proposed across Kadapa and Kurnool districts. These include NHPC and SECI-linked projects designed to ensure round-the-clock renewable power for industries and data centres.

Additionally, SAEL plans a 200 MW biomass programme through eight 25 MW plants, creating rural jobs and building agricultural residue value chains. A ₹3,000-crore data centre project is planned to leverage the State's digital infrastructure, while a ₹4,000-crore port development initiative will enhance maritime logistics and export competitiveness.

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>
> Lokesh, HRD Minister

Minister N Lokesh welcomed the announcement, saying, "I'm delighted that SAEL Industries will be investing ₹22,000 crore in AP. As one of the early players under the State's integrated clean energy policy, SAEL has showcased exceptional execution expertise. We look forward to their continued investments under various policy frameworks."

Under the MoU, SAEL will bring investment, technology, and design expertise, while the APEDB will facilitate approvals and coordination. The agreement is valid for 12 months, with provisions for confidentiality, mutual amendments and adherence to Indian laws, ensuring transparent implementation through competitive bidding norms.

PMJVK SCHEME

₹203.69 cr boost to minority welfare projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

IN a major boost to minority welfare, the State government has sanctioned and released ₹203.69 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) to expedite development works in minority-concentrated areas, announced Minister for Law and Minority Welfare NMD Farooq on Wednesday.

The funds, allocated under the 2025–26 State budget, will support infrastructure projects, skill development, and socio-economic upliftment initiatives under the centrally sponsored scheme. Government orders have already been issued to ensure immediate implementation.

Speaking from Amaravati, Minister Farooq said the NDA coalition government under Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is committed to inclusive growth and efficient use of central funds. "We are ensuring transparent and effective implementation of PMJVK to address the needs of minority-dominated regions," he stated.

He noted that PMJVK aims to strengthen basic infrastructure, such as schools, hostels, health centres, and community facilities, in areas with substantial minority populations.

Procurement of paddy to be transparent

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CIVIL Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar said the government ensured justice to farmers through transparent policies and timely payments, unlike the previous regime.

Addressing the media in Vijayawada, he announced the State is ready to procure 51 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of paddy this Kharif season, worth ₹12,200 crore. A total of 4,041 Farmer Service Centres, 3,803 procurement centres and 16,700 staff have been mobilised, with six crore gunny bags readied.

Payments to farmers are now made within 48 hours, to be reduced to 24 hours soon. The department will use Bluetooth-enabled moisture metres to ensure transparency. From January, rice cardholders will get 1 kg wheat flour at ₹18, while 50,000 tarpaulins will be distributed to safeguard crops.

Study tour to Singapore for 78 Best Teacher awardees from November 27

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

MINISTER for HRD and IT Nara Lokesh has directed officials to organise a study tour to Singapore for 78 Best Teacher Award recipients from Andhra Pradesh.

Scheduled from November 27 to December 2, the tour will expose teachers to innovative classroom practices and advanced learning systems in Singaporean schools. Participants will later submit reports on how these models can enhance education standards in the State.

At a review meeting held at his Undavalli residence, Lokesh also reviewed arrangements for the Student Assembly on November 26 and the Mega Parent-Teacher Meet on December 5, aimed at strengthening community participation in education.

Emphasising real-time student tracking through the LEAP app, he urged intensified school monitoring and improved e-office operations. Lokesh announced a 100-day action plan to strengthen Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) and replicate Kadapa model smart kitchens statewide.

> **Focus on autism support & libraries**
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> He proposed establishing Bhavita Autism Support Centres, motivating students for NMMS scholarships, and improving public and digital libraries, aligning education with skill and industry needs

'78,000 youth employed through 406 job fairs'

Since the NDA Government assumed office, 406 job fairs held across 175 constituencies have provided employment to over 78,000 youth, said HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh.

Chairing a review meeting on Skill Development at his Undavalli residence, he urged officials to expand industry partnerships and train students in AI, digital skills, and emerging technologies to meet global demands. Lokesh highlighted the need to align ITI and Polytechnic curricula with industry requirements.

Officials reported that 94.6% of Polytechnic and 98% of ITI graduates secured jobs, supported by 30 industry-linked courses and 12 model career centres that trained 1.22 lakh youth.

The State has tied up with 273 industries in 16 sectors, while discussions are underway with IFLU to offer foreign language training for overseas placements. Lokesh also proposed a state-level NAAC centre and a youth skill portal.

Durgesh invites investors to boost AP tourism at World Travel Market

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

TOURISM Minister Kandula Durgesh has invited international investors to explore opportunities in Andhra Pradesh's thriving tourism sector, assuring full government support and streamlined clearances under the NDA regime.

Speaking at the World Travel Market (WTM) 2025 in London, Durgesh highlighted Andhra Pradesh as a premier destination for tourism investments, backed by progressive policies, infrastructure upgrades, and investor-friendly incentives.

"Visit AP to experience its natural beauty and invest with confidence. The NDA government guarantees hassle-free processes and attractive incentives," he told global delegates.

Durgesh showcased the State's new Tourism Policy 2024–29, which aims to position AP as a hub for eco, adventure, wellness, heritage, and cruise tourism. He noted that over ₹12,000 crore in investments have already been attracted in one year through public-private partnerships. Key initiatives include caravan tourism, homestays, tent cities, and a new land allotment policy. "Star hotels and beach resorts are coming up, thanks to our investor-friendly approach," he said.

Special development authority for ASR likely

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Ministers Vangalapudi Anitha (Home), Nimmala Ramanaidu (Water Resources Development), Nadendla Manohar (Civil Supplies), and BC Janardhan Reddy (Roads and Buildings) attended the meeting in person, while Y Satya Kumar Yadav (Health) joined virtually.

The GoM discussed a wide range of public submissions on new districts and revenue divisions.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) is now preparing a report to submit it to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for final approval.

A key agenda item was the proposed Special Development Authority for Alluri Sitarama Raju District, aimed at accelerating infrastructure development, and welfare initiatives in the tribal-dominated region.

The GoM examined its structure, funding model, and implementation strategy. The meeting also discussed rehabilitation plans for Polavaram project displaced families, focusing on land allotment, and sustainable livelihood options for them.

Elated tribal families perform 'Ksheera Abhishekam' to Pawan Kalyan's portrait

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It was executed using Central funds under the Non-PV GEET scheme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

As a sustainable measure, solar panels were also installed and connected to the grid—the first hybrid solar-wind power system in a tribal village under the PM Janman Yojana, costing ₹10.22 lakh.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Centre has allocated funds to bring light to remote tribal peaks. The NDA government in the State under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu prioritises provision of basic infrastructure for all—the electrification of Gudem stands as a proof," Pawan Kalyan said.

He extended gratitude to Energy Minister Ravi Kumar, the APEPDCL CMD and field staff for overcoming extreme challenges to complete the work in just 15 days.

Overwhelmed with joy, the tribal families celebrated the occasion. They performed 'Ksheera Abhishekam' to the portrait of Pawan Kalyan, expressing gratitude. Yelamanchili MLA Sundarapu Vijay Kumar, Jana Sena activists from Araku visited the hamlet and joined the celebrations.

Zero tolerance to graft in revenue offices: Minister

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"The raids were launched in response to complaints of irregularities and corrupt practices in the registration offices," read an ACB official release. "A report on the irregularities found in SROs will be sent sent to top revenue officials, recommending action against the errant staff of SROs," an ACB official said.

Responding to the ACB raids on SROs, Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad described them as a positive signal of transparent governance under the NDA rule. "We will take stringent action against those involved in corrupt practices.

The ACB raids will instill fear among SRO staff who resort to indulge in corruption," he observed. The Revenue Minister said, "We have suspended several officials earlier for indulging in corruption.

The NDA government will continue its zero tolerance to corruption policy as it is committed to ensuring transparent and efficient administration."

Ghazala Hashmi is Virginia Lt Governer

First Muslim and South Asian American to be elected to the top coveted post in the American state

New York: Hyderabad-born American politician Ghazala Hashmi has been elected as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, becoming the first Muslim and South Asian American to be elected to the top political post in the state.

Hashmi, 61, a Democrat secured 1,465,634 votes (54.2 per cent), way ahead of her Republican rival John Reid, who secured 1,232,242 votes, with 79 per cent of votes .

The Virginia State Senator, who emerged victorious on Election Day Tuesday, was among the over 30 Indian-Americans and South Asian candidates running for office for key nationwide positions in the 2025 elections.

Hashmi's election was among the most-closely watched as she was in the fray for the top state post.

"As an experienced educator and advocate of inclusive values and social justice, her legislative priorities include public education, voting rights and the preservation of democracy, reproductive freedom, gun violence prevention, the environment, housing and affordable healthcare access," her official profile said.

Community organisation The Indian American Impact Fund congratulated Hashmi on her historic victory in the General Election for Virginia's Lieutenant Governor. As part of its commitment to electing barrier-breaking leaders, Impact said it had invested USD 175,000 in Hashmi's campaign to mobilise voters and strengthen representation at every level of government.

Democrat Ghazala Hashmi speaks on stage at an election night watch party after she declared as the winner | AP/PTI

Executive Director of the Indian American Impact Fund Chintan Patel described Hashmi's victory as a landmark moment for the community, Commonwealth and democracy.

'An immigrant, educator and tireless advocate, she has dedicated her life to expanding opportunity and delivering results for working families across Virginia. From reproductive freedom and affordable healthcare to public education and housing equity, Ghazala Hashmi has led on the issues that matter most to Virginians,' Patel said.

Hashmi was first elected to office in November 2019, upsetting the Republican incumbent and delivering the majority to Democrats for the first time in years and shocking the political establishment.

Indian American Impact Fund noted that Hashmi had made history in 2019 with her victory, flipping the Republican-held seat to help Democrats take control of the State Senate.

'Tonight she's made history again as Virginia's first South Asian American and Muslim Lieutenant Governor. Impact was proud to support her from the very beginning because we knew what was at stake: protecting our rights, defending our communities from MAGA extremism, and expanding opportunity for all who call Virginia home.' In 2024, Hashmi was named Chair of the Senate Education and Health Committee. As a state Senator, Ghazala has dedicated her efforts to improving the lives of others, focusing on issues of inequity in housing, education, health care, environmental justice and much more.

Hashmi, born in Hyderabad in 1964, was four years old when she emigrated to the US with her mother and older brother from India, joining her father in Georgia where he was pursuing his PhD in international relations and beginning his university teaching career.

She grew up in that small college town, at a time when public schools were being desegregated, and so she saw firsthand how communities can be built and dialogue promoted through intentional efforts to bridge cultural, racial, and socioeconomic divides, her campaign said.

After graduating as valedictorian of her high school class and receiving multiple full scholarships and fellowships, Hashmi earned a BA with honours from Georgia Southern University and her PhD in American literature from Emory University in Atlanta.

Hashmi and her husband, Azhar, moved as newlyweds to the Richmond area in 1991. She spent nearly 30 years as a professor, first teaching at the University of Richmond and then at Reynolds Community College. ***PTI***

From Malakpet to Virginia Lieutenant Governor

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Geothermal tourism project for A.P

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

IN a major stride towards clean and sustainable energy, Andhra Pradesh has been chosen by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) as the country's launchpad for introducing world-class Geothermal Energy Technology (GET) in the tourism sector. The initiative aligns with the Union government's vision of promoting economic growth through green technologies.

The State will soon host India's largest geothermal pilot project in Araku Valley and Visakhapatnam, two of its most popular tourist destinations. The decision was finalised after extensive consultations between EESL CEO Akhilesh Kumar Dixit, Special Chief Secretary (Housing & Tourism) Ajay Jain, and AP Tourism Managing Director Amrapali Kata.

The pilot project aims to demonstrate how geothermal systems can provide sustainable heating and cooling solutions, significantly cutting energy use while enhancing visitor comfort. By harnessing the earth's constant underground temperature found at depths of 7 to 8 meters, these systems deliver efficient and eco-friendly climate control.

Advanced technologies like Earth Air Tunnel (EAT) systems and Ground Source Heat Pumps (GSHP) can slash electricity consumption by up to 50%, require minimal maintenance, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. With a payback period of just three to four years.

EXPRESS READ

Minor, 3 friends kill man over spilled chutney row

Hyderabad: A 45-year-old labourer was allegedly killed by four youths, one of them a minor, following a quarrel over a spilled chutney at Nacharam. The victim, Murali Krishna, . Police on Tuesday identified the three adult accused as Mohammad Junaid (18), Sheikh Saifuddin (18) and Ponna Manikanta (21), while the juvenile is aged 16. All four have reportedly confessed to their involvement in the crime. All accused and that the victim's family would receive justice. Investigation is on

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 40-1-127, 128 and 129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers, M.G. Road, Vijayawada- 520010

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

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

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) 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.
This 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 ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Sapogu Karunakar (Borrower) Mrs. Kadirikota Monica Shirly Veronica (Co-Borrower) Account No. LBKNO00006034688	All that the Flat No. 504 in sixth floor ,Door No. 40/802-B-1-504, admeasuring 1130 Sq.ft including common area along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 46.497 Sq.yds, out of total land of 888.88 Sq. Yds, in the building complex " V.C.Manchala Residency ", in Sy . No. 77/2 , ward no. 40 , situated at Nehru Nagar, Kurnool Municipal Corporation , Kurnool District and bounded by East: Open to Sky South: Open to Sky West: Open to Sky North: 6.6 Ft Wide Corridor	Rs. 41,23,674/- (as on November 03, 2025)	Rs. 30,50, 000/- / Rs. 3,05, 000/-	November 17, 2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	November 26, 2025 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency Matex Technologies. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by November 25, 2025 Before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd., 40-1-127, 128 and 129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali chambers , M. G. Road , Vijayawada- 520010 on or before November 25, 2025 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before November 25, 2025 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd., 40-1-127, 128 and 129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali chambers , M. G. Road, Vijayawada- 520010 on or before November 25, 2025 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Vijayawada
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8008999536/ 9326713629.
Please note that Marketing agencies 1. Matex Technologies. 2. Cardekho have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : November 06, 2025
Place: Kurnool

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD. Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.
Tirupati Branch : Plot No:9,First Floor, Northern Portion, Rayala Cheruvu Road, Opp. Palani Theater, Tirupati 517501,(AP) District - Tirupati.
Ongole Branch : D.No. 37-1-169, 3rd Floor, ARN Complex, Kurnool Road, Ongole City, Dist-Prakasham, 523002, (AP) District - Prakasam.
Anantapur Branch : Aishwarya Towers, Door No. 9-150, 2nd Floor, Near Tower Clock, Subhash Road, Anantapuram-515001(AP). District - Anantapur.
Kurnool Branch : D.No.40-321-5,Abdullah Khan Estate,Opp Z.P.Office,Kurnool-518001,(AP). District - Kurnool.
Nellore Branch : Second Floor, Paholu Plaza, Old Door No 16-2-90, New Door No.16-4-140, Behind Venkataramana Hotel, Pogathota, Nellore-524001, (AP) District - Nellore.
Puttur Branch : Office No. 4-46, 1st Floor, Gramakantam Survey No. 191-2A, Ward No. 4, Bazaar Street, Puttur. District - Tirupati.
Adoni Branch : No.21/499/1-B, 1st Floor, Yammiganur Road, Near Devi Nursing Home, Adoni-518301,Andharpradesh District - Kurnool.
Kavali Branch : Shop No.248, 1st Floor, G D Complex, Near RTC Bus Stand, Trunk Road, kavali-524201,Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh District - Nellore.
Chittoor Branch : D.NO.22-411/1, Survey no.193-1,Ettapa Reddy Colony,Near Union Bank (Kattamanchi Branch), Kattamanchi, Chittoor,Andhra Pradesh-517001 District - Chittoor.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Loan Code : 19800002963 Tirupati Branch) Late. Nadira Bhanu Sarvan Dudakulu (Represented Through the Legal Heir) (Borrower) Late. Vijaya Kumar K (Represented Through the Legal Heir)(Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 14,48,688.00	S No 1570 S No 1570 D No 3 3 70 Ward No 3 Pogatho Ta Street Tirupathi Municipal Corporatio,Chittoor - 517501, Andhra Pradesh. **Bounded by : East by :** The House Belongs To Kodidala Subbaiah, **West by :** House Belongs To T.Hari, **North by :** Renukaparameswari Sannidhi Street and **South by :** House Belongs To Kotluri Yellaiah.
2.	(Loan Code : 19800003111 Tirupati Branch) Bhagyamma P (Borrower) Prasad P (Co Borrower) Sudhakar P (Guarantor)	09-10-2025 ₹ 3,67,752.00	S No 382 1 Rayapuram Village S No 382 1 Door No 1 555 Renuka Prameew Ari Temple Street Rayapuram Gram Pancha Yat, Chittoor - 517101, Andhra Pradesh. **Bounded by : East by :** House Of Dathagiri Saheb, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site Of Kaja Venkatasubba Rao and **South by :** Within These Boundaries.
3.	(Loan Code : 19800003163 Tirupati Branch) Mahesh K (Borrower) Hamsaveni K (Co Borrower) Suresh P (Guarantor)	09-10-2025 ₹ 24,53,900.00	Chittoor District -Bangarupalyam Sub -Disrtict & Mandalam Thagguvaripalli Gram Panchayath ,172 Venkatagiri Village Accounts -Thagguvari Village -Western Side Of Gajulapalle Road Circar Punja S.No205/6 Segment 4 Nearest Old Dd.No.2-4-472 Plot No.62 Within The Following Boundaries And Measurements : **East by :** 12 Feet Street, **West by :** 20 Feet Street, **North by :** Plot Of Hyder and **South by :** Land Of M.Rajanna.
4.	(Loan Code : 24710000104 Ongole Branch) Prabhakar Ankinapalli (Borrower) Sujatha Ankinapalli (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 9,09,095.00	Spsr Nellore District - Nellore R.D. - Vinjamur S.R. - Duttaluru Mandal - Bairavaram Village Panchayat Bairavaram Majara - Thurakapalli Village S.No.451-Assessment No.315-An Extent Of 16 Ankanamulua 70 Sq. Feet Or 135.77 Sq. Yards Or 113.53 Sq. Meters Of Site, Wherein 770 Sq. Feet Of Rcc Building With All Fixtures And Easement Rights. Bounded by : **East by :** House Of Ankinapalli Narasimha Reddy, **West by :** Tobacco Barin Of Ankinapalli Narasimha Reddy, **North by :** House And Site Of Ankinapalli Obulureddy and **South by :** Cement Road.
5.	(Loan Code : 22510000301 Anantapur Branch) Hemalatha S (Borrower) Sudhamohan B (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 17,03,172.00	Property Situated At Ananthapuramu R.D And Rayadurgam S.R.D With In Rayaduragam Municipality, Rayadurgam Town, Ward No: 10, Block No: 1, Covered With In Sy.No: 300/C1B, A.C. 3.68 Cents – Out Of This – A Land Measuring East – West: 44 Feet Or 13.34 Meters, North – South: 34 Feet Or 10.31 Meters, Total An Extent Of 166.22 Sq. Yards. Bounded by : **East by :** Our Own Land, **West by :** 25 Feet Road , **North by :** Our Own Land and **South by :** House Belonging To Rekulakunta Anand Reddy.
6.	(Loan Code : 19610000222 Kurnool Branch) Majidbasha M (Borrower) Shabana Mulla (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 10,08,737.00	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property House Bearing No. 23-455, Situated In Survey No.299/A, C.P. Nagar Velugodu Gram Panchayathi Area, Block No. 23, Velugodu Mandal, Bandi Atmakur Sub District, Nandyal Registraion District, Nandyal District. Measurements Total Extent: 121.66 Sq.Yards. Bounded by : **East by :** Doner Open Site, **West by :** Salehin Masjid , **North by :** Cement Road and **South by :** House Of Mahaboob Rahiman.
7.	(Loan Code : 20410000269 Nellore Branch) Dileepkumar Eeduru (Borrower) Harita Eduru (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 7,91,094.00	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore Registration District, Indukurupeta Sub-Registration, Thotapalligudur Mandal, Potlapudi Village, Survey No.37 An Extent Of 30 Ankanams Or 240 Sq. Yards Of Site And 420 Sq.Feet R.C.C.House And Bathroom Bounded By : **East by :** Pattapu Sivanarayana House., **West by :** Challari Yedukondalu House., **North by :** Pudi Janardhan House Some Extent, Pudi Manjula House Some Extent and **South by :** Road.
8.	(Loan Code : 19810000222 Tirupati Branch) Thupakula Ganesh (Borrower) Thupakula Sunitha (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 11,00,103.00	Thupakula Ganesh S/O Late Thupakula Yallaiah, Survey No.245/2, D.No.1-1389, Ntr Nagar, Srikalahasti Town And Municipality, Tirupati District Bounded By : **East by :** Street, **West by :** House Of T.Muneiah, **North by :** Sandhu Daari and **South by :** House Of A.Babu .
9.	(Loan Code : 27110000110 Puttur Branch) Prakash C (Borrower) Saritha M (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 5,03,692.00	C.Prakash S/O Late Mani, Sy.No.191/1(L.P.No.142) , House D.No.1-203, Thrani Village Accounts, Nagari Mandal , Chittoor District Bounded By : **East by :** House Of C.Murali S/O Narasimha Reddy, **West by :** House Of Ramachandra S/O C.Subramanyam Reddy, **North by :** Kusasthali River and **South by :** Vacant Site Of Raja S/O Venkatesan And 3 Ft.Wide Padupu Sandhu Leads To Perumalu Gud .
10.	(Loan Code : 52410000060 Adoni Branch) Muddineni Ramudu (Borrower) Muddineni Hanumanthamma (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 8,68,155.00	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property House Site Property Bearing Sy No.502, Situated At, Panakona Village, Pathikonda Mandal, Pathikonda Sub District, Kurnool District. Total Extent: 121.06 Sq.Yards Bounded By : **East by :** Rastha, **West by :** Open Place, **North by :** Thathigeri Gopal Site and **South by :** Suvarnamma Site.
11.	(Loan Code : 19810000298 Tirupati Branch) Chintha Kalpana (Borrower) Chintha Venkataiah (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 9,69,483.00	This Property Is Situated At Tirupati Dist.Thottambedu Sub.Dist.-B.N.Kandriga Mandal- Neerpakota Survey Group- Neerpakota Gramakantam Sy.No.60-8-D.No.3-51 -Assessment No.184-Admeasuring An Extent Of 144.73 Sq Yds Of Site In This 417.24 Sq Ft Of Rcc Slab House Bounded On : **East by :** House Of G Veeraswamy, **West by :** Road, **North by :** House Of P.Kaveri and **South by :** Vacant Site Of M Chengaiah.
12.	(Loan Code : 19610000377 Kurnool Branch) S Abdul Vahid (Borrower) S Meharunnisa Bee (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 15,17,634.00	All That Part And Parcel Of The Property Kurnool City Joharapuram Present House Bearing No. 69/277-1 Situated In Joharapuram Village Survey No. 7B-2A-2B, Kurnool City Municipal Corporation Ward No.69, Kurnool Sub District, Kurnool District. Total Extent : 61.66 Sq.Yards. Bounded On : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Open Site Of Ramudu, **North by :** House Of Ahmmad Hussain and **South by :** Others Open Site.
13.	(Loan Code : 51610000052 Kavali Branch) Kesanapalli Sivakrishna (Borrower) Karra Maidhili (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 4,13,886.00	Spsr Nellore District, Nellore Registration District, Kavali Sub-Registrar, Jaladanki Mandal, Brahmanakraka Village Panchayat Area Nellore Urban Development Authority Area Brahmanakraka Majara Hanumakondapalem Village Survey No. 1930-1, Assessment No.626, Of House & Site Within The Above Boundaries, An. Bounded On : **East by :** House Of Yesupogu Tirupati, **West by :** Bazar, **North by :** House Of Karra Venkata Ramanaiah and **South by :** House Of Karra Mallikarjuna.
14.	(Loan Code : 27110000148 Puttur Branch) P Venkatesh (Borrower) P Malini (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 7,23,673.00	Chittoor District Chittoor Rural District - Chittoor Z P- Penumuru Mandal Kalikri Post K Gollapalli Village , Kalkiri Village Accounts - Dry Sy, No 239 Ac 118.22 Square Yard Havaing R.C.C House With In The Following Boundries And Measurements : **East by :** Empty House Site Of Chittemma, **West by :** House Of Krishnamachari , **North by :** Road and **South by :** House Of Siddiamma.
15.	(Loan Code : 41610000056 Chittoor Branch) B Janakamma (Borrower) B Hema Sekhar (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 7,43,040.00	This Property Situated At Chittoor Dist- Bangarupalem Sub Dist - Bangarupalem Mandal - Bangarupalem Village Panchayath - 170 Gollapalle Village Accounts Majara Govardhanagri Gramakantam Sy. No 196/2 - Ward No. 11-Ad Measuring An Extent Of 138. 88 Sq Yds Having House Site & R.C.C Building Under Construction With In The Following Boundaries And Measurements : **East by :** C.C Road, **West by :** House Of Keerithi, **North by :** House Of Aparanji and **South by :** House Of Hari Babu.
16.	(Loan Code : 19800001491 & 19800002110 Tirupati Branch) Raveendranadh Konukur (Borrower) Saraka K (Co Borrower)	09-10-2025 ₹ 3,96,671.00	Door No.28-149-1-1, Kothapeta, Survey No:133/5, Chowdepalli Road, Block No.28, Punganur Muncipality, Chittoor Dist - 517247, Andhra Pradesh : **East by :** Compound Wall Of Faizulla Khan, **West by :** 12 Feet Width Road, **North by :** Property Belongs To A.Lakshmidevi (2Nd Item) and **South by :** Property Belongs To Prabhakar Chetty.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Tirupati, Ongole, Anantapur, Kurnool, Nellore, Puttur, Adoni, Kavali and Chittoor
Date : 06.11.2025

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
KARAIKAL

e-TENDER NOTICE No.37/I&PH/TN/2025-26 Dt.05.11.2025

Notice inviting e-Tender

The Executive Engineer, Irrigation and Public Health Division, PWD, Karaikal invites on behalf of the President of India, online bids for the following Work(s): **Name of Work:** Standardization and improvements to Karaikal channel from FCI road near Jipmer campus to Kamarajar salai at Karaikal. **Estimate Cost: Rs.8,54,45,349/-** (inclusive of GST). Earnest Money: **Rs. 17,08,907/-**. **Period of Completion: Twelve (12) Months** (Including Monsoon period). **Last time & date of submission of tender: on** 25.11.2025.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in.**

No. 287/DIP/KKL/ADVT/2025 EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - I&PH

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Regional Manager, Regional Business Office-3, Sai Nagar, ANANTAPURAMU.

REQUIREMENT OF NEW BRANCH PREMISES

SBI invites offers for leasing of premises for shifting of our Existing **Kudair Branch, Anantapuramu, Anantapuramu Dist.** A.P. The premises should have about 2500 sq ft. carpet area with good frontage, adequate parking space for vehicles with all amenities of Ground floor only. Interested parties may download the Technical & Price bids from SBI Website. **https://bank.sbi.in** the SBI News → Show More → Procurements and submit the same in separate sealed covers prescribed "Technical Bid" and "Price Bid" with name and address of the tenderers to Regional Manager, State Bank of India, RBO-3, Sai Nagar, Anantapuramu, Anantapuramu District, on or before 3.00 PM. On 25.11.2025. Bank reserves the right to reject any / all offer(s) without assigning any reasons thereof. Tender will be opened at 4.00 PM. On 26.11.2025 at Regional Office.

Regional Manager,
Regional Business Office-3, Sai Nagar, Anantapuramu
Anantapuramu Dist. Cell : 9652144516.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

SWM.C.No.A7 / 7816 / 2025

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender is invited by Superintending Engineer (SWM) in Solid Waste Management Department

Description	Estimate cost	EMD Amount
Procurement of 1000 Nos. Hot dip Galvanized Compactor Bins (without lid) suitable for garbage handling by the compactor vehicles for zones 4, 7 and 8	Rs.420.00 lakhs	Rs.4.20 lakhs
Tender submission online last date	04.12.2025 at 3.00 pm	
Tender opening date	05.12.2025 at 4.00 pm	

Tenderer can view and download the details of E-Tender from website **http://tntenders.gov.in** and may participate in tender EMD Amount should be pay online payment through E-tender portal details given in Tender Document

DIPR / 6008 / Tender / 2025 **Superintending Engineer (SWM)**

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-TENDER

e-Tenders are invited from the eligible tenderers for the following works as per the procedure of CMWSSB conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	EMD Amount in Rs.	Availability of Tender Schedule	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Supply and delivery of various sizes of "LA" and "A" class Cast Iron Pipes as per IS 1536/2001 to its latest revision including rubber gasket (EPDM) conforming to IS 5382/1985 to its latest revision with ISI mark on A.R.C basis for the year 2025-2026. Tender no.: MAT/OT/019/2025-26.	Rs. 7,12,000/-	06.11.2025 to 20.11.2025 upto 3.00 P.M.	20.11.2025 upto 3.00 p.m	21.11.2025 at 3.30 p.m
2.	EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
3.	Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **www.tntenders.gov.in.** For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from **06.11.2025.**				

DIPR/6013/Tender/2025 PURCHASE MANAGER

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Vanamali Hospitals Llp, C Mahesh Nayudu & Poral Raghavendra/ Represented By Partners C Mahesh Nayudu, Poral Raghavendra No 40/802 B1, Flat No 302 Sai Victory Pride Nehru Nagar Kurnool-518004/ '756705001683.	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Property Located At Plot No 40, Ward No 86, Kalluru Village Survey No 610 A And 631 A, Kurnool Municipal Corporation Area, Kurnool District With An Extent of 266.66 Sq Yards (Admeasuring An Area of 266.66 Sq Yards Bounded By: on The North By: 39 Feet Road on The South By: Plot No41 on The East By: Plot No 48 on The West By: 30 Feet Road. Date of Physical Possession 04th November 2025.	June 24, 2025 Rs. 37,29,547/-	Kurnool

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: November 06, 2025
Place: Kurnool

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 9(1) and 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 properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **21.11.2025** for recovery of outstanding as mentioned here below is due to the **Canara Bank** from below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s).

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 21.11.2025 at 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet.com) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 20.11.2025 at 4.00 p.m

Borrowers: 1. M/s Khizra Educational Society, 2. Mr. Sd Khamuruddin (President), S/o Sd Khijuruddin, 3. Mr Sd Jaheeruddin (Secretary), S/o Sd Khijuruddin & Guarantor: Smt Md Noorulaine (Guarantor), W/o Sd Khamuruddin. Total Liabilities: Rs. 1,83,12,166/- as on 31.10.2025 + applicable further interest, costs and other charges from 01.11.2025.

Description of the immovable property with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank:

Property-1: SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub Registration-Manubolu Mandal, Jatlakondoru Gramapanchayat, Bandepalli Village, Patta no 319, Sy no 138 - **an extent of Ac 1.31 cents or 0.530 Hectares or 6340.40 Sq yards** of College Building bounded on: **East:** Land belonging to Pallamreddy Raghuramireddy, **South :** Land belonging to Vasudeva Reddy, **West:** Land belonging to Gandavarapu Rathnamma, **North:** Land belonging to Syed Zaheeruddin.

Property-2: SPSR Nellore District-Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub Registration, Manubolu Mandal, Jatlakondoru Gramapanchayat, Bandepalli Village, Patta no 319, Sy no 138/A, **an extent of Ac 0.19 cents or 0.077 Hectares or 919.60 Sq yards** bounded on **East:** Land belonging to Pallamreddy Raghuramireddy, **South:** Item no.1 Property referred above, **West:** Land belonging to Syed Nizamuddin, **North:** Land belonging to Talamandhi Sugunamma and Venku Reddy.

Property-3: SPSR Nellore District-Gudur Registration District-Gudur Sub Registration-Manubolu Mandal-Jatlakondoru Gramapanchayat-Bandepalli Village- an extent of Ac 0.01cents in Sy no 139, **Ac 0.10 cents in Sy no 140 totalling to Ac 0.11 cents bounded on East:** Land belonging to Pallamreddy Raghuramireddy, **South:** Land belonging to Kantepalli Sekharaiah, **West :** Claimants Land, **North:** Land belonging to Pallamreddy Raghuramireddy.

Property-4: SPSR Nellore District-Gudur Registration District-Gudur Sub Registration-Manubolu Mandal-Jatlakondoru Gramapanchayat-Bandepalli Village- Sy no 144B - **an extent of Ac 0.18 cents or 871.20 Sq yards bounded on East:** Land belonging to Pallamreddy Raghuramireddy, **South:** Road, **West:** Land belonging to Gantepalli Sekharaiah and Ch Balarami Reddy, **North:** Land belonging to P Raghuramireddy

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 1,64,00,000/- EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 16,40,000/-

Note: Dues/Taxes, if any, known/not known to the Bank are to be borne by the auction purchaser and same is exclusive of the final bid amount.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or may contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Specialized ARM Branch, Tirupati, Ph. No.7901626759, 9901574353 during office hours on any working day.

For E-Auction Process, contact Service Provider: M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd (baanknet), web portal: "https://www.baanknet.com/", Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, E-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

Date: 04.11.2025, Place: Tirupati Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK

When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong

Eugene Debs

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— Ramnath Goenka

TO MAKE OUR STREETS SAFER, FOLLOW SUPREME COURT ORDER ON STRAYS

LIFE is cheap in the animal world. In Bengaluru, a caretaker recently slammed a chihuahua to death in an apartment lift; during Diwali, some miscreants tied crackers to a dog's legs and exploded them, while others stuffed a dog's mouth with fireworks and set them alight. In our anthropocentric world, horror stories of animal abuse pop up regularly. This happens even after activists have brought about a major shift in laws to curb animal cruelty—under Section 325 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, killing or maiming an animal attracts five years in prison, a penalty, or both. However, the provision is observed more in breach.

At the heart of the hatred for animals lay fear and the conflict over sharing habitats. Chilling incidents of packs of dogs mauling children and senior citizens, and rising cases of rabies have made them targets. This August, a Supreme Court bench stayed another bench's decision to move all strays in the National Capital Territory into shelters after a petition showed it ran counter to the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2023; instead, it ordered all states and Union Territories to report back after creating dedicated feeding spaces for strays. When none did, in a rare move earlier this week, the top court summoned and upbraided all the chief secretaries, who tendered an unconditional apology.

The act of feeding street dogs itself sparks a furious debate in cities. While animal lovers claim it blunts aggressive canine behaviour, others warn it increases the menace. The Bengaluru authorities' plan to provide one nutritious meal a day at designated feeding locations for the city's street dogs—a step farther than the Supreme Court's order—can put the debate to rest. It can prevent dogs from forming aggressive packs to hunt for food. Revitalised vaccination and sterilisation programmes, which suffered during and after the pandemic, will also help. Maintaining demarcated habitats for larger animals is itself proving to be a tough ask for governments at a time human habitats are expanding and animal conflicts are on the rise. At least in our cities, we will have to come to terms with the fact that dogs are here to stay. The Supreme Court's order, itself the result of a careful consideration of the dangers, cannot be wished away. In its spirit, the motto should be to live and let live.

REDISTRICTING WIN MORE WEIGHTY THAN MAMDANI'S

A series of blue waves broke on America's east and west coasts on Tuesday. The one that crashed ashore in New York swept in Democrat Zohran Mamdani as the second-youngest mayor of America's largest city. Though Trump reminded the world that he was not on the ballot, it's amply clear from the exit polls that Trumpism was. To drive home the point, Mamdani addressed the president directly in his victory speech: "Donald Trump, since I know you're watching, I have four words for you: Turn the volume up!" The 34-year-old of Indian descent also invoked Jawaharlal Nehru's 'Tryst with destiny' speech to ring in the new. However, in a political 'swamp' where one becomes more centrist the higher one floats, it remains to be seen how many path-breaking promises—from free bus rides, and rent freeze for more than 2 million tenants, to universal childcare—this avowed democratic socialist gets to keep once he takes oath on January 1.

More than Mamdani's election, the wave that swept up the west coast will perhaps be more consequential for America's national politics. The passing of Proposition 50, a ballot measure to redraw congressional districts in the country's most populous state, gives Democrats an edge in overturning control of the narrowly-held lower house of Congress. It also boosts California Governor Gavin Newsom, who has already thrown his hat into the 2028 presidential ring, among Democrats. The party that was pushed out of a host of top offices by Trump's red wave in 2024 will savour the gubernatorial wins in Virginia and New Jersey, and the Supreme Court wins in Pennsylvania, too.

Tuesday's elections set the precursory mood for the midterms next year. However, in signs of caution among the Democratic establishment, Barack Obama and Chuck Schumer, the seniormost New Yorker in Congress, did not endorse Mamdani. Meanwhile Trump, who had warned of defunding the city if it elected Mamdani, can be expected to raise the volume of anti-immigration rhetoric. If it results in a rightwing backlash like what happened after Obama's win, it might imperil millions of Indian Americans in these more polarised times. It would send a signal to anti-immigrant politicians around the world, too. The trouble is, a ferment that happens in America rarely stays in America.

QUICK TAKE

TEACHER'S 100

AN educator's greatest triumph is the success of his students. Seen as such, filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak, whose birth centenary is being marked this week, lived many lifetimes through his illustrious students—Kumar Shahani, Saeed Akhtar Mirza (given the middle name by Ghatak himself), Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Mani Kaul, John Abraham, Subhash Ghai and Asrani among them. His stories—for Bimal Roy's *Madhumati* and Hrishikesh Mukherjee's debut *Musafir*—earned as many accolades as his own directorial ventures such as *Jukti, Takko ar Gappo* (*Reason, Debate and a Story*) and *Meghe Dhaka Tara* (*Cloud-Capped Star*). Perhaps the maestro's predicament was reflected in a 13-minute short, *Rendezvous* (1964), that he supervised for FTII student R N Shukla, in which a woman waits for her paramour—only to be spurned.

The Congress is getting more ideological while trying to counter the BJP and the RSS. It can learn from Ambedkar, whose pragmatism made him focus on the art of the possible

WHEN THE GRAND OLD CENTRIST PARTY MOVES TO A SIDE

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU

Senior journalist and author of *The Conscience Network: A Chronicle of Resistance to a Dictatorship*

THE term 'ideology' has made a comeback to dominate the Indian public and political landscape in the last few years. It had become somewhat less fashionable since the early 1990s, but had a faint revival in 2014, when the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power. It found greater traction and mobility ever since the BJP sealed its dominance in 2019.

If ideology, as a somewhat rigid set or system of ideas, has seen a resurrection in more recent years, it can be argued that the reason is not the BJP, but the Congress. Since the Congress, under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, began to perceive the BJP more as an intransigent ideological machine and less as a political opposition, it too began to devise a stubborn ideological response at the opposite end of the spectrum. From being a party with definite ideas and principles, it began to fancy being ideological.

This response pattern has been a kind of global playbook, and therefore Rahul Gandhi definitely came before Zohran Mamdani; but, for distinct reasons, their levels of success have varied. Anyway, this ideological game witnessed a new flashpoint in the last few days.

First, Priyank Kharge, son of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and a minister in Karnataka, wrote a letter to his own government demanding that the RSS's activities in public places and government premises be regulated, if not banned. Next, Kharge Senior took the idea to Delhi. On October 31, he asked for banning the RSS.

The Congress seems to believe that to debilitate the RSS, often described as the ideological parent or mentor of the BJP, is to checkmate the saffron party. It may never have such a clear and straight outcome, but it is an assumption not without some logical basis. Interestingly, when Mallikarjun Kharge said he would prefer the RSS to be banned, he clarified that it was his "personal view". Kharge Senior may have appeared diffident and treaded cautiously, but the idea had become the party's mainstream opinion before he became the party's president.

Rahul Gandhi's blunt assertions on the RSS and its mentors have often got him into legal trouble. In May 2022, he had said, "My fight is with the ideology of the RSS and BJP, which is a threat to our country. I fight against the hatred and violence these people spread." Again, in January 2023, he said he would never enter an RSS office, "I'll have to be beheaded before that. My family has an ideology."

SOURAV ROY

In Karnataka, this ideological battle finds new expression every now and then. In the latest round, the Congress government is allegedly allocating government land at subsidised prices to the Congress Bhavan Trust across the state in over a hundred places. When the BJP was in power in the state, it had allocated large tracts for its own party offices and to RSS's affiliate and sympathetic organisations. Now the Congress is doing something similar as an apparent ideological counter, although legally it may be in troubled waters.

Interestingly, the Congress did not cancel the land allocation the BJP had made to itself and its affiliates; on the contrary, it made it an ideological *raison d'être* to allocate itself more land. This has been revealed in detail by *The File*, a site that uses RTI as its primary investigative tool.

Despite such ideological battles that the Congress endeavours to construct across the nation, ironically, the RSS and BJP have always visualised their mission as cultural and civilisational. They do not use the registers that overtly communicate an ideological strife. It is always about cultural and civilisational recovery, restoration and rebuilding; about setting right historical injustices, imagined or real.

When the Congress gets ideological, when it operates at the extremes of what it assumes to be progressive politics, then its liberal claims get dented. Any firm ideological position acquires a certain blindness, militant idiom, and exclusivity. It begins to rapidly judge even reasonable and rational concessions to the other. It begins to brand and shame those who are non-aligned. Therefore, the casualty of the Congress's ideological nature could be the near-decimation of a moderate, a centrist, and even a classic liberal. This again has become a global feature.

Studies have shown that the ideological divide in the US has become more consolidated since 2008, while the gradual disappearance of moderates in Republican and Democratic parties happened between 1976 and 2008. The rise of Zohran Mamdani as New York's mayor-elect may force the Democrats to move deeper leftwards from the centre. There is an enormous difference between the Bernie Sanders kind of socialism and the one espoused by Mamdani, who is more cultural.

In India, too, Rahul Gandhi has tried to mix socialist economic ideas with caste identity politics, but has not been effective for a variety of reasons. People do not see the Congress as loony ideological, but as an inheritor of a certain kind of conservative centrism. But Rahul has even used a liberal Constitution as an ideological wand to be waved.

One wonders why the Congress, which has taken interest lately in constitutional icon B R Ambedkar, has not paid sufficient attention to his ideas of pragmatism. Ambedkar, according to his biographer Ashok Gopal, did not believe in the "finality of thinking" or "ultimate truth", but argued that "in political negotiations the rule must be what is possible". Ambedkar did not want a compromise on principles, but said once the principle was agreed upon, "there can be no objection to realising it in installments". Ambedkar felt that such graduation in politics was inevitable, and in some circumstances advantageous. The Congress's ideological hardening does not accommodate this nuance, but attempts an instant revolutionary flavour.

British writer and academic Raymond Williams wrote that the term 'ideology' was used in a pejorative sense first by Napoleon, as a kind of "abstract, impractical and fanatical theory" to characterise the French revolution. That characterisation has remained in popular argument. Marx and Engels, too, used it to mean 'illusion', 'unreality' and 'false consciousness' in some of their writings. Williams also pointed out the distinction that has historically been made between 'ideology' and 'science'.

In this light, the Congress party may benefit from deliberating how much ideological positioning is good for it, and how much to embrace pragmatism and principles. *(Views are personal)*

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AN UNSUBTLE ART OF PERSUASION

C P SURENDRAN

The author's latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

KERALA is a small state. One end to the other can be covered in less than 20 hours by road. And everywhere you go in this congested state today, you will see mostly one person smiling at you: Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala and leader of the Left Democratic Front, now in the last leg of its second consecutive term in power.

The thing with power is that it must be seen as doing good to perpetuate itself. Few understand this better than Prime Minister Narendra Modi. All of India is Modi's mirror. We see him as he sees himself, everywhere. He is the source. He is not merely seen as doing things, but as giving things.

The visibility of power is exponentially greater in smaller states. Kerala's CM, through relentless self-promotion, has achieved a seemingly god-like status. If he is not cutting ribbons at events, he is giving things away to the needy. To the brave, he gives medals. To the poor, he gives money. To writers—and there are many of them in Kerala, a state that famously produces more writers per capita than anywhere else in India—he gives golden shawls. Never mind the tropical humidity.

Vijayan smiles at you from large hoardings by the roadside and across green paddy fields. He hangs from bridges. He looks at you from behind speeding buses, from newspapers, from stages. He is everywhere. He inaugurates lower primary school sports events, university arts festivals, free-speech seminars, and literature festivals. Everywhere, Vijayan is seen as giving.

In Gerontion, T S Eliot talks about history as full of "supple confusions" and, because of that, its "giving famishes the craving". Something similar is at work here, but it's not Vijayan's fault. This is how power works. He, like Modi, is a relentless exponent of the art.

When the LDF government celebrated the first anniversary of its second term, it generously gave itself ₹15 crore to spend. By the fourth year, the year-round celebrations were allotted over ₹100 crore, according to reports. The government's public relations department cleared ₹25.91 crore for a blitz, of which ₹15.63 crore was reportedly earmarked for 500 hoardings featuring the CM. It's as if the face of the leader has become the single-most urgent infrastructure project in a state struggling with mounting liabilities.

True, compared to states like Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, or Andhra Pradesh, the scale of self-promotion—and the money spent—may appear modest. But Kerala's total outstanding debt is projected to reach around ₹4.65 lakh crore by the end of 2025-26. Government finances remain strained; there are periodic reports of delays in salary and pension disbursements.

Yet, there is money for what can only be called a cultural frenzy—especially art and literature festivals. There are scores of them, from the panchayat to the district and state levels. The Kerala Literature Festival, for example, is substantially funded by the government. The event is usually inaugurated by the CM or prominently features him. The point is simple: every so-called cultural window frames just one face—Vijayan's.

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> Publicity blitzes have ensured the ubiquity of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's visage across Kerala. Some of the messaging rides on the old Left's cultural success. Before the assembly elections next year, the effectiveness of this new visibility should be known from the local elections due this month

The Vijayan government's love for the arts is not accidental; it is strategic. Power has always found a way to consolidate and flourish by co-opting artists and writers. And many writers in Kerala are willing participants—for both historical and career reasons.

The Left played a vital role in Kerala's reformist and progressive movements from the 1940s onwards. By the 1950s, the communist movement had brought about a rare marriage of humanist politics and the arts, resulting in an explosion of great works in literature, theatre, and cinema.

As a result, there persists a traditional assumption that Left politics is *a priori* fashionable. Most writers in Kerala find it difficult to adopt an independent or critical stance towards the government. Then there is the survivalist problem: if you alienate the Left establishment, awards, fellowships, and academic appointments turn elusive. The LDF's reach is so deep that even the police force often functions like an extended party network.

There are other government-sponsored extravaganzas too—such as Keraleeyam, which celebrates the formation, development, and culture of the state. Independently as well, there have been events like a mass dance three years ago, where about 500 women dancers choreographed a tribute to Vijayan as the source of all that is good.

Last month, when Mohanlal was honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke award, the government lost no time in holding a public event to felicitate the actor. Reportedly, ₹2.84 crore was spent on the celebration, and ₹1 crore of that came from the Diamond Jubilee Fellowship for Young Artists—a fund meant to nurture emerging talent. Vijayan presided over this thinly-disguised cross-branding exercise. Giving often is taking, too.

Last week, there was yet another government celebration—this time to praise itself for having achieved "extreme poverty eradication". Of course, Vijayan was there, along with a frail-looking Mammootty, endorsing the government.

The assembly elections are scheduled for April-May 2026, but one doesn't have to wait that long. The local body elections, due this month, will offer a preview of what lies ahead. The Congress-led opposition makes the right noises, but infighting has crippled it. Nor does the Congress have any clear economic or development strategy for the state. A third term for the LDF would mean more of the same face. Isn't that great!

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Sporting equality

Ref: *Onus beyond the ₹51-crore bonus* (Nov 5). The bonus for Team India is more than a reward; it's a statement. But statements don't build legacies, systems do. Celebration without structural change risks being nothing more than symbolism dressed as progress. The real question is not how much the BCCI honours women cricketers today, but how prepared it is to invest in their future. For decades, women's cricket has survived not on institutional generosity, but on resilience, passion, and generous souls' sponsorship. If India truly believes in sporting equality, women must not be celebrated as an exception after victory—they must be nurtured as a priority.

Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Nuclear options

Ref: *Trump risks dragging world into a new nuclear arms race* (Nov 5). From his bag of surprises, US President Donald Trump has pulled out a new topic. He was careful about not mentioning Iran and India, and indicated that India and Pakistan, as nuclear-equipped neighbours, should maintain restraint.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Environmental justice

Ref: *Soil solution can boost farming, cut pollution* (Nov 5). More than 30 percent of India's farmland is already nutritionally depleted, and our soils hold barely half the organic carbon globally considered healthy. Protecting soil is not just agrarian reform—it is environmental justice, economic prudence, and public health policy rolled into one.

Sanjeev Jha, New Delhi

Protect credibility

Ref: *Fall of the maple leaf* (Nov 5). Canada's crackdown exposes the rot within India's overseas education industry. While students' dreams suffer, unregulated agents profit freely. India must urgently regulate and flag fraudulent education consultants, ensuring transparency and accountability. Protecting our youth's aspirations and our nation's credibility abroad demands reform, rather than mere outrage.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Muzumdar's credit

Ref: *Formidable force* (Nov 9). The story of Amol Muzumdar, the head coach of the World Champions Women's Team, tells another side of Indian cricket. Nature had kept a best-fitting reward in reserve, in the form of a World Cup title, for the person committed to cricket but denied a chance due to an abundance of skill. It is admirable that he remained dedicated to the sport.

Jiji Panicker K, Alappuzha

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Alok Sharma @Aloksharmaaicc
'Vote theft' is being carried out with the collusion of the BJP and the Election Commission. This entire game is being orchestrated in a centralized manner.

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
Should any harm come to our people, should a single genuine voter be unfairly struck off the rolls, the people of Bengal will march to Delhi with the cry "BJP Hatao, Odhikaar Bachao."

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
This is the intellectual calibre of our Leader of the Opposition — clueless about facts, desperate for headlines, and ready with excuses for the impending defeat in Bihar.

• Poll panel asks why no objections raised by Cong during rolls revision

EC says Rahul's Haryana rigging charge baseless

MUKESH RANJAN @ Chennai

RESPONDING to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of large-scale voter fraud in the 2024 Haryana assembly elections, the Election Commission of India (ECI) countered by saying the party failed to file any objections or appeals during the electoral roll revision.

Responding to Gandhi's claim of an "H-Bomb" scam in the polls, EC officials said the Congress did not raise a single objection through its Booth Level Agents (BLAs) during the roll revision process. "Why were no claims and objections raised by INC's BLAs to prevent multiple entries?" Commission sources asked.

A senior EC official said Gandhi had referred to Rai (29) and Hodal (83) assembly constituencies in Haryana. "Since election petitions have been filed in both these constituencies among 23 petitions related to the assembly elections, Mr Gandhi may be advised to use all his evidence there," the official said.

Gandhi had alleged that 25 lakh bogus votes were added in Haryana, amounting to 12.5 percent of the state's total voters. He claimed that the BJP "stole votes" with the ECI's help, allowing it to retain power despite exit polls predicting a Congress victory.

The Commission dismissed these allegations as "baseless" and questioned Congress's vigilance during polling. "What were the Congress polling agents doing inside polling stations?" an official asked, pointing out that agents are expected to object if a voter's identity is doubtful or if someone votes twice.

Another official noted Gandhi's shifting stand on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. "He opposed SIR at first, but now his statements show he supports it," the official said. The EC said 22 election petitions are pending in various High Courts — a normal number for a state election.

'What were agents doing inside polling stations?'

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• Rijiju says Cong leader scared of Bihar rout

BJP: Rahul trying to provoke Gen-Z with 'fake narratives'

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Minister and senior BJP leader Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday dismissed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of voter fraud in Haryana, saying he was trying to mislead the youth with "baseless narratives".

Rijiju's remarks came soon after Gandhi claimed that 2.5 million voters in Haryana were fake. Gandhi cited the example of a "Brazilian model" who allegedly voted 22 times across 10 booths under different names. He appealed to India's Gen Z to "be aware of vote theft" and to act through "truth and non-violence".

Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Rijiju said Gandhi was using Haryana to divert attention from the Bihar elections. "Rahul Gandhi addressed the press to hide his failures. There will be polling in Bihar tomorrow, but he was talking about Haryana. This shows Congress has nothing left in Bihar," Rijiju said.

On Gandhi's "Brazilian voter" claim, Rijiju said, "During elections, he goes abroad. During Parliament sessions, he secretly visits Cambodia or Thailand. Now, during the Bihar elections, he went to Colombia. When he returns, he brings back ideas and creates these baseless stories."

Rijiju said, "Is he trying to provoke Gen Z? The entire new generation stands firmly with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The new generation stands firmly with the PM. Rahul Gandhi is playing games to defame our country, but such conspiracies will never succeed."

Rijiju also referred to Congress leader Kumari Selja, who had said that Congress wouldn't be able to win because of its own leaders.

Is he trying to provoke Gen Z? The entire new generation stands firmly with Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs

'Diverting from Bihar polls'

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Steady thaw in bilateral ties, Jaishankar set to visit Canada next week

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

IN a move signalling the steady thaw in India — Canada relations, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is set to visit Canada next week, less than a month after Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand's two-day trip to New Delhi.

The visit comes at a crucial time as both countries work to rebuild ties that had hit their lowest point during 2023–24 under former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Jaishankar will attend the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Ontario's Niagara Region on November 11–12, where discussions will focus on global security, economic resilience, and international cooperation. Canada, which currently holds the G7 presidency, is hosting the gathering for the second time this year. "The meeting will bring together G7 ministers to discuss global challenges and strengthen international collaboration," Canada's foreign ministry said in a statement. Despite not being a member of G-7 grouping, India has become a regular invitee.

The renewed diplomatic engagement follows a series of high-level exchanges since Prime Minister Mark Carney took office earlier this year. Carney's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in June laid the groundwork for a gradual rapprochement in the strained sties. Both leaders had directed their governments to "take calibrated measures to restore stability in the relationship" and to pursue a partnership "grounded in mutual respect and shared interests," External Affairs Ministry readout had said.

Since then, diplomatic activity has accelerated. Canadian Foreign Minister Anita Anand's visit to India in October included meetings with both Modi and Jaishankar, while national security advisers from both nations have also been in dialogue.

FATF lauds India over asset recovery

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

THE global terror-funding watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), has praised India's strong asset recovery system and the role of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in tracing, seizing, and returning the proceeds of crime to victims.

In its latest report titled Asset Recovery Guidance and Best Practices, released on Wednesday, the Paris-based FATF described the ED, led by senior IRS officer Rahul Navin, as a "model agency" known for its efficiency and coordination in recovering assets from criminal activities.

The FATF sets international standards to combat money laundering and terror financing. In its report, it said countries can improve their systems to trace, freeze, manage, and return illegal assets, and highlighted how India's approach offers useful lessons for others.

According to the report, India has played a "prominent role" in developing FATF's updated standards and guidance over the past two years. Officers from the ED were part of FATF project teams that drafted the new recommendations and participated actively in working group and plenary meetings where these changes were discussed and finalised.

Quoting from the FATF report, the ED said in a statement:"The report outlines practical measures for policymakers and practitioners to identify, trace, freeze, manage, confiscate, and return assets derived from criminal activity… The guidance serves as a benchmark for countries to enhance their national frameworks and align with emerging best practices."

The FATF noted that India's legal framework under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, and the ED's operational experience, helped shape important parts of the guidance—especially those related to value-based confiscation, provisional attachment, and inter-agency cooperation.

The report also listed a few examples of ED cases that led to recovery and restitution of assets without naming the parties involved. These include the Rose Valley Ponzi scheme, where victims were compensated, and a drug trafficking case in which the ED seized Bitcoins (crypto currency) worth ₹130 crore following a request from the US. Another case involved coordination between the ED and the Andhra Pradesh CID, which helped restore assets worth ₹6,000 crore to victims of an alleged investment fraud.

The FATF also mentioned a Maharashtra-based cooperative bank fraud, in which the ED restored benami assets worth ₹290 crore to compensate victims after auctioning the properties. The report noted that the confiscated land was identified for the construction of a new airport, stating it would "benefit society at large." The FATF said, "The contribution of India and the ED to this global effort has been substantial and widely acknowledged."

The report also highlighted India's inter-agency coordination, use of financial analytics, corresponding value attachment, and robust PMLA framework as global best practices.

The Paris-based 40-member body sets standards against illicit funds from drug trafficking, arms trade, cyber fraud, and other crimes. The FATF's guidance provides an updated framework for strengthening the global system of asset recovery against financial crimes. It cited multiple Indian case studies of tracing, seizing, and restoring proceeds of crime across investment frauds, property scams, banking, and offshore laundering.

REPORT PRAISES ED

Highlights co-operation between ED, CBI, and state CID

Cites an investment-fraud case in which ED and Andhra Pradesh CID coordinated to jointly manage victim compensation worth **₹6,000 CR**

ALSO CITES A CO-OPERATIVE-BANK FRAUD CASE IN WHICH ED ATTACHED BENAMI PROPERTIES WORTH ₹290 CRORE

Mentions PMLA, 2002, under which assets of equivalent value can be seized within India if proceeds are moved abroad. In a real-estate fraud case, ED attached properties worth **₹1,777 CRORE**

Refers to India's Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, empowering ED to attach and confiscate property of economic fugitives abroad

Kin of kids with ultra-rare diseases ask PM to intervene on special funds

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

A leading patient advocacy group and families of children battling ultra-rare diseases have appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to direct the Union Health Ministry to urgently implement the Delhi High Court's order establishing a National Fund for Rare Diseases (NFRD). The move, they say, is essential to save dozens of children and young adults whose lives hang in the balance due to delays in treatment funding.

The appeal, also addressed to Chief Justice of India BR Gavai, urged that the pending Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by the Centre be listed and heard at the earliest, and that the October 4, 2024, Delhi High Court order be restored in full. The landmark judgment had directed the Centre to set up the NFRD with an initial allocation of ₹974 crore to ensure uninterrupted access to life-saving therapies for rare disease patients.

The case is now listed for hearing on November 7.

"The matter has remained pending for nearly a year while lives continue to be lost. Each week of delay is another irreversible loss. We are not asking for sympathy. We are asking for the implementation of the High Court's order that upholds our children's right to live with dignity," said Manjit Singh, National President of the Lysosomal Storage Disorders Support Society (LSDSS).

According to patient groups, the lack of timely central funding has already led to the discontinuation of treatment for more than 55 patients across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Delhi, and Karnataka. Nearly 60 children and adults have died in the last two years after exhausting the ₹50 lakh treatment cap under the National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD) 2021.

Singh warned that over 55 more patients remain untreated despite being registered at government-recognized Centres of Excellence, adding that the number could exceed 100 by the end of the year without urgent intervention.

"The ₹50 lakh limit was never meant to be a death sentence," said Raja Murugappan of the Rare Diseases Support Society, Tamil Nadu. Parents like Jayanta Mudi from Kolkata and Abul Kalam from Delhi shared painful accounts of their children's health deteriorating after therapy was halted.

"These are not children without cures," their appeal stated. "They are being denied treatment due to administrative delays. Justice delayed in this matter will mean justice denied irreversibly." It added that "the right to health and life under Article 21 is not an abstraction - it is the only hope for these children."

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Manjit Singh, President of LSDSS

Survey vessel Ikshak to join Navy, will safeguard maritime frontiers

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Navy is poised to enhance its hydrographic survey capabilities with the commissioning of Ikshak vessel on Thursday. Ikshak, the third vessel of the survey vessel (large) class, will be the first of its kind to be based at the Southern Naval Command in Kerala's Cochin.

The Navy on Wednesday termed the commissioning of Ikshak a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to augment its survey and charting infrastructure. "As a symbol of indigenous strength, technical excellence and maritime stewardship, Ikshak is ready to serve the nation -- charting the unknown and safeguarding India's vast maritime frontiers," the Navy said in a statement.

The ship, meaning 'Guide' in Sanskrit, will be commissioned in presence of Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, at a ceremony at Kochi naval base. It will get the prefix Indian Naval Ship (INS) once commissioned into the force.

"The survey vessels (large) will be 110 metre long with deep displacement of 3,300 tonnes and complement of 231, capable of full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic survey of ports and harbours, approaches and determination of navigational channels/routes," the Navy said.

"Equipped with state-of-the-art hydrographic and oceanographic equipment, including a high-resolution multi-beam echo sounder, autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV), remotely operated vehicle (ROV), and four survey motor boats (SMBs), Ikshak brings unmatched versatility and capability to the Navy's hydrographic fleet," it said.

The ship is also fitted with a helicopter deck, extending its operational reach and enabling multi-domain missions. It will undertake surveys of maritime limits up to EEZ. These vessels will be deployed for collection of oceanographic and geophysical data for defence applications.

Built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd., Kolkata, Ikshak stands as an example of India's growing self-reliance in shipbuilding. The vessel embodies over 80% indigenous content. The contract for building four survey ships at ₹2435 crore was signed between MoD and GRSE in 2018. The first vessel, INS Sandhayak, was commissioned in 2021.

Ship to bring versatility to Navy's hydrographic fleet

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Youth drives growth in social security enrolments

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S formal employment ecosystem appears to be regaining strength despite global economic headwinds, as new data from the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) show steady payroll expansion powered mostly by younger workers. The latest ESIC payroll report for October 2025 and the EPFO payroll release of September 2025 together paint a picture of an economy that, while still adjusting to post-pandemic realities, is creating jobs with social security coverage at a sustained pace. The data also signal a critical structural shift, the growing participation of youth in formal employment.

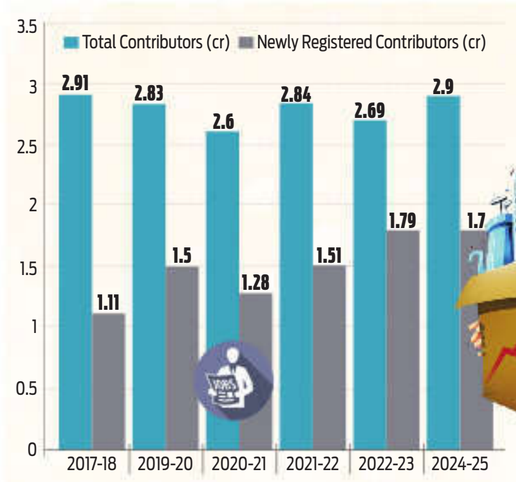
ESIC's consolidated payroll figures from FY 2017–18 to FY 2024–25 show insured employees rising from 2.9 crore to nearly 3 crore, a clear sign of labour formalisation. Around 70% of contributors belong to the 22–35 age group, while the over-35 segment grew from one crore to 1.2 crore, suggesting improving job continuity. Men continue to dominate enrolment (around 80%), but women's share at roughly 20% reflects gradual gender inclusion.

The data indicates that more Indians now hold stable, salaried jobs with access to health insurance and provident fund savings. This shift is particularly striking given the pandemic-induced contraction in 2020–21, when ESIC contributors fell by about 30 lakh. The rebound since has been sharp: 1.5 crore new contributors in 2021–22 and 1.7 crore in 2022–23, marking a rapid recovery in employment-linked social security coverage.

Monthly data through August 2025 show roughly three crore contributors on ESIC rolls, with 16–20 lakh new registrations each month. Nearly 70% of these begin contributing immediately, while 20–30 lakh contributors exit each month due to job changes, resignations, or crossing the ₹21,000 salary ceiling. The 22–25 and 26–28 age groups dominate new registrations, underscoring the influx of young workers into formal employment. EPFO numbers reflect a similar trajectory. Net new provident fund subscribers grew from 15.5 lakh in 2017–18 to nearly 1.3 crore in 2024–25. While the pandemic year (2020–21) saw net additions dip to 77 lakh, the following years rebounded sharply — 1.22 crore in 2021–22 and 1.39 crore in 2022–23.

Between April and July 2025, monthly net additions averaged 1.7–2.1 million, with the 22–25 age group accounting for about a third of new subscribers and the 18–21 bracket another significant share. Major industrial and service hubs — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Haryana, Delhi, and Telangana -- contributed more than two-thirds of all new EPF enrolments, highlighting the regional concentration of formal employment opportunities.

FORMAL SECTOR STRENGTH



EPFO NET PAYROLL DATA (2017–18 TO 2024–25)

Financial Year	Net New Subscribers (Lakh)	22–25 Age Group Share (%)
2017–18	1.55	36
2020–21	7.7	33
2021–22	12.2	34
2022–23	13.9	35
2024–25	12.9	34

EXTREME STEP

A middle-aged man allegedly died by suicide in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on Wednesday, with his family claiming he was terrified of being struck off the voter list during the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls.

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	18	Mumbai	30	26
Bhopal	27	14	Panaji	29	22
Jaipur	26	12	Patna	29	19
Amritsar	26	11	Lucknow	29	16
Chennai	30	26	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	30	24	Imphal	26	21
Srinagar	14	01	Chandigarh	26	13

POLL FEVER GRIPS

NDA's 'jungle raj' pitch and INDIA bloc's job promise face test as 3.75 crore voters will decide fate of 1,314 candidates in first phase of polls

1. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra waves at a crowd during a rally at Valmiki Nagar in West Champaran **2.** J P Nadda addresses a gathering in Narkatiaganj **3.** Akhilesh Yadav rooting for INDIA candidate in Belhar **4.** Yogi Adityanath campaigns in Gaya Ji's Wazirganj | PTI

BJP poll in-charge says Nitish is like head of NDA family, adds party has no hesitation in backing him as CM again, irrespective of seat numbers

No doubt over CM's face: Pradhan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

BJP'S in-charge for the Bihar Assembly elections, Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday debunked the speculation over Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's role in the event of the NDA returning to power. "Nitish Ji is like the head of our family, and nobody should have any doubt over who our CM face is," Pradhan told **TNIE** in an exclusive interview in Patna.

Pradhan asserted: "JD(U) is our oldest, trusted, and tested ally. We are working in complete coordination both at the Centre and in the state."

The minister said that Nitish Kumar had repeatedly acknowledged Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "generosity and concern for the speedy development of Bihar." He made it clear that the BJP had no hesitation in backing Nitish as Chief Minister again, irrespective of seat numbers. "Even when JD(U) had fewer seats and Nitish Ji himself was reluctant, he was sworn in as Chief Minister. This time too, the same understanding will continue," he said.

The Union Minister expressed confidence that the NDA would return to power with a full majority. He said the ruling alliance enjoyed support from all social groups — upper castes, OBCs, EBCs, and Dalits — and that the government was seeking votes based on its performance. "The double-engine government has fulfilled the promises made earlier, but we know we have miles to go for Bihar's growth," he said.

He stressed that the people of Bihar had immense faith in both Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Modi, describing both leaders as having "a clean image." Pradhan said voters would not allow "jungle raj" to return, recalling the difficult years under the Lalu-Rabri regime.

Attacking the opposition, Pradhan said leaders of the INDIA bloc, including those from the Congress and RJD, were facing corruption charges. "The main battle will be between the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan. Fringe players will fail to make any impact," he said.

Referring to the opposition charge that the government transferred ₹10,000 to women's accounts ahead of the elections, he said the claim was "baseless." The NDA has been taking steps for women's empowerment for the last two decades, he said, adding, "This is not about elections, it's about consistent governance."

Looking ahead, Pradhan said the NDA's focus after returning to power would be on attracting investment and creating opportunities for youth through skill development. He said education would remain a top priority. "We can make India a developed country by 2047 only if we invest in education. We have already given Bihar two central universities and 19 Kendriya-Vidyalayas. Bihar is now a priority state for NDA," he said.

Nitish is BJP's trusted and tested ally: Pradhan

"JD(U) is our oldest, most trusted and tested ally, and we are working in tandem both at the Centre and in the state. Irrespective our seat tally in the election results, Nitish ji will be the chief minister," Dharmendra Pradhan said. He expressed confidence that the NDA would return to power with full majority.

Bihar has chosen reflection over rhetoric for now

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TEJASHWI Yadav stands at the pivot of this transition—bearing a surname thick with history, and yet determined to build a politics whose vocabulary begins not with past entitlement but future dignity. His rallies have energy, his phrasing has a way of finding the young and speaking to them. In the village alleys, you hear a new sentence: "Chance toh milna chahiye." A chance must be given.

Across the aisle, Nitish—visibly ageing, visibly weary—remains, remarkably, a comfort choice. This is something adjacent to loyalty; more like habit, the trust evoked by an old armchair. For a state whose told stories have travelled the arc from chaos to order and back through impossible political contortions, a known form of stability still commands an instinctive nod. His alliance with the BJP brings an electoral machine that can calculate with the cold precision of algorithms. But the BJP's quiet ambition glimmers beneath its dutiful partnership: a desire, someday, to govern Bihar not by the consent of allies but on its own steam.

The Congress lingers at the edge—a memory, a partner, a seeker of relevance in a landscape it once defined and now must negotiate seat by seat.

Thus Bihar stands at a crossroads marked not by fury but by thought. The shouting has dimmed. The electorate may not bored or disinterested, it is discerning. A state long animated by political passion has chosen—at least for this moment—reflection over rhetoric. In a pause.

Still waters do run deep. Bihar may simply be listening to itself before it speaks again.

DECODE BIHAR POLL DECIDE

PK's Munger candidate quits, joins BJP

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PRASHANT Kishor-led Jan Suraaj Party on Wednesday suffered a setback after one of its candidates switched sides and joined BJP, a day before the first phase of polling.

Sanjay Singh, who had been fielded in Munger by JSP, took BJP membership in presence of saffron party's candidate Kumar Pranay. The number of JSP's candidates has now reduced by four, as earlier, its nominees had withdrawn or distanced themselves from the elections in Danapur, Brahampur and Gopalganj.

Singh said that he took the decision "in the interest of development and a stable government". "I have decided to fully support the NDA candidate and will make every effort to ensure his victory by a large margin."

Though the exact reason behind Singh switch over remains unclear, he said that JSP could not provide robust leadership, which is required for bringing a "real change".

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Punjab Congress MLA Khaira hits back at Modi

Punjab Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira has criticised PM Narendra Modi for his remarks against former CM Charanjit Singh Channi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. During a rally in Bihar, Modi said Channi wanted to stop people from Bihar from coming to Punjab. Khaira said the charges were "false". He reminded the Prime Minister that states like Gujarat and Uttarakhand, ruled by the BJP, have laws restricting outsiders from buying land, becoming voters or taking government jobs. Khaira reiterated that he wants a law in Punjab to safeguard the demographics of the state.

Mann questions delay in land allotment to AAP

Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann has questioned the Chandigarh Administration for delaying the allotment of land to AAP for its office. Mann said AAP had applied to the Punjab Governor, who is also the Chandigarh Administrator, but no action was taken. He said the party had fulfilled all conditions and deserved land as a national party. Mann criticised the BJP's "Sheesh Mahal-2" jibe. He said the delay exposed political bias against AAP and urged the administration to follow the rules.

Questions over Haryana Congress discipline move

After long, Haryana Congress has taken a significant step in enforcing discipline. It has set up a new disciplinary committee under Dharampal Malik. President Mallikarjun Kharge cleared the panel to keep order in the state unit. But the move comes at a tense time. Three leaders—Captain Ajay Yadav, Samtap Singh, and Kuldeep Sharma—have spoken out against the state leadership. The unrest follows the appointment of Rao Narender Singh as state chief and Bhupinder Singh Hooda as Congress Legislature Party leader.

Army jawan from Gujarat stabbed to death on train, family demands justice

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A train attendant stabbed to death an Army jawan, Jigneshbhai Chaudhary, in a moving train on Sunday.

The soldier, from Moti Gidasan village in Vadgam, Banaskantha, was returning home on leave. A minor altercation led to the murderous rage. The brutal killing has left Gujarat in shock, with his family demanding the strictest punishment for the accused and a probe.

Jigneshbhai, a soldier for 12 years, was travelling on the Jammu Tawi–Sabarmati Express after completing duty in Udhampur, Jammu. He was looking forward to reuniting with his family. That homecoming turned into a nightmare.

According to reports, an argument broke out between Jigneshbhai and the train's coach attendant, Zubair Memon, allegedly over a request for a bedsheet.

The small quarrel turned deadly when Memon later returned armed with a knife and attacked the soldier inside the coach. The soldier, caught off guard, was stabbed to death on the moving train. The incident left passengers stunned. Railway Police detained the accused, and the soldier's body was sent to PBM Hospital in Bikaner for a post-mortem.

By Wednesday morning, Jigneshbhai's body reached Chhapi. A huge crowd had gathered for his last journey. People lined the roads, waving the tricolour and shouting patriotic slogans.

His coffin, wrapped in the national flag, was carried with full honour. Soldiers gave him a guard of honour, while his family and villagers wept as they bid him farewell.

Grief turned to anger. His brother Jethabhai Chaudhary said, "We demand justice from the Prime Minister and Home Minister. Bring the accused to Gujarat and hang him."

V-P calls upon Maoists to surrender, releases govt aid for Bastar women

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

VICE-President CP Radhakrishnan, on his first visit to Chhattisgarh on Wednesday to mark the silver jubilee celebrations of the state, appealed to all Naxalites to lay down arms, noting that Maoism is on the wane, thanks to the combined efforts of security forces and the state government.

"Chhattisgarh is proud as we are now ending Naxalism, which has long hindered the state's growth. Peace is a must. Without peace, there can be no development," he emphasised.

He also released the 21st installment of Mahatari Vandan Yojana for 69 lakh beneficiaries, including 7,658 women from Bastar's villages that have recently been freed from Maoist influence.

Addressing a gathering at the Lakhpati Didi Sammelan at Rajnandgaon as the chief guest, the Vice-President further dwelt on the welfare of women in the state. He lauded the Lakhpati Didi initiative an extraordinary step taken in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision towards driving women-led development. "It is not just a matter of income. The scheme embodies independence, dignity and confidence of women across the country," he stressed.

It is worth noting that around 69 lakh women in the state have received over ₹647 crore under the Mahtari Vandan Yojana, one of the mosy ambitious schemes of Chhattisgarh government intended to boost women empowerment. Each eligible beneficiary— a married woman above the age of 21—receiving ₹1,000 directly into their bank accounts.

While speaking at the closing ceremony of the Chhattisgarh Rajat Mahotsav in Nava Raipur, he hailed the state's "extraordinary" journey from being one of the youngest states in India to one of the most promising and progressing states.

He presented 34 awards to eminent people and institutions at 'Rajya Alankaran Samaroh' programme.

Hails Lakhpati Didi initiative for women empowerment

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No forward movement on formation of coordination panel between NC & Cong

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

DESPITE the recent setback to the ruling National Conference (NC) in the Rajya Sabha polls from Jammu and Kashmir, there has been no progress on forming a coordination committee between the NC and the Congress. The Congress has also decided against joining the Omar Abdullah government, even as the Chief Minister plans a cabinet expansion.

Congress sources said there has been no contact between the leadership of the two parties regarding the coordination committee meant to ensure the smooth functioning of the coalition. State Congress president Tariq Hamid Karra has repeatedly stressed the need for such a committee to streamline governance and address key policy matters.

"Our leaders are presently busy with the Bihar elections. We have not taken up this issue with the NC, and neither has the NC raised it with us," a senior Congress leader said. He added that the absence of coordination has left several development issues unresolved.

After the NC suffered a setback in the recent Rajya Sabha polls, winning only three seats and losing one to the BJP due to cross-voting, it was expected that the ruling party would reach out to the Congress to expedite the process. "The issue will be taken up on priority after the Bihar elections," the leader said. Congress leaders are also unhappy over being denied a "safe" Rajya Sabha seat despite earlier assurances. The party has decided not to join the government for now. The Chief Minister is planning to expand the cabinet after the bypolls to two Assembly seats on November 11.

Senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Monga said, "Our president Tariq Hamid Karra has made it clear that we will not join the government till statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is restored."

PREZ TRUMP BLAMES GOP DEBACLE ON HIS ABSENCE, SHUTDOWN

Democrats' big night in the US stirs pride in Uganda

WASHINGTON/ KAMPALA

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said that the Republican Party lost Tuesday's elections due to his absence from the ballot and the shutdown.

Democrats dominated the first major election since President Trump returned to the White House in January. Democratic socialist Zohran Mamdani pulled off a stunning victory in the New York City mayoral elections, while his party colleague Mikie Sherrill was elected New Jersey governor.

"Trump wasn't on the ballot, and shutdown, were the two reasons that republicans lost elections tonight, according to Pollsters," the US President posted on Truth Social. He, however, did not name the pollsters. The government shutdown has entered its 36th day, breaking the previous record.

In another post, Trump called for voter reforms. "Republicans, terminate the Filibuster! Get back to passing legislation and voter reform! President DJT," he wrote. "Pass Voter Reform, Voter ID, No Mail-In Ballots. Save our Supreme Court from 'Packing,' No Two State addition, etc. Terminate the filibuster!!!," Trump said in another post.

When Mamdani started his victory speech, Trump posted, "...and so it begins!" In his victory speech, Mamdani challenged Trump on immigration, heralded the toppling of "political dynasty' and said his election symbolises 'hope' over tyranny and "big money'.

In a victory for Democratic party's progressive wing, Mamdani defeated former Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Republican Curtis Sliwa. Mamdani must now navigate unending demands of America's biggest city and deliver on ambitious promises.

Meanwhile, the opposition leader in the Ugandan Parliament sees the Ugandan-born Zohran Mamdani's victory in the New York mayoral race as an inspiring political shift.

"It's a big encouragement even to us here in Uganda that it's possible," said Joel Ssenyonyi, who represents an area of the Ugandan capital of Kampala. "But we have a long way to get there." *AP/PTI*

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Vanarasa Azith Kumar, S/o. Vanarchi Rathnam, R/o. D.No. 28-6-174 (2), A.P.H.B. Colony, Ananthapuram, A.P., I have changed my name from Vanarasa Azith Kumar (Old Name) to **VANARCHI AZITH KUMAR** (New Name), Here after my name is known as **VANARCHI AZITH KUMAR**

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I MARRIBOINA OBANNA, S/O M.PULLAIAH, RANK SUB, ARMY NO. JC2241891L, D.NO. 2/28, GANGULA NARAYANA PALLE (V) CHINNA KOMERLA (P), MYLAVARAM (M), YSR KADAPA (DT) 516433, A.P ARMY RECORD MY WIFE NAME MENTION AS GURAMMA, INSTEAD OF MARRIBOINA GURAMMA VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 04-11-2025. BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC (GOVT OF A.P).

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **M. SANJANA** (Name of Daughter as per Service Record or Discharge Book) is Daughter of No 15328006K Rank SPR, Name MUMMAKA ADINARAYANA REDDY Residing at D.No 1-132, Gunipalli village, Bukkapatnam Mandal, Sri sathya Sai Dist (Address) have changed my name from M. SANJANA (Existing Name of Daughter as per Service Record or Discharge Book) to MUMMAKA SANJANA REDDY (Proposed / adopted New Name) vide affidavit dated 01-11-2025 (Date of Affidavit) in DD/MM/YYY Format before NOTARY M.Venkateswara Rao, D.No 7/262, Malleswara Road, Anantapuramu City, Anantapuramu District

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ex.No.15687947M, Rank-NAIK, **Y RAJASEKAR,** is legal father of **Y POOJA SRI**(Name of daughter as per Birth POR), residing at D.No.22-18-1/MM301, Monana Manor Apartment, Garudadri Nagar, Karakambadi Road, Tirupati Urban, Tirupati District ,AP,Pin-517501 have changed my minor daughter name from **Y POOJA SRI**(Daughter Name as per Birth POR/RCSR) to **YARRAJENNUGARI POOJA SRI** (Proposed New Name of Daughter)

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KIIFB-(2017-2018) Karimpukayam water supply project augmentation of ARWSS to Kanjirappally, Elikkulam and Chirakkadavu Panchayaths in Kottayam District. Package - I-ARWSS to Kanjirappally, Elikkulam and Chirakkadavu Panchayaths in Kottayam District. package - I-Pipeline Work. EMD : Rs. 500000, Tender fee : Rs. 16540 +(2978)GST, Last Date for submitting Tender : 25-11-2025 03:00:pm , Phone : 0481 2562745
Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-497-2025-26 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kottayam

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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No.G/C/E-Auction Leasing/2025
Date: 03.11.2025

PUB/1395

For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Guntakal Division, South Central Railway conducts e-Auction through **https://www.ireps.gov.in** form the Indian nationals above the age of eighteen years and Companies/Firms registered in India on closed end e-auction.

S. No.	Catalogue No.	Category	Locations in catalogue	Date of Auction	Auction Start time
1	GTL-ATM-2025-15	ATM	TPTY(4), TU	14.11.2025	14:00 hrs
2	GTL-ONBV-2025-13	ONBV	Train No.12717/12708	14.11.2025	14:00 hrs
3	GTL-Train-2025-05	ADVT	Train No.12731, 57405, 12733, 17479 & 12707	14.11.2025	15:00 hrs
4	GTL-NFR-PS-2025-01	Premium Stores	RU-3, TU-1	11.11.2025	14:00 hrs
5	GTL-RCR-2025-13	RCR	RU, MALM, TCNR	21.11.2025	15:00 hrs
6	RC-PMBJK-2025-12	PMBJK	RC	21.11.2025	15:00 hrs
7	GTL-Food Truck-2025-01	Food Truck	GY, GTL, DHNE, HX & DMM	20.11.2025	15:00 hrs
8	GTL-BOXNWC-2025-3	BOXNWC	HGI	14.11.2025	14:00 hrs
9	MGZ-2025-15	Gaming Zone	ATP	10.11.2025	13:00 hrs
10	MSS-GTL-DL-3	Digi Lockers	RU & ATP	21.11.2025	13:00 hrs

Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the user manual downloaded through the learning centre (User manuals) link available in the left navigation bar of the home page of IREPS site to understand e-Auction procedure and participate. And for further clarifications, bidders may approach office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, South Central Railway, Guntakal.

A1757 Sr.Divisional Commercial Manager,Guntakal

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP)
ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)
Plot No.12 &13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-58.
Fax: 080-28094180. Ph: 080-28094196, 4184, 4541, 4542

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-Tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for following works.

NIT No.	**ISTRAC/CMG/CON/C/ETN-80/ 2025-2026 dated: 04.11.2025**
Name of work	**Providing 2 nos. of Antenna supporting structures with service buildings (BL-1R and BL-2R) for 11m dia Antenna and Foundation for DG and Transformers at IDSN campus, ISTRAC, Bengaluru (Civil, PH & Internal Electrification works)**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 275.59 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of Completion	**09 (Nine) months**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	**From 14.30 hrs. on 06.11.2025 to 16.30 hrs. on 27.11.2025**
Bid clarifications	**From 15.30 hrs. on 06.11.2025 to 16.30 hrs. on 28.11.2025**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	**Up to 16.30 hrs. on 01.12.2025**
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 14.30 hrs. on 02.12.2025**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**03.12.2025 after 11.30 hours**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 5,51,180/-**

For eligiblity criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) on the website **https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html** and download the tender free view at **https://www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/-Group Head-CMG

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom so ever it concern It is hereby informed to the general public that my client by name Lingareddy Manohar Reddy, S/o L.Madhusudhana Reddy, R/o D.No. 1-163, 1st Road, Georgepet, Anantapuramu is owning the Schedule mentioned property L.Manohar Reddy lost the original Link Document No: 1605/2006 Dated: 08-02-2006 Standing in the name of Reddyvari Madusudhana S/o Reddyvari Adinarayana Reddy and Reddyvari Murali Krishna S/o Reddyvari Adinarayana Reddy. Both are R/o D.No. 12/5/137 FCI colony, Anantapuramu. The said original Link Document, which was in bag was lost, While he was traveling in Auto from His House to APSRTC Busstand Anantapuramu.

He has given a police complaint before Anantapuramu III Town Police Station. If any body has got any objection relating to the said issue they can call upon me or my client within 10 days of the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

Property Situated Anantapuram R.D and S.R.D of Anantapuramu within Anantapuram Municipal Corporation area limits.

Ward: Old:4, New:8, Present:11, T.S No. 280-3 A.C. - 4.50 paiki, A.C. - 0.09.46, H.S. 0.039, Plot No. 23, L.P.No: 233/80.

Boundaries: East: 60 feet road, **South:** Plot No.25, **West:** Plot No.24, 26, **North:** Plot No.21. **Measuring: East-West:** 80 feet or 24.40 mtrs; **North-South:** 51 ½ feet or 15.71 mtrs.

N.R.K MOHAN, Advocate, Anantapuramu Cell No.: 9440787100

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are requested to take this notice issued under the instructions and on behalf of my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri **"Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri"** that one **Gaddam Chinna Ramana S/o Gaddam Sreeramulu, Door No. 1-39-A, Nayanapalli Village, Narpala Mandal, Anantapuramu District,** has approached my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri to obtain a mortgage loan to meet his legal necessities by mortgaging the schedule mentioned house constructed by him in the open place purchased by him under the **Registered Sale Deed No. 1377/2013 of SRO., Singanamala executed by Ediga Ramanjaneyulu, S/o Ediga Chandranna,** and in continuous link sale deed No. **696/2016 before SRO., Singanamala.** The Original link document referred above was lost by the proposed loan applicant **Gaddam Chinna Ramana S/o Gaddam Sreeramulu** as on 30-07-2025 proposed loan applicant Gaddam Chinna Ramana S/o Gaddam Sreeramulu as on **30-07-2025** informed by him while he was travelling from **Nayanapalli to Narpala** and that he could not trace out the same in spite of his efforts. He also produced the certificate issued by **SHO., Narpala** Police to that effect. It is requested that if anybody among public has found the said document and having custody of the same may be pleased to deliver the said document either to me or to my client's branch and further if anybody is having any claim, title or interest over the said property shown here under may bring to my notice or to my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri in writing with necessary evidence within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of the notice, failing which my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri will proceed to sanction the mortgage loan to the said **Gaddam Chinna Ramana S/o Gaddam Sreeramulu** basing on the certified copy of the above document and other documents to the satis-faction of my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri and no claims will be entertained if any forwarded by anybody thereafter either to me or my client Muthoot Fincorp Limited, Tadipatri.

SCHEUDLE

Property situate within the Revenue District of Anantapuramu now Sri Anantapuramu Registration District and Sub Registration District of Singanamala, within local limits of Peravali Revenue Village, Peravali Gram Panchayat, Singanamala Mandal, Anantapuramu District. Open Site at Peravali Village to an extent of Ac. 0.03 cents or 146 Sq. Yards in S.Nos. 152-1 of Peravali Revenue village, bounded by: East : Chekkera Kullayappa Plot, West : Bandi Rasta, North : Ediga Prasad Plot, South : Obulesu Plot.

H.Md. SHAHUL-HAQ, B.Com., LL.B., Advocate, Tadipatri-515 411, Anantapuram (Dist). Mobile No: 9182462006

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom so ever it concern, it is hereby informed to the General Public that, my clients namely **1) Smt.Putluru Naveena W/o K.V.Narappa Reddy, Villa No.7, Srinagar Colony, Anantapuram Town & Dist. 2) Smt.Kasula Varalakshmi W/o Boggarapu Sandeep Guptha, residing at D.No.11-890-12, Flat No.301, Rajahamsa Rainbow Apt., 1st Cross, Aravinda Nagar, Anantapuram Town & Dist.** are intending to sell the schedule property to prospective purchaser/s.

So, if anybody is having any sale, mortgage, lease or disputes relating to schedule property, please inform the same to me or my clients **1) Smt.Putluru Naveena & 2) Smt. Kasula Varalakshmi** within **10 (Ten)** days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which my clients **1) Smt. Putluru Naveena & 2) Smt.Kasula Varalakshmi** will sell the schedule property to the prospective purchaser/s.

SCHEDULE

Landed property situated in Nuthimadugu Village & Panchayat area of Kambadur Mandal with in R.D. of Anantapuram & S.R.D. of Kalyandrug.

Item No.1:
Govt. Dry Sy.No.127-1 A.C.3.72 Khatha No.1684
Bounded by: East : Vendor's land, **West:** Rastha, **North:** Golla Ramanna land, **South:** Vendor land.

Item No.2:
Govt. Dry Sy.No.127-3 A.C.5.00 Khatha No.1684
Bounded by: East: Vendor's land, **West:** Rastha, **North:** Golla Aswarthappa land, **South:** Golla Bojjannal land.

Item No.3:
Govt. Dry Sy.No.127-4 A.C.5.00 Khatha No.1684
Bounded by: East : Vendor's land, **West:** Rastha, **North:** Golla Aswarthappa land, **South:** Golla Bojjannal land.

Item No.4:
Govt. Dry Sy.No.125-5B A.C.2.13 Khatha No.1684
Govt. Dry Sy.No.125-8B A.C. 1.00 Khatha No.1684
Govt. Dry Sy.No.125-8C A.C. 1.00 Khatha No.1684
Govt. Dry Sy.No.125-7A A.C. 2.00 Khatha No.1684
Govt. Dry Sy.No.125-5 } Sub-Division Sy.No.125/5A } A.C.2.12 Khatha No.1684
Total: A.C.8.25

Bounded by: East : Thumucherla land in Sy.No.99, **West:** Nuthimadugu land in Sy.No.127, **North:** G.Sivamma land in Sy.No.125, **South:** Land in Sy.No.126.

T.VISWANATH, Advocate, Anantapur. Mobile No. 9440285641

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
Registered Office:- 27 BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
Branch Office:- # 6-3-1109/1, 2nd Floor, Navabharat Chambers, Rajbhavan Road,Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.

DEMAND NOTICE

STATUTORY NOTICE **UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.** The undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's **Registered Office at 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051,** and having Branch Office situated at also **Regional office situated at # 6-3-1109/1, 2nd Floor, Navabharat Chambers, Rajbhavan Road,Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank/KMBL")** appointed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereby issues to you the following notice:- This notice is issued in terms of section 13(2) of the said Act and Rule 3 Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002.

S. No.	Name of Customer (Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account No's	Amount of Outstanding as per Demand Notice
1	**Loan Account No. HF38225735, CRN No.37308156** **1. Smt. Modem Jayamma, W/o. Late Modem Chinappa,** D.No.3-146-14-1410, Ramarao Colony, B.K.Palli, Madanaalli, Chittoor-517325. Also at: **Smt. Modem Jayamma,** C/o M/s Reddy Enterprises, D.No.32-26-16-1, Vijay Lakshmi Nivas, Machavaram, Beside Vani Public School, Vijayawada-520013. Also at: **Smt. Modem Jayamma, W/o. Late Modem Chinappa,** Villa No.1, B type, Maha Lakshmi Apts., Tadepalli (M), Guntur-522001 **(Borrower). 2. Mr. Modem Veeranjaneya Prasad, S/o. Late Modem Chinappa,** D.No.3-1, Malluru, Chinna Mandem, YSR Cuddapah-516214. Also at: **2. Mr. Modem Veeranjaneya Prasad,** C/o M/s Reddy Enterprises, D.No.32-26-16-1, Vijay Lakshmi Nivas, Machavaram, Beside Vani Public School, Vijayawada-520013 **(Co-Borrower/Guarantor). 3. Mrs. Bommisetty Reddy Param Jyothi, W/o. Modem Veeranjaneya Prasad,** D.No.3-1, Malluru, Chinna Mandem, YSR Cuddapah-516214. Also at: **3. Mrs. Bommisetty Reddy Param Jyothi,** C/o M/s Reddy Enterprises, D.No.32-26-16-1, Vijay Lakshmi Nivas, Machavaram, Beside Vani Public School, Vijayawada-520013 **(Co-Borrower/Guarantor).**	**Demand Notice Date: 22-Oct-2025** **NPA Date: 10-May-2024** **Total Due Amount: Rs.34,64,932.71/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two and Seventy One Paisa Only)** due as on 22-Oct-2025

Description of the Property Mortgage:- Mortgage over following properties: Item-1: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 33,946.4sq.yds situated in Sy.No 99/2,101/1,101/2, and 102/2 of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/1, 101/1 & 99/1, **South:** Land in Sy.Nos.100,101/2 & 89, **East:** Land in Sy.Nos.99/1,99/2,100,101/2 and 89, **West:** Land in Sy.Nos.101/1,103/A,102/1 and Road.

Item-2: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 10,793.2sq.yds situated in Sy.No 102/2 of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/2, **South:** Land in Sy.Nos.88, East: Land in Sy.Nos.101/2 & 89, **West:** Road

Item-3: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 4888.4Sq.yds situated in Sy.No 102/1(Part) and Sy.No.103/A(part) of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.103/A(part), South: Land in Sy.Nos.102/2, East: Land in Sy.Nos.101/2 , **West:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/1(part) & 103/A(part)

Item-4: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 414.79Sq.yds situated in Sy.No 88 of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the **Name of Modem Jayamma** and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/2, **South:** Land in Sy.Nos.88, **East:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/2 & 88, **West:** Road.

Item-5: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 2589.4Sq.yds as per link document which is mutated as 2565.2Sq.yds in Revenue Records- situated in Sy.No.102/1 of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/1, **South:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/2, **East:** Land in Sy.Nos.101/, **West:** Land in Sy.Nos.102/1.

Item-6: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 2662Sq.yds situated in Sy.No.103/C of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land in Sy.Nos.103/D, **South:** Land in Sy.Nos.103/A, **East:** Land in Sy.Nos.101/1, **West:** Land in Sy.Nos.103/B.

Item-7: All that the piece and parcel of land total admeasuring 108.88Sq.yds situated in Sy.No.100 of Tadepalli Village and Mandal, Guntur Revenue division, Guntur District standing in the Name of Modem Jayamma and **bounded by: Boundaries of Plot: North:** Land Belongs to Land Owner No.3, South: Nil, East: Neighbor's Land, **West:** Land Belongs to Land Owner No.3.

Property Covered under the Sale Deed No 4726/2020 dt 21-Oct-2020:- All that the part and parcel of House/villa bearing No 1 admeasuring 444Sq.yds equivalent to 371.24Sq.mts with salable built up area admeasuring 7812Sq.ft along with 695sq.ft of exclusive parking space forming part of housing project being developed upon land Sy.No.88,103/A,99/2,100,101/1,101/2,102/1,102/2 and 103/C Standing the Name of Modem Jayamma Located Tadepalli Village and Mandal Guntur Revenue Division, Guntur District and **bounded by: Boundaries of Property: North:** Open Space, **South:** Villa No 2, East: D Nagendra Prasad and D Sai Prasad Land, **West:** 40' Wide Road.

In witness whereof the vendors have executed this deed of sale and have signed with their free will and consent without any coercion or undue influence on the date and at the place above mentioned in the presence.

Place: Vijayawada & Guntur, Date: 06-11-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TGSPDCL intends to float tender for procurement of (a) 1Ph Capacitor Cells 220KVAR, 7.3KV (b) 11 KV 5-Way RMUs (c) 3Cx95+16+70 sq.mm LT AB XLPE Cable (d) 9.1 m/280 kgs PSCC Poles to Various circle of Medak Stores (e) 9.1 m/280 kgs PSCC Poles to Various circle of Siddipet Stores e-procurement platform.

For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tgsouthernpower.org, www.tender.telangana.gov.in** Phone: 040-23431360, 1033, 1035, 1026

DIPR R.O.No.803-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:05.11.2025 Sd/-CHIEF ENGINEER (P&MM)

CAUTION

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA, VIJAYAWADA-520004

NIT No.610002094

APGENCO invites Online tenders for "Design, Engineering, Testing, Offering for Inspection, Packing, Forwarding, Supply (including Transit Insurance & unloading at site) of Materials with all accessories, maintenance Tools & Tackles and Dismantling of existing materials (if required) & Erection of the supplied materials, Civil works, modification of existing system including Testing and commissioning, required to improve the performance of the Ash Handling System pertains to 600MW Unit of Stage-IV of Dr.MVR RTPP, through APGENCO e-procurement platform. Estimated Value of Contract : Rs.41,65,75,000/- including all charges but exclusive of GST. Schedule will be available online : from 03.11.2025 onwards. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting at RTPP Site : 17.11.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs. Bid submission closing date & time : 13.00 Hrs on 01.12.2025. For other details visit website, viz. **www.apgenco.gov.in**

DIPR No.4544PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 05/11/2025

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 16th September, 2025

S.O. 4352(E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 37(A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (Act no. 24 of 1989) the Central Government hereby notifies that the project, mentioned in the table below as "Special Railway Project" in the State of Karnataka for providing National Infrastructure for a Public Purpose with effect from date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

SN	Name of the Project	Village	Taluk	District
1	Construction of Road over Bridge with limited height subway (LHS) at km: 259/900-260/000 in lieu of LC no. 103 at Gudupalle between Bangarpet-Kuppam section.	Gudupalle	Kuppam Mandal	Chittoor

[F.No. SWR/W.352/ROBs-RSP/Land/2025-26]

For details log on : https://egazette.gov.in

Ningappa Chandappa Chaluwadi,
Deputy Chief Engineer/ Road Over BridgesRoad Safety Projects/ Hubballi.

PUB/607/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE-1 (RACPC-1), KK Towers, First Floor, MG Road,VIJAYAWADA-520 010. NTR District.

POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX IV (RULE - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, Prajasakthi Nagar Branch, Vijayawada, Krishna District under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with *Rule 3* of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 01.08.2025 and news paper publication on 31.08.2025 calling upon the borrower: **Sri Paturu Srinivasula Reddy S/o Jayarami Reddy,** Door No.2-83, KS Agraharam, Badvel, YSR District-516104 (A/c No. HL:42834587043 & HL:42836112588) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being sum of aggregating of Rs.59,84,108/- (Rs.29,84,793/- + Rs.29,99,315/-) (Rupees Fifty nine lakhs eighty four thousand one hundred and eight only) and interest as on 01.08.2025 plus further interest incidental charges etc. thereon (Less repayments if any) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement)Rules,2002 on this the day.

The borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of aggregating of Rs.59,84,108/- (Rs.29,84,793/- + Rs.29,99,315/-) and further interest incidental charges etc. thereon (Less repayments if any).

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1) An extent of undivided unspecified share of 48 Sq.yards out of 389 Sq. yards of site along with building constructed thereon in RS.Nos.180/3, 180/4, 180/7, Plot Nos.24 & 25, Near Door no. 4-78, Plinth area of 822 Sft, Common Area 110 Sft, Car Parking 150 Sft, **Flat No.301, 2nd Floor, SRI SAI NIVAS APARTMENT**, Kankipadu Village & Mandal, Krishna District belonging to Sri Paturu Srinivasula Reddy S/o Jayarami Reddy,vide Regd. Sale Deed No.10729/2024 dated 03.04.2024 JSRO, Kankipadu, Krishna District and bounded by: **Apartment Boundaries:** East: 40 feet wide Panchayathi Road, South: Plot No. 23, West: Plot Nos.36, 37, North: Plot No.26.
Flat No.301 Boundaries: East: Open to sky, South: Steps, Lift & Common Corridor, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky.

2) An extent of undivided unspecified share of 48 Sq.yards out of 389 Sq. yards of site along with building constructed thereon in RS.Nos.180/3, 180/4, 180/7, Plot Nos.24 & 25, Near Door no. 4-78, Plinth area of 822 Sft, Common Area 110 Sft, Car Parking 150 Sft, **Flat No.302, 2nd Floor, SRI SAI NIVAS APARTMENT**, Kankipadu Village & Mandal, Krishna Districtbelonging to Sri Paturu Srinivasula Reddy S/o Jayarami Reddy,vide Regd. Sale Deed No.10730/2024 dated 03.04.2024 JSRO, Kankipadu, Krishna District and bounded by: **Apartment Boundaries:** East: 40 feet wide Panchayathi Road, South: Plot No. 23, West: Plot Nos.36, 37, North: Plot No.26.
Flat No.302 Boundaries: East: Open to sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Steps, Lift & Common Corridor.

Date : 03-11-2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Vijayawada **State Bank of India**

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)
3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Pursuant to attachment of Immovable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court, the Special Officer & Competent Authority is issuing notice for e-auction of the immovable property through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (as mentioned against each auction in the e-portal provided by the Service Provider/Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only).

Short description of the Immovable Property (SPLOCA/AUC(2)/CR/15/2025-26)

Properties are free of all encumbrances and are in the name of Competent Authority appointed by Government and confirmed by the Special Court under KPIDFE Act, 2004. and Hon'ble High Court Of Karnataka has cleared the title (Khata stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority)

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 717/2019)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	Site No. 10, Khata No. 167, (1st A Cross, Rashad Nagar, 'C' Block, Ward No.25 Byatarayanapura CMC) Nagawara Gramathana, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluku, Bengaluru-560045. Total measuring 1080 sq.ft Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/4vwDADYTmky9BnMr6 Latitude and Longitude: 13°01'49.0"N 77°37'03.2"E			
(a)	Ground Floor-1, Flat No. GF-101, UDS-87.95, SBA-324 sq.ft	12,54,000/-	1,26,000/-	13,000/-
(b)	Ground Floor-2, Flat No. GF-102, UDS-131.30, SBA-484 sq.ft	18,33,500/-	1,84,000/-	19,000/-
(c)	First Floor-1, Flat No. FF -104, UDS-144.71, SBA-534 sq.ft	20,33,000/-	2,04,000/-	21,000/-
(d)	First Floor-2, Flat No. FF -103, UDS-142.21, SBA-524 sq.ft	19,95,000/-	2,00,000/-	20,000/-
(e)	Second Floor-1, Flat No. SF -106, UDS-142.21, SBA-524 sq.ft	20,52,000/-	2,06,000/-	21,000/-
(f)	Second Floor-2, Flat No. SF -105, UDS-142.21, SBA-524 sq.ft	20,14,950/-	2,02,000/-	21,000/-
(d)	Third Floor-1, Flat No. TF -108, UDS-142.21, SBA-524 sq.ft	20,23,500/-	2,03,000/-	21,000/-
(h)	Third Floor-2, Flat No. TF -107, UDS-142.21, SBA-524 sq.ft	19,85,500/-	1,99,000/-	20,000/-

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
19th November 2025, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	**03rd December 2025 11:00am to 05:00pm**	**04th December 2025 Before 5pm**	**05th December 2025 11 am to 1 pm**

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 6364403715.

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Date: 29-10-2025 **Special Officer & Competent Authority**
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27.5% The outstanding debt/GDP ratio of states as of 2024-25, which was above the 20% level recommended by FRBM Review Committee

Govt will regulate AI if needed: MeitY secretary

Krishnan says govt will protect people from harms posed by tech

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S current focus is on fostering innovation in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), and it will introduce regulations or legislation whenever required, said Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) S Krishnan on Wednesday.

Krishnan, while speaking on the IndiaAI Governance Guidelines Report submitted to the government by a sub-committee under the IndiaAI Mission, said the government will take all necessary measures to protect people from potential and evident harms posed by the technology. "There is a lot of scope for innovation in the AI space. Having said that, let me again assert that if the need arises for legislation or regulation, the government will not be found wanting," Krishnan said.

Meanwhile, the IndiaAI Governance Guidelines Report proposes adopting balanced, agile, and flexible frameworks that encourage innovation while mitigating AI-related risks. It also calls for a review of existing laws to identify regulatory gaps concerning AI systems and to address them through targeted amendments. Moreover, the report recommends enabling innovation and adoption of AI by expanding access to foundational resources such as data and compute infrastructure, attracting investments, and leveraging the country's digital public infrastructure for scale, impact, and inclusion.

The guidelines further propose the development of an India-specific risk assessment framework based on real-world evidence of harm. Additional obligations for risk mitigation may apply in specific contexts—such as sensitive applications or those involving vulnerable groups. The report suggests adopting a graded liability system based on the function performed, level of risk, and the extent to which due diligence was observed. Applicable laws should be enforced, while guidelines can assist organisations in meeting their obligations. It also calls for greater transparency regarding how different actors in the AI value chain operate and comply with legal requirements. Krishnan said that India's framework for AI will be developed through extensive consultations. He added that the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is studying how other countries are addressing AI-related challenges to ensure India's approach remains balanced and adaptable.

CALLS FOR BALANCED FRAMEWORK

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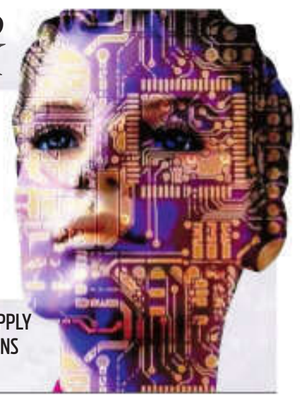

Indian refiners to cut import of Russian crude after Nov 21

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

EVEN though Russian crude continued to account for the largest share of India's crude oil imports in October 2025, Indian refiners are expected to reduce their purchases of Russian oil after November 21, according to commodity market analytics firm Kpler.

As per the Kpler data, Russian crude flows to India are likely to remain around 1.6–1.8 million barrels per day (mbd) until November 21. However, most Indian refiners are expected to comply with US sanctions and halt or scale down crude purchases from Rosneft and Lukoil. To offset the reduction in direct Russian inflows, refiners are likely to ramp up procurement from the Middle-East, Brazil, Latin America, West Africa, Canada, and the US. However, Nayara Energy's 400,000 barrels per day (kbd) Vadinar refinery, partially owned by Rosneft and under EU sanctions, is unlikely to alter its sourcing strategy.

"We see reductions in Russian crude arrivals after November 21, 2025. Most Indian refiners are expected to comply with US sanctions and halt or reduce crude purchases from Rosneft and Lukoil. This is likely to trigger a decline in Russian crude imports in December, followed by a gradual recovery through mid-to-late Q1, 2026, as new trading intermediaries emerge and alternative routes are established," said Sumit Ritolia, lead research analyst at Kpler.

The US imposed sanctions on Russia's two largest oil producers—Rosneft and Lukoil—in October 2025. Together, these companies account for an estimated 4–5 mbd of global crude exports. As per Kpler, a key trend observed was sharp rise in US crude imports, which rose to their highest level since March 2021. Imports from the US reached 568 kbd in October and are likely to average 450–500 kbd in November, compared with a year-to-date average of around 300 kbd. Kpler said the rise was driven by market economics rather than sanctions.

"Overall, refiners are likely to diversify import baskets, with higher inflows from Latin America (Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Guyana), the United States, West Africa, and the Middle East. While near-term Russian imports may dip starting in December, Russian barrels will continue reaching India through intermediaries," Ritolia added.

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Q2 RESULTS

Grasim's net profit rises 52% to ₹1,498 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADITYA Birla Group flagship holding company Grasim Industries on Wednesday reported a 52.4% increase in its net profit to ₹1,498.04 crore for the September quarter of FY26, supported by a higher profitability in the cement and chemical businesses.

The company has reported a net profit of ₹982.94 crore for the July-September quarter a year ago, according to a regulatory filing by the holding firm. Grasim's revenue from operations increased 16.6% to ₹39,899.5 crore in the September quarter of FY26. It was ₹34,222.50 crore in the corresponding quarter a year before. This growth in consolidated revenue was "largely driven by growth in building materials and chemicals businesses", said Grasim Industries in its earnings statement. Total expenses of Grasim grew 15.24 per cent to ₹37,795.74 crore in the September quarter.

Total income, which includes other income as well, rose 16.23 per cent in the September quarter to ₹40,244.84 crore.

On a Standalone basis, which primarily includes the India business, Grasim's revenue from operations surged 26% to ₹9,610.34 crore.

Indian manufacturers urge govt to ensure cos source locally-made steel

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

INDIAN stainless steel manufacturers are seeking the government's help to ensure that sectors like automobile, utensils procure locally manufactured steel, rather than importing cheap steel from overseas. They want the assurance that the relaxation on stainless steel imports, allowing the sale of non-BIS-compliant steel products, won't be extended beyond December 31, so that Indian steel manufacturers can sell their products to the industries.

"Auto and utensils manufacturers should procure steel locally, rather than buying it from Japan, Korea, China and other countries. India has enough capacity to meet demand. Domestically manufactured steel can be used," said Rajamani Krishnamurti, President Indian Stainless Steel Development Association (ISSDA).

The government has extended relaxation on stainless steel imports till December 31, allowing sale of non-BIS-compliant products to ease raw material shortages. This creates a non-level playing field for foreign steel manufacturers, who can continue to supply non-BIS-compliant input materials, particularly semi-finished products to India, while domestic mills remain bound by strict BIS quality standards. Local steel manufacturers cautioned the domestic industry is buying overseas steel at 20-25% cheaper rate, thus they are not willing to buy locally made steel.

The Steel Ministry said the move was needed due to limited local output, though domestic makers fear prolonged relaxations could hurt long-term market stability. Local manufacturers have assured that there will be no dearth of the output to meet the demand going forward, as they have up scaled their production significantly. Not only for stainless steel, but overall a surge in low-cost steel imports is hurting India's domestic producers. As per media reports, around 150 mills have been shut down and another 50 have cut output.

Birla Opus Paints chief executive Hargave resigns

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RAKSHIT HARGAVE, chief executive officer (CEO) of Birla Opus Paints, has submitted his resignation, effective December 5, 2025. Hargave had joined the Aditya Birla company in November 2021 and played an important role in setting up the foundation for the conglomerate's entry into the highly competitive decorative paints business.

As per reports, Hargave is joining dairy and biscuit major Britannia Industries in a leadership role. Following his exit, Himanshu Kapania, Managing Director of Grasim Industries, will step in as the interim CEO. During his stint with the Birlas, the paint business expanded rapidly since their entry in February 2024. He helped in the establishment of six integrated manufacturing facilities, scaled distribution and supply chain networks nationwide for the paint business.

Kaynes to begin PCB production in Chennai plant by end of this year

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

ELECTRONICS components manufacturer, Kaynes Technology India Ltd, has announced that its new plant for manufacturing printed circuit boards (PCBs) in Chennai will commence production by the end of this year, with shipments expected to start by April 2026.

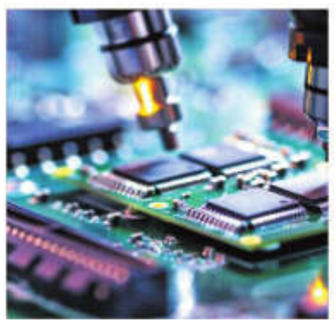
During the company's earnings call, Jairam Sampath, Whole-time director and CFO of Kaynes Technology, said, "We have received government approval for the second phase of expansion into PCB manufacturing, along with capital subsidy support. The first phase is coming up in Chennai's Oragadam area, and the second phase will be located further south."

The second facility is likely to come up near Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. Last week, Kaynes was among four companies that received Union government approval for seven projects under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS). The company will produce multi-layer PCBs, high-density interconnect (HDI) PCBs, and flexible PCBs, which are used in telecom, medical, EV, and smartphone applications. Out of the seven projects approved, four were awarded to Kaynes.

The company is investing ₹3,300 crore in these projects. Sampath said the focus is on expanding PCB manufacturing capabilities. "At Oragadam, we will manufacture multi-layer boards, flex boards, and later HDI boards. About 16 customers, including L&T Semiconductor and others, have shown interest in shipping products from April onwards," he said.

He added, "Under PLI scheme, we are covered for six years. Once we ramp up production at the Oragadam Phase 1 plant, we'll move ahead with Phase 2. We have a three-year window to complete Phase 1, and our goal is to handle high-tech PCB manufacturing in-house."

Sampath said while Kaynes focuses on design and other ancillary work, the company plans to transfer the entire technology to the Oragadam facility once it achieves the desired level of value addition. For the Thoothukudi project, the company is preparing a detailed project report (DPR). The Chennai plant is likely to start generating revenue within two years, and Kaynes is confident that the cash flows from the first unit will support capital infusion into the second factory.



Housing prices see 7-19% rise in third quarter

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

HOUSING prices across India's top 8 cities rose between 7% and 19% annually in the third quarter (July-September) of calendar year 2025 with Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru and Hyderabad leading the pack with double-digit appreciation, according to real estate transaction & advisory platform PropTiger.com by Aurum Proptech.

The rise in property prices was supported by strong end-user demand in the premium segment, elevated input costs, and a limited supply of quality, ready-to-move-in inventory.

Delhi NCR led the pack with a remarkable 19% year-on-year and 9.8% quarter-on-quarter appreciation, driven by strong demand for luxury properties and infrastructure upgrades. The weighted average price of homes in Delhi-NCR rose from ₹7,479 per sq.ft. in Q3 2024 to ₹8,900 per sq. ft. in Q3 2025.

Bengaluru recorded strong double-digit price growth of 15% YoY and 12.6% QoQ while Hyderabad recorded 13% YoY and 4.6% QoQ growth. The price in Bengaluru rose to ₹8,870 per sq. ft. in Q3 2025 from ₹7,713 per sq. ft. in the same period last year while prices in Hyderabad rose to ₹7750 per sq. ft. in Q3 2025 from ₹6858 per sq. ft. in the third quarter of 2024.

PropTiger in its 'Real Insight Residential: July-September 2025' report stated that other major markets, including Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), Pune, Chennai, and Kolkata, saw robust single-digit price growth, reflecting broad-based developer confidence and buyers' willingness to invest in appreciating assets.

The report highlighted that home sales across India's 8 prime residential markets stabilized in the July-September quarter, with a marginal 1% year-on-year dip in volume to 95,547 units sold.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PRICES

City	Q (2025) ₹/sq.ft	Q3(2024) ₹/sq.ft	YoY % change
MMR	13,250	12,383	7
Delhi-NCR	8,900	7,479	19
Bengaluru	8,870	7,713	15
Hyderabad	7,750	6,858	13
Pune	7,250	6,651	9
Chennai	7,173	6,581	9
Kolkata	6,060	5,611	8
Ahmedabad	4,820	4,467	7.9

Business & Beyond

India Maritime Week 2025: High-impact session on human capital

Mumbai: As part of India Maritime Week 2025, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways hosted a high-impact session on "Maritime Human Capital", which was curated byThe Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.on October 30, 2025 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. The session focused on developing a future-ready workforce aligned with India's vision of emerging as a leading global maritime nation. The discussions highlighted how talent, technology, and transformation will drive the next phase of growth for India's maritime sector. The session was chaired by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Labour & Employment, Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in presence of Shri Sunil Paliwal, IAS, Chairman, Indian Ports Association, Shri Shyam Jagannathan, IAS, Director General of Shipping, and Capt. B K Tyagi, Chairman and MD, SCI.

NHPC appraises status of solar project in Odisha

Sanjay Kumar Singh, director (projects), NHPC, met Manoj Ahuja, chief secretary, Odisha government, on October 30, 2025, and Vishal Kumar Dev, principal secretary (power), Odisha government, on October 31, 2025 and appraised status of ongoing solar project in Odisha. Singh was accompanied by Rajneesh Agarwal, executive director (PSP), and Bidya Dhar Moharana, general manager (electrical). During meetings, Sanjay Kumar Singh discussed about status of three Pumped Storage Projects in Odisha i.e. Masinta (1000 MW), Harbhangi (1020 MW) and Badanala (800 MW) which have been assigned to NHPC for PFR/DPR preparation.

Satish Jha assumes charge as CMD, CMPDI (additional charge)

Ranchi: Satish Jha assumes charge as chairman-cum-MD of CMPDI (additional charge). Jha is serving as CMD of ECL. Prior to this, Jha has worked as Director(Technical) at CMPDI and in various capacities at NCL. He has obtained mining engineering degree from Nagpur University and M.Tech in industrial engineering & management from ISM, Dhanbad. He is pursuing PhD in mine planning from IIT-BHU, Varanasi. Jha started his career as junior executive trainee from Bharat Coking Coal in 1990 and worked in Coal production companies in various capacities in Open cast mines of Northern Coalfields and South Eastern Coalfields.

State Bank plans to roll out single-window KYC for all products by March

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE State Bank of India is embarking on a major overhaul to cut the cumbersome know-your-customer (KYC) process to a single one across its branches, from around 15 steps now, the chairman of the bank has said.

"We are targeting to complete the process by the end of March 2026, wherein there will be only one KYC verification process under which a customer who has completed the KYC for one service will not be asked to repeat the process for another service from the bank, instead the department concerned will source it from within the bank", chairman CS Setty said, adding that once it gets a unified KYC, it will start a department within the bank to offer "KYC as a service" to various other functions.

"We realise that there are as many as 15 different ways the e-KYC is being done in SBI alone. So, we want to actually revise our own processes and bring them down to just one," Setty told reporters at the post-earnings presser here Tuesday.

Explaining the cumbersome process followed at present, Setty said each time a customer seeks to access a newer service, like provident fund or a home loan, she/he is forced to do a new KYC every time even though the bank is the same.

The chairman said the effort to streamline KYC is a part of the "Saral' project launched in July this year and that this is part of the "process reengineering" efforts at the bank which has over 530 million customers.

M3M India to invest ₹7,200 cr in Gurugram

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

REAL estate developer M3M India on Wednesday announced the launch of Gurgaon International City (GIC), one of the largest integrated city developments in Delhi-NCR. The company will invest nearly ₹7,200 crore in the development, which is expected to generate a topline of about ₹12,000 crore.

Spread across 150 acres, with expansion planned up to 200 acres, M3M said GIC represents a major breakthrough for them as it enters integrated township segment after establishing leadership in premium office spaces, commercial developments, and luxury residences like Trump Towers and Jacob & Co. Located on the Dwarka Expressway Link Road, Gurgaon International City (GIC) is envisioned as a next-generation, mixed-use urban ecosystem built on the 'Live-Work-Unwind model.

Sharma, Chakravarthy are No 1 in Men's T20 rankings

Young India opener Abhishek Sharma and spinner Varun Chakravarthy continued to occupy the top spots among batters and bowlers in the latest ICC Men's T20 Players' Rankings issued on Wednesday. Abhishek is atop the batters list with 925 rating points while Spinner Chakravarthy remains in front of the rankings for T20I bowlers.

'Don't know impact of WC win but knew it was special'

Gomesh S catches up with India batter Harleen Deol to talk about the campaign, what the victory means to her, team and more...

MUSHKIL hai ye batana (Difficult to say), honestly," laughs Harleen Deol when asked whether the reality of her and the Indian team becoming the World Champions has settled. It had been less than 24 hours since she walked alongside her captain, Harmanpreet Kaur, from the DY Patil stadium at 3 AM on Monday, dancing to Punjabi songs with the winners' medal around their neck.

In what was an emotionally charged roller coaster of a campaign, Deol and the Women in Blue hung in there, persisted, and course-corrected enough to win their first-ever World Cup. The celebrations continued through the night at the team hotel, and even though the magnanimity of it all hadn't hit them just yet, they knew their lives had changed forever. "It was like suddenly, when we got up and saw the ground (from the hotel room), the night had changed into morning," Deol describes the historic night.

On a personal front, Deol scored 169 runs at 33.80 average in five innings before making way for Jemimah Rodrigues at No 3. The Chandigarh-born Himachal Pradesh batter, describes the bubble the team was in, handling criticisms. "Obviously, when things come in our favour, everything fades away."

In a conversation with this daily, the 27-year-old speaks about how the special victory was for their Harry di (Harmanpreet), the past legends, their families, what the impact of this World Cup would be and more...Excerpts.

Harleen Deol (C) walks with the World Cup trophy with her teammates after India beat South Africa in the final in Navi Mumbai on Sunday | ICC

On waking up the morning after the final as champions

It was good, actually. At that time (after winning), we were in a momentum. We were not able to understand things. First of all, we didn't sleep much. After that, when we woke up, obviously, everything was different.

On the winning moment when Harmanpreet took the final catch

When Nadine de Klerk hit the shot, my focus was on Harry di. As soon as she caught it, the feeling was very different. Everyone was very excited after that because that was it. Because we also knew that Nadine was a very good player. Previously, she was the one who chased. So, we knew that she was someone who could take the game at any time. When things went our way this time, it was amazing.

On the celebrations with Harmanpreet, walking to the hotel at 3 am

Actually, looking at Harry di, it felt better. It was more satisfying for her because it was her fifth World Cup and for us the first one. Obviously, it was a big weight on her. So, looking at her like that, everyone felt good. For so long, this group has been together. Everyone knew that things like this were coming to us. Everyone is very connected. Everything happened together, so it felt very good. And it was all in India, so even better.

On sharing the podium with family

When our cricketing journey starts, it starts with them. It is such an exciting thing for them that their kids are playing the World Cup final and we are winning. So, everyone were very excited. Some time ago (on Monday evening), we were talking to our parents about how it was a dream come true, and it still feels like we have seen so much. Along with us, their dreams have come true.

On sharing the trophy with former legends like Mithali Raj, Jhulan Goswami and others..

We went for a lap. And all of them were there. It was their dream to break the barrier of winning the World Cup. All of them have worked very hard. If we can play such cricket so easily for so long, it is only because of them. It was their dream too. They worked so hard, and all of them have played with us. Everybody is emotionally involved with every player. The way they celebrated it was an emotional moment for them. To see them like this was quite emotional for all of us.

On her campaign, handling outside noise

I don't know. It all depends on how you take things. I didn't know what happened. Honestly, I don't feel connected with social media. We were very prepared for that. We knew it was a home World Cup and there would be a lot of pressure. But it never bothered us. It didn't bother me. We were so present at that time. We didn't realise how things are going outside the cricket. We had a proper bubble around us. We honestly didn't feel those things. But obviously, when things come in our favour, everything fades away.

On the three consecutive losses in league stage

Those matches were very close. It wasn't like we were losing one-sided. It was like the game was with us, and at the end, things were different. We believed that it was just the end part where we had to work. When we played the semifinal, we could finish that game. We learned from our mistakes. And obviously, when we lost the England match, Amol (Muzumdar, head coach) sir was very disappointed. Obviously, he has put in so much hard work. He is also allowed to show emotions for the team. We all respected that. We knew that it was good for us. We all took it in a good way. We knew that everything was going to fall into place.

On the impact the WC win will have on women's cricket ecosystem?

We don't know what the changes will be and how they will turn out to be. We are also seeing things. But, we knew that after winning a World Cup, everything is going to change in terms of people and the game. So we don't know (the level of) impact we have made. But, we know that it's very special. No women's team has done that. Like the captain said, we want to make it a habit.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

World's youngest GM stares at crossroads

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

AND just like that, one of the most promising youngsters has been eliminated in the second round of the World Cup. A few days after revealing to a few national media that he wasn't satisfied with his progress, Abhimanyu Mishra, the world's youngest Grandmaster ever, has been shown the door in the second round by AR Salem Saleh.

In a rook-bishop endgame, Salem, playing with Black, was not only up a pawn but his pieces were very active, in sync and controlling both flanks. In the end, Mishra resigned with the engine predicting a mate for Black down the line.

Mishra, who had checked into Goa a day before the second round began (he had received a bye in the first round), had said: "There are many people online and so on who say that in the last four years, my rating should be a lot higher. Frankly, I agree with them. I believe I should be much higher than what I am currently sitting at."

While it may be hard to understand this from an Indian perspective, the reason why Mishra's career is at a crossroads is because of a severe lack of corporate or government funding. The elite of Indian chess — D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi to name three — have one or both but it's a far cry for US GMs.

"I have a feeling it's going to get very difficult soon," he had said, perhaps prophesied even. "To reach the top, I need resources that I don't currently have. My family has already spent tons of their own resources. It's a bit weird in America. There, somehow it feels like chess isn't considered as much of a sport. We have the St Louis Chess Club (which helps players by organising elite tournaments), and that's great. But other than that, there's not that much support in general.

"The main issue, in the last couple of years, is the lack of corporate sponsorship for me. I have been studying eight to 10 hours a day as well (at an online school in the USA). I've been living in this way for years. It's painful, but it's needed. I spend eight hours a day on chess and slightly more on schoolwork. I am equally good at that as well. In fact, I'm taking advanced courses. I am a straight A student. You look at other players that are there, even at a younger age than me, even from smaller countries... they are all fully funded. And they spend 24×7 on chess. And here I am having to balance both of these things. That's why my rating has been stagnating. I have been stagnating for a while."

Abhimanyu Mishra (L) lost to AR Salem Saleh on Wednesday | MICHAL WALUSZA

From a rating perspective, it's fairly clear to see why he thinks this way. After breaching past a number of age-related records, his Elo has seemingly hit a roadblock in the 2640 range. Even as others in his age group have zoomed past that, the US GM with Indian roots has hit a rut of sorts.

It was in this context that he said he 'would look into it (shifting base to India or another country while continuing to play under the US flag) if things get worse'. But his worry is that even if he breaches past 2700 over the next 4-5 years, making a viable living just playing chess while staying in the US may not be all that. He also plans to further his academies as he plans to do something in fintech.

But the talent is obviously there. At the Grand Swiss, he became the youngest player to take down the reigning world champion in an over-the-board Classical game.

Nepomniachtchi stunned

Ian Nepomniachtchi, two-time World Championship runners-up, was dumped out of the tournament by India's Diptayan Ghosh. Ghosh, playing with Black, was not only up a pawn (4-3) in a rook endgame but his pawns were in sync so the Russian resigned after 46 moves.

In another upset, Wesley So also lost 1.5-0.5 to Lithuania's Titas Stremavicius. Meanwhile, there were wins for Gukesh and Erigaisi. **Select results** (Rd 2, game 2) D Gukesh 1.5-0.5 Kazybek Nogerbek, Arjun Erigaisi 2-0 Martin Petrov, R Praggnanandhaa 1-1 T Kuybokarov, Anish Giri 1.5-0.5 B Maksimovic, Wei Yi 1.5-0.5 Kacper Piorun.

Pant returns, Akash Deep in for Prasidh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

RISHABH Pant has returned to the senior set-up for the two-game Test series against South Africa slated to begin later this month. Pant, who had suffered a fractured foot during the away series against England, skippered the A side against the visiting Proteas in Bengaluru.

After he had come through unscathed — his 90 in the second innings helped the hosts hunt down a target of 275 — the selectors pencilled him in as vice-captain.

Even if Dhruv Jurel, his deputy for the two matches against West Indies, equipped himself well with a century in the first game, Pant is expected to take his place, especially as he's part of the leadership group. Jurel could yet stake his place as a batter in the XI but the management may view that as a left-field option for the time being. With Pant in the side, N Jagadeesan, who has featured as the second wicket-keeper in the last few squad, drops out.

Rishabh Pant's last Test for India was in England in July | FILEPIC

The only other change sees Akash Deep come back into the side in place of Prasidh Krishna. It's an interesting choice as Akash Deep's skiddier deliveries could pose a challenge to the visiting batters on Indian strips.

Tilak to lead white-ball side

Tilak Varma will captain the India A side for a three-match home one-day series against a shadow Proteas side. The likes of Prasidh Krishna and Harshit Rana have been named in this side. Interestingly, Abhishek Sharma, generally viewed as a T20 batter by the management, has been picked along side Ruturaj Gaikwad, who has been the named vice-captain. **India A's squad for one-dayers vs SA:** Tilak Varma (capt), Ruturaj Gaikwad (vc), Abhishek Sharma, Riyan Parag, Ishan Kishan (wk), Ayush Badoni, Nishant Sindhu, Vipraj Nigam, Manav Suthar, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Khaleel Ahmed, Prabhsimran Singh (wk).

Squad (for Test series vs SA): Shubman Gill (C), Rishabh Pant (VC & wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal, Dhruv Jurel, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Axar Patel, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep.

Siraj, Rahul & Kuldeep eye red-ball time

AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

INDIA A skipper Rishabh Pant will look to build on the gains from the first match, while the likes of Mohammed Siraj and Kuldeep Yadav will aim for crucial red-ball game time in the second four-day match against a Temba Bavuma-led South Africa A here from Thursday.

Pant managed to log trouble-free 139.3 overs as wicketkeeper besides playing 133 balls as a batter, which included a typically colourful 90 in last week's first four-day game at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (COE) grounds. With the fitness worries firmly behind him, the left-hander will now be eager to put himself through the rigours once more before the two-match Test series against South Africa, beginning from November 14. Siraj, KL Rahul and Kuldeep were a part of India's ongoing white-ball tour to Australia before returning home, and they can now polish their red-ball skills against a competitive opposition in South Africa A. The visitors will be eager to level the series after the hosts recorded a three-wicket win in the first match.

From a batters' perspective, the South Africa A pacers employed the short-pitched ball strategy to good effect on the final day of the first match to rattle the Indians, including Pant himself. With conditions favouring bowlers, the Indian batters will get some good workout for the Test series.

Golden opportunity to take lead

With the five-match series levelled at 1-1, India and Australia eye a lead in the 4th T20I in Gold Coast on Thursday. A look..

TIME FOR GILL TO TURN UP

In three games in the series so far, vice captain Shubman Gill has mustered only 57 runs so far. The only time he looked good was the first match where he was unbeaten on 37 off 20 balls when the rain played spoilsport. With Josh Hazlewood not in the team, Gill can seize the opportunity to make big runs.

DANGER-MAN HEAD OUT

In addition to Hazlewood, explosive opener Travis Head and all-rounder Sean Abbott were also released to prepare for the Ashes. In a boost, Glenn Maxwell will return from injury to play the remaining games. Left-arm pacer Ben Dwarshuis is also set for a return, who is capable of putting batters in trouble with his variation.

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Punjab FC enter Super Cup semis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A GROUP-winner deciding penalty shootout ensued following a 0-0 draw between Bengaluru FC and Punjab FC in Group C of the AIFF Super Cup, at the JN Stadium in Goa on Wednesday. With the scores unchanged at the break, Bengaluru made changes introducing Shivaldo Singh and Sunil Chhetri at the places of Vinith Venkatesh and Kelvin Singh Taorem respectively.

Both teams had same points (7) and the same goal difference (+6), and it took spot-kicks to decide the winner. Goalless at the end of regulation time, it was a Ryan Williams spot-kick that was saved to give Punjab entry into the semifinal, where they will face SC East Bengal. In another Group C tie, I-League side Gokulam Kerala ended their Super Cup league stage with a 3-0 win over ISL outfit Mohammedan SC, who finish bottom of the group.

RED-LETTER DAY

Liverpool down Real in Champions League

AGENCIES @ Paris

ALEXIS Mac Allister scored the only goal as Liverpool beat Real Madrid in the Champions League on Tuesday, while Luis Diaz grabbed a brace as Bayern Munich sunk title-holders Paris Saint-Germain 2-1 in the French capital.

Premier League leaders Arsenal won 3-0 at Slavia Prague as rising star Max Dowman came off the bench to become the youngest player in the competition's history, at just 15 years and 308 days old. Leaders Bayern and second-placed Arsenal remain the only teams with a perfect record in the competition -- alongside Inter Milan, who play their fourth match on Wednesday against Kazakh newcomers Kairat Almaty.

At Anfield, Real Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois produced a stellar performance to frustrate six-time champions Liverpool. In a performance reminiscent of his match-defining display in the 2022 final against the same opposition — which the Spaniards won 1-0 — Courtois produced eight saves to keep back the hosts.

Alexis Mac Allister (C) celebrates his goal against Real Madrid on Tuesday | AFP

"He is a fantastic 'keeper -- we all know," Mac Allister told Amazon Prime. "But today I think we were better and deserved to win." The Argentinian eventually broke Courtois' resistance shortly after the hour with a header from a Dominik Szoboszlai free-kick in an encounter which saw former Liverpool hero Trent Alexander-Arnold return to his hometown amid a hail of boos when he emerged from the Madrid bench late on.

PSG welcomed Bayern to the Parc des Princes for a fixture which midfielder Vitinha had said would bring together "the two best teams in Europe". And it was the Bundesliga champions who emerged victorious as they made it 16 wins from 16 outings in all competitions this season.

Elsewhere, Micky van de Ven scored a stunning solo effort as Europa League winners Tottenham won 4-0 at home to FC Copenhagen. Atletico Madrid got back to winning ways by seeing off Belgium's Union Saint-Gilloise 3-1. **Results:** Napoli 0 - E Frankfurt 0; Slavia Prague 0 - Arsenal 3; Atletico Madrid 3 bt USG 1; Bodo/Glimt 0 - Monaco 1; Juventus 1 - Sporting 1; Liverpool 1 - Real Madrid 0; Olympiacos 1 - PSV 1; PSG 1 - Bayern Munich 2; Tottenham 4 - Copenhagen 0.

EXPRESS READ

WI defend 164 to beat NZ by 7 runs

AUCKLAND: The West Indies bowled superbly in defense of a moderate total to beat New Zealand by seven runs on Wednesday in the first game of a five-match Twenty20 series. Captain Shai Hope top-scored with 53 from 39 balls as the West Indies made 164-6 after losing the toss and batting first on a pitch that was unpredictable. Brief scores: WI 164/6 in 20 ovs (Hope 53; Duffy 2/19) **bt** NZ 157/9 in 20 ovs (Santner 55 n.o; Chase 3/26).

No Chhetri in probables list for B'desh tie

NEW DELHI: Indian football team head coach Khalid Jamil on Wednesday announced 23 probables for the inconsequential Asian Cup qualifiers match against Bangladesh and talismanic striker Sunil Chhetri's name is missing from the list. The game is scheduled to be held in Dhaka on November 18. India are already out of contention for a berth in the main tournament .

Labuschagne returns to OZ squad for Ashes

GOLD COAST: Marnus Labuschagne is back in Australia's squad to start the Ashes series, with selectors including the veteran batter Wednesday in a 15-man group for the first Test against England. Labuschagne missed Australia's three-test series win over the West Indies in July after a lean run of form but has impressed in first-class cricket.

Haria, Gupta out of IBSF World Snooker C'ships

DOHA: India's Dhvaj Haria and Paras Gupta, who were one win away from making the final stage, suffered narrow defeats in the first stage of the IBSF World Snooker Championships. Impressive in his two previous wins, Haria called the shots for the better part of the last-16 meeting against Thor Chuan Leong Tuesday night. However, the 32-year-old frittered away a 3-1 advantage and lost 3-4 to the Malaysian.

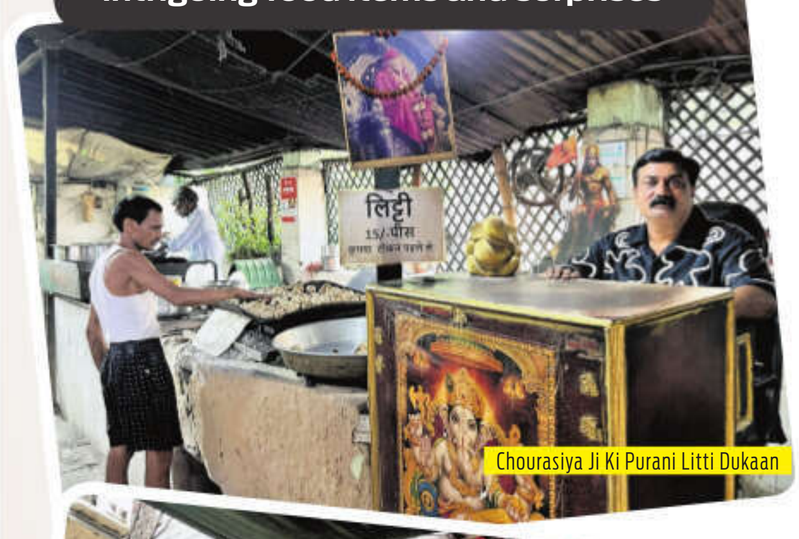
Gujarat to enhance infrastructure, green mobility and visitor experiences with eco-friendly projects at the Statue Of Unity

Srinagar to debut Asia's biggest Chrysanthemum Garden at the Nehru Memorial Botanical Garden featuring over 50 varieties of blooms

TASTE OF BIHAR
BEYOND *LITTI CHOKHA*

Sattu Stall

Pedas fit for Queen Victoria, a research centre for foxnuts and dishes that have migrated to the Caribbean, Bihari cuisine holds many intriguing food items and surprises



Chourasiya Ji Ki Purani Litti Dukaan

Darbhanga Dhamaka Lassi

Litti-chokha from A1 Chandrakala

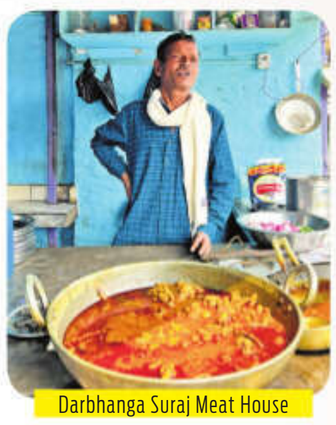
Lassi

ANURAG MALLICK & PRIYA GANAPATHY

IN the light of the ongoing Bihar elections, we travel to the state and discover a an oft-ignored side of it's culinary offerings. *Litti-chokha* and Champaran mutton have been Bihar's culinary ambassadors, but the state has lots more to offer. Be it *chiniya kela* (small banana) from Hajipur or *Shahi litchi* from Muzaffarpur, mangoes like *zardalu* from Bhagalpur or *malda* from Bhojpur, sweetmeats like *balushahi* from Runi-Saidpur, *pedas* from Khagaria, *khaja* (flaky deep-fried pastry) from Silao or *tilkut* (sesame jaggery discs), *anarsa* (rice jaggery fried sweet) and *kesaria peda* from Gaya; each region has its own specialties. The state's seven GI tagged food items include *magahi paan* and the pepper-shaped *Marcha* rice.

Bihar sees extreme weather – scorching summers with hot 'loo' or dry dusty winds blowing across the Indo-Gangetic plains, winters characterised by *sheetlahri* (cold waves) and heavy monsoons with Kosi's dramatic descent from Tibet/Nepal making Bihar the most flood-prone state. One wonderfood that defies climatic severity is *sattu* (roasted Bengal gram flour). Consumed in summer as a sweetened beverage with water and sugar or a salty drink with chopped onion and lime to prevent heat stroke, *sattu* also serves as a savoury filling, rolled into *parathas* or stuffed into *littis* that keep you warm in winter. Roasted on a coal fire and dunked in *ghee*, it is served with *chokha*, a smoky brinjal mash with onion, tomato, chilli, lime and mustard oil.

Bihar accounts for nearly 90 percent of the world's *makhana* or fox nut production, mainly Darbhanga, Madhubani, Sitamarhi, Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj, Araria, Saharsa and Supaul. Cultivation of *makhana* as a cash crop is so important, there's a *Makhana Research Centre* in Darbhanga under the *Indian Council of Agricultural Research*. Mithila's *makhana* was accorded a GI tag in 2021. A popular local saying celebrates the region's cultural icons: "*Pug pug pokhar maachh makhaan, madhur boli muski mukh paan, ee theek Mithilaak pehchan*" (At every step, a pond, fish and foxnuts, sweet speech, a smile, a mouthful of *paan*, this is Mithila's true identity)



Darbhanga Suraj Meat House

Mithila's love for *chuda-dahi* (beaten rice and curd), fish and mutton curry, is legendary. In Darbhanga, the best place for mutton is Suraj Meat House in Gudri Bazaar, where it is sold by weight (100 rupees for 100 g, minus the gravy) and served with *chapati* and Katarni rice. Grown mostly in Bhagalpur and Banka districts, the special scented short grain GI tag rice is in heavy demand for the *chuda* prepared from it! While in Darbhanga, grab a *lassi* at Hum Lassi Yahin Peete Hain or right across at Dhamaka Lassi. The thick *lassi* comes topped with cashew, raisins, *khoa* (reduced milk) and *malai* (cream). Champaran mutton is to Patna what Ambur *biryani* is to Bengaluru; every other shop sells it. Head to the Old Champaran Meat House opposite Taramandal. Try mutton curry at Mirchu Hotel, Bihari *kebabs* at Mahngu Hotel, *kachoris* at Nandu Lal Kachoriwale, *laddus* at Maner Sweets, *litti-chokha* at Chourasiya Ji Ki Purani Litti Dukaan near the station and A1 Chandrakala just below it. Gaya's *kesaria pedas* are steeped in history. Traditionally offered as *bhog* (sacred offering) at Vishnupad temple, the sweet also played a part in the 1857 Indian war of Independence! A British soldier stationed in Gaya took a bite of the *peda* at a local sweetshop and returned the partly-eaten *jootha* (impure) portion back on the platter; a big cultural no-no in the sacred town. An altercation ensued and the infuriated shop owner Badho Sav attacked the troops, killing two British soldiers. Five Gaya residents were sentenced to Kala Pani, the infamous Cellular Jail in the Andamans. On Queen Victoria's birthday, the prisoners were asked if they had any special wish. A defiant Sav prepared his special *kesaria pedas* to be sent to the queen! Impressed by its delicious taste, the queen pardoned them. On returning to Gaya, they resumed their struggle against the British. Today, Badho Sav's seventh generation continues the *peda* making tradition.

Thanks to Bihari migration as indentured labour, staples like *dalpuri* and *achaar* assimilated into faraway nations like Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago and Mauritius as '*dholl puri*' and '*achard*' and Bhojpuri beats blended with Caribbean calypso to create *Chutney* music. Whether it's wholesome *dal pitha* (lentil filled steamed rice dumplings), *madua* (*ragi*) *roti* with *saag* (greens) or sweet *launglata* and soft *malpuas*, the Bihari palate is an amalgam of tantalising flavours.

Champaran Meat House

UNESCO INCLUDES LUCKNOW IN THE *CREATIVE CITY OF GASTRONOMY* LIST!

This special announcement was made during the 43rd Session of the *UNESCO General Conference*, in Uzbekistan on October 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

LUCKNOW, has been tagged as a *UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy*, joining Hyderabad as the second Indian city in the category. The recognition honours its rich Awadhi cuisine, centuries-old living food traditions and its use of gastronomy as a powerful driver of cultural exchange and sustainable urban development.

From its famous street foods to its royal kitchen traditions, Lucknow's cuisine has brought together history, innovation and community spirit for centuries. It evolved under the patronage of the Nawabs and is a refined blend of even Indic and Persian cultural influences. The city is renowned for iconic dishes and unique cooking methods, such as the slow-cooked *dum pukht* technique, *galouti kebabs*, aromatic Awadhi *biryani*, rich *kormas* and sweet treats like *malai gilori* and *sheermal*. The recognition also accounts for the vibrant street food culture, where generations of cooks have adapted royal recipes for everyday people in bustling bazaars like Hazratganj and Aminabad, showing a living, evolving tradition accessible to all.

The nomination dossier documented recipes, oral histories from chefs and local families, showcasing a strong community bond around food. Lucknow committed to promoting sustainable food practices, nutrition education and supporting local food producers and artisans, aligning with *UNESCO*'s goals for sustainable development.

Lucknow was officially declared a *UNESCO* 'Creative City of Gastronomy' during the 43rd session of the *UNESCO General Conference*, in Uzbekistan on October 31, World Cities Day, as part of 58 additions this year to its *Creative Cities Network* (*UCCN*). With this recognition, Lucknow becomes one of 408 cities across more than 100 countries that have been acknowledged for their contributions to creative industries such as crafts and folk art, design, film, gastronomy, literature, media arts and music. This year, architecture has been introduced as a new creative field within the network.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing delight, invited people from around the world to visit the city and discover its uniqueness. "Lucknow is synonymous with a vibrant culture, at the core of which is a great culinary culture. I am glad that *UNESCO* has recognised this aspect of Lucknow," he wrote on *X*.

TRAVEL DIARY

Indian travellers can now make UPI transactions in Malaysia

This development is the result of a partnership between NPCI International Payments Limited, the international arm of the *National Payments Corporation of India* and Razorpay Curlec, Razorpay's entity in Malaysia. You pay in Indian Rupees (INR); the Malaysian merchant receives the payment instantly in Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). You get currency conversion without the high fees of international transactions.

Bulgaria streamlines long-term visa process for Indians

The streamlining involves a significant expansion of the application centres across India, which increases accessibility and convenience. The new partnership between the Embassy of Bulgaria in New Delhi and VFS Global handles the administrative process in multiple cities across India. Indians planning an extended stay can now submit their applications at Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata and more.

Sri Lanka revokes Electronic Travel Authorisation for travellers

With the suspension, the country reverts to its previous visa policy that was in place before October 15, 2025

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

THE Pearl of the Indian Ocean has suspended the mandatory pre-departure Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) requirement, which had only taken effect on October 15, 2025. The suspension was announced just a few days later, on October 30, 2025. The new rule mandated that all travelers (for short-stay tourism or business) must obtain the ETA before boarding their flight. This added an extra, non-negotiable step to pre-travel planning.

The policy change was met with resistance from both travellers and the tourism industry, who found the sudden, mandatory pre-departure system to be an obstacle to seamless, spontaneous travel. Sri Lanka is focused on revitalising its crucial tourism sector and the reversal is a move to simplify the entry process, reduce administrative hurdles and ensure the country remains an accessible and attractive destination, especially as it approaches the peak tourist season.

Some reports indicated that the new system encountered technical failures, website crashes and difficulties for travellers attempting to complete the online forms or process payments, leading to frustration and delays. As of the suspension, the country reverted to its previous visa policy that was in place before. Travellers can still apply for their ETA online before departure (which is generally recommended for a smoother process).

Eligible travellers can still obtain their ETA/visa upon arrival at the port of entry, though this may involve longer queues and potentially higher fees. The government is also reportedly considering a fee waiver for the ETA for citizens of several countries as part of a broader initiative to further boost international tourism.