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Shikhar Dhawan


Suresh Raina

ED ATTACHES PROPERTIES WORTH ₹11.14 CR OF DHAWAN, RAINA

Enforcement Directorate has said it has attached assets of ex-cricket stars Shikhar Dhawan and Suresh Raina as part of a money-laundering probe

STARS ENDORSED KNOWINGLY, SAYS AGENCY

The ED's probe has found that the former cricketers 'knowingly' entered into endorsement agreements with foreign entities for the promotion of 1xBet and its surrogates. A provisional order has been issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to attach a commercial land in Delhi of Dhawan worth ₹4.5 cr and a mutual fund of Raina worth ₹6.64 cr

ASSETS CONSIDERED AS PROCEEDS OF CRIME

- The ED considers the two ex-cricketers' assets as "proceeds of crime" of illegal betting. ED order can be appealed before Adjudicating Authority of the PMLA and other legal forums
- ED also said it has detected 6,000 mule bank accounts. Multiple police FIRs formed the basis for ED to launch the probe | **P11**

₹1,000 cr

EXPECTED TO BE TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN THE SCAM

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

Pune land scam puts Ajit Pawar's son in trouble

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN a major embarrassment to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, his elder son Parth on Thursday faced charges of grabbing 40 acres of prime land in Pune at a throwaway price of ₹300 crore against the market rate of ₹2,000 crore.

The land in question is part of 'Mahar Vatan', which was distributed by the government to landless Dalits for cultivation on the condition that it can't be bought or sold. Yet, Parth managed to acquire the land parcel from Gaikwad families.


Parth Pawar

While Ajit Pawar claimed he had no idea about the land deal, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis ordered a high-level probe by Additional Chief Secretary Vikas Kharge into the scam. An FIR was also registered against both the buyer and the seller, and a revenue department official was placed under suspension for waiving stamp duty and land registration fees.

Just a few months ago, Parth and his relative, Digvijay Amarsinh Patil registered an infotech firm called Almada and passed a resolution on April 22 to develop an IT park in Pune.

Almada then submitted a proposal to develop an IT park on that 40-acre parcel of land, saying it will generate thousands of jobs.

Almada paid just ₹500 as fees for the land title, against ₹25 crore as real stamp duty and registration fees.

Uddhav raps Fadnavis

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray attacked the Fadnavis government for the land scam. He said while farmers are struggling, the ministers' children are grabbing the prime land at throwaway prices. "Earlier, scams against DCM Eknath Shinde's group were coming out; now, Ajit Pawar is on target from the BJP, Uddhav alleged

Govt bid to delay hearings to avoid my bench: Gavai

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India B R Gavai on Thursday expressed strong displeasure over the Centre's repeated attempts to seek adjournment of the hearing on a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Tribunal Reforms Act, 2021.

The matter was slated for hearing on Friday. On Thursday, additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati moved a request for adjournment on behalf of Attorney General R Venkataramani, citing the latter's international arbitration commitments.

Making a sharp observation, Gavai said it looks like the government is trying to avoid the bench headed by him since he has only a few days left for retirement. Gavai will demit office on November 23.

Mentioning the matter before the bench, Bhati said the case is important and requires the A-G's assistance and hence the adjournment request be accommodated.

"We have accommodated you twice already. How many more? If you want it after November 24, tell us then. Very unfair to the court. Every time you seek accommodation for international arbitration. You have a battery of lawyers and then you file midnight applications seeking reference to larger benches!" said the bench, also comprising justices K Vinod Chandran and Vipul M Pancholi, adding that the court does not expect the Union "to indulge in such tactics".

The bench eventually asked senior advocate Arvind Datar representing one of the petitioners, to continue with his submissions on Friday and accommodate the A-G's submissions on Monday. "If he (A-G) does not come, we will close the matter," the CJI said.



CJI irked by repeated adjournment pleas

A request for adjournment was made on Monday as well, when Attorney General R Venkataramani raised a preliminary objection saying the matter needs to be referred to a larger bench. However, the CJI rejected it, saying it should have been raised at an earlier stage

NO LOSS OF LIFE

Rayalacheruvu breach causes flash floods

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirupati

THE Rayalacheruvu breached at Patapalem in KVB Puram mandal of Tirupati district around 5 am on Thursday, flooding adjacent villages. The tank bund breached, resulting in flash floods, inundating Patapalem, Kalatturu and surrounding villages. However, no casualties were reported. Several head of cattle were swept away in swirling water.

Tirupati District Collector S Venkateswar and SP L Subbarayadu visited the inundated villages to oversee relief operations. Police teams from KVB Puram, Satyavedu and Pichatur, led by Puttur DSP Ravi Kumar, were deployed for relief and rescue operations. The Collector interacted with the villagers, and assured them of government help.

Villagers alleged that the tank bund, which was repaired during 2014-19 under the Neeru-Chettu scheme, was not strengthened subsequently. People climbed to rooftops for safety following flooding of houses.

Having learnt about the flooding of villages, Tirupati MP Maddila Gurumoorthy, who is in Delhi, spoke to the Collector and the Sullurpet RDO directing them to provide immediate relief to the affected villagers.

The MP released ₹20 lakh from MPLADS funds towards relief measures in the flooded villages. He also instructed the officials to set up temporary shelters for the evacuated people, and arrange food. The MP urged the State government to provide a compensation of ₹5 lakh to each affected family.




Voters wait in a queue to cast votes at a booth at Danapur in Patna during the first phase polling on Thursday | PTI

RECORD 64.7% TURNOUT IN 1ST PHASE OF POLLING

Convoy of Deputy CM attacked in Lakhisarai; RJD claims 'discrepancies' in its strongholds

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE first phase of the Bihar assembly election on Thursday recorded a voter turnout of 64.66% at the close of polling in 121 constituencies in 18 districts, marking a largely peaceful exercise. This is the highest turnout since 1951 in Bihar.

Chief Electoral Officer Vinod Singh Gunjiyal said polling was conducted at 45,341 booths, including 36,733 in rural areas. The election follows a special revision of electoral rolls, which now lists 7.24 crore voters — around 60 lakh fewer than before the exercise.

Women voters turned out in large numbers, outpacing men at several booths. Many first-time voters also flocked enthusiastically to polling stations, officials said.

A minor incident occurred when Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha's convoy was attacked with slippers and stones in Khoriari village, Lakhisarai. Sinha, who is contesting from Lakhisarai, alleged that RJD supporters were behind the attack and demanded the deployment of special forces. Local residents said the protest reflected anger over poor roads and civic neglect.

In another incident, CPI(ML) candidate from Manjhi, Satyendra Yadav, faced stone pelting in Saran's Jaitpur area. No injuries were reported, said Additional DGP Kundan Krishnan.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar cast his vote in Bakhtiyarpur, while RJD president Lalu Prasad Yadav voted in Patna, asserting that *'badlaav hoga'* (there will be change). Rabri Devi, Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, Tej Pratap Yadav, and MP Misa Bharti also cast their votes early in the day. Rabri Devi extended good wishes to both her sons as they contest separately from Mahua and Raghopur.

For the first time in 20 years, voters in Naxal-hit Bhimbandh of Munger participated in polling. Voting had been suspended there since 2005 following the killing of SP C Surendra Babu and seven policemen.

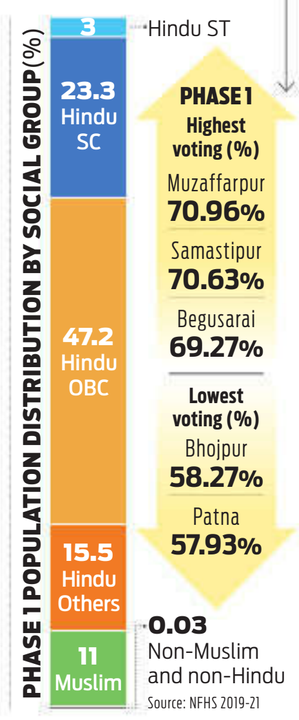
The RJD alleged deliberate power cuts in Mahagathbandhan strongholds to slow down voting, a charge the CEO dismissed as baseless.

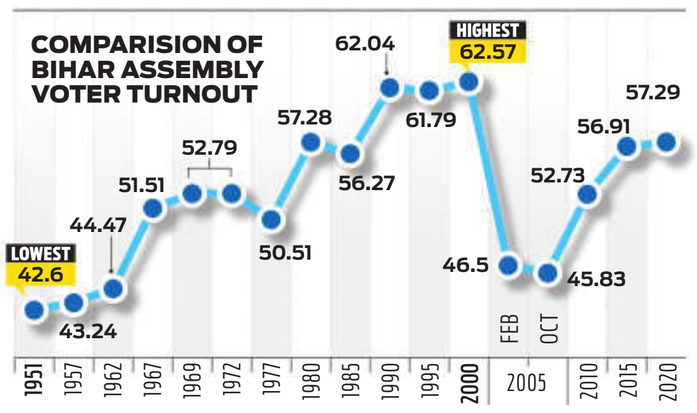
Prominent candidates in this phase include Tejashwi Prasad Yadav (RJD–Raghopur), Samrat Choudhary (BJP–Tarapur), Maithili Thakur (BJP–Aliganj), Khesari Lal Yadav (RJD–Chhapra), and Ritesh Pandey (Jan Suraaj–Kargahar).




Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar (top) and others after casting their votes in Patna; RJD's Tejashvi with Lalu and Rabri Yadav | PTI







DATA-DRIVEN GOVERNANCE

WARD SECRETARIATS SHOULD FUNCTION AS VISION UNITS: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has declared "One Vision - One Direction" as the foundational principle of the NDA government, urging the administrative machinery to align with the Swarna Andhra @2047 roadmap.

Chairing a high-level conference on data-driven governance at the State Secretariat on Thursday, Naidu emphasised that the village and ward secretariats henceforth should function as "Vision Units" to implement development goals at the grassroots level. State Ministers, Principal Secretaries, Heads of Departments, District Collectors and Superintendents of Police take part in the session via video conference.



Naidu's directives focused on leveraging data analytics for swift decision-making, enhancing public services, and fostering a technology-enabled administration to deliver efficient governance. "We must formulate plans aligned with long-term, medium-term, and short-term goals to provide superior administration to citizens—that is the coalition government's aim," Naidu said, underscoring the need for monthly and quarterly targets to track growth. **P4**

UNSTOPPABLE

Take a bow as Sheetal matches the able-bodied

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

SHEETAL in English translates to 'cool', 'calm' and even 'peaceful'. Using the bow with her leg and string pulled by mouth, she is all of the above while releasing the arrow. Sheetal Devi doesn't have hands to pull and shoot but compensates with other limbs and whatever means she can to pursue her passion — archery.

The para-archer who has broken quite a few glass-ceilings in her short but astonishingly successful career set another gold standard on Thursday. She became the first para-archer in the country to secure a place in the junior able-bodied India team for the Asia Cup Stage 3 to be held in Jeddah next month.

Any player would have been satisfied with a para-world archery championships gold. But Sheetal has not stopped with para-Olympic and para-World Championships medals. Because of her exceptional talent, she was adamant on competing with able-bodied archers. She shifted her base from Katra in Jammu to Patiala and started training with renown coach Gaurav Sharma. She was very clear — she wanted to model herself with her hero Oznur Cure Girdi of Turkey, who also competes with able-bodied archers.


Sheetal Devi | PTI

"I didn't make it at first, but I kept going, learning from every setback. Today, that dream is one step closer," she wrote on social media. Sharma later gave an insight to her resolve and resilience. She competed alongside 60 archers over four days. "She was coming back from a month's break and we wanted to take part in some competition," said the coach. "We did not think beyond that. All she wanted was to perform well. She worked hard and her qualification is a result of it." **P11**

HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT

AI-powered surveillance to drive away wild elephants yields results in Chittoor

NETHAJI KUMARAMANGALAM @ Tirupati

TO mitigate human-wildlife conflict, and prevent damage caused by wild elephants straying into forest-fringe villages, the State government has rolled out an AI-powered surveillance system.

The setup, featuring infrared cameras linked to floodlight reflectors, and powered by solar energy, was successfully implemented on a pilot basis in Kalluru of Pulicherla mandal in Chittoor district.


The AI-powered surveillance system installed at Kalluru in Chittoor district under a pilot project to drive away wild elephants | EXPRESS

For decades, farmers have endured sleepless nights, haunted by wild elephants trampling crops. On October 24, technology emerged as a vigilant guardian. The pilot project had yielded good results on that night. Infrared cameras, scanning a 120 degree arc up to 60 metres, captured an elephant's advance. AI swiftly identified it amid shadows. Floodlights illuminated softly, triggering deterrents, police siren, drum rolls — over 100 sounds mimicking nature's warnings, all harm-free. **P4**

ALMANAC TODAY

Friday : 07/11/2025 • Year: Sri Viswavasu • Aayanam: Dakshinayanam • Rutuvu: Varsha • Masam: Karthika • Paksham: Bahula • Tithi: Vidiya 11.05 am • Nakshatram: Rohini 12.33+ am • Durmuhurtham: 08.34 am - 09.20 am • Varjyam: 05.31 pm - 06.56 pm • Rahukaalam: 10.30 am - 12.00 pm

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 31°C

FORECAST Sunny

Sunrise 6:08 am | Sunset 5:43 pm | Moonrise 7:24 pm | Moonset 8:58 am

New KNM rice varieties gain traction among ryots

Nellore farmers are preparing over 25,000 acres for Rabi cultivation

D SURENDRA KUMAR @ Nellore

AS the Rabi agricultural season begins, farmers in Nellore district are once again prioritising KNM varieties, particularly KNM-1638, for their first-choice crop. This variety has gained familiarity among local farmers due to its proven resilience and consistent performance over the past few years.

In addition to KNM-1638, the newly introduced KNM-733 and KNM-7715 varieties are gaining popularity in the rural regions of Nellore. Although these varieties were only recently tried in the Kharif season, they performed exceptionally well under adverse weather conditions, showing strong resistance to pests and a short crop cycle. These fine-grain varieties are now attracting more interest from farmers looking for high-yield, resilient crops.

A decade ago, BPT-5304 was the dominant crop choice in the region, followed by RSR-15048 five years ago. However, both varieties have now fallen to secondary preference, while the NLR-34449 variety has seen a steep decline, limited to only small areas. Farmers across the eastern and western parts of Nellore are preparing over 25,000 acres for Rabi cultivation, ploughing fields and applying muddy layers for nursery planting. Reflecting on previous successful seasons, farmers are placing their trust in KNM varieties for this cycle. "KNM-1638 has shown resilience to pests and harsh weather while maintaining expected productivity," said farmer K Venkateswarlu. "We're now cultivating KNM-733 and KNM-7715 on a larger scale, hoping for better yields."

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>
> K Venkateswarlu, a farmer

In the recent season, KNM varieties yielded up to four quintals per acre, boosting confidence among farmers for even higher yields in the upcoming Rabi season. Suresh Babu, another farmer, shared, "Over the last three years, the KNM series has earned its place as the top choice due to its adaptability and pest resistance."

The NLR-34449 variety, once a popular choice developed by the Nellore Agricultural Research Station, now occupies a much smaller cultivation area this season.

Sathya Kumar invited to Sai Baba centenary fete



Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav being formally invited to the grand centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

HEALTH and Family Welfare Minister Satya Kumar Yadav has been formally invited to the grand centenary celebrations of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, scheduled for November 23 at Prasanthi Nilayam in Puttaparthi, Sri Sathya Sai district.

A delegation from the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust handed over the official invitation to the Minister at his Secretariat chamber on Thursday, following directions from the Trust's Andhra Pradesh President R Lakshmana Rao.

The Andhra Pradesh government has declared the 100th birth anniversary of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba as an official state function, with Government Orders issued on September 30.

The Department of Tourism, Culture, and Youth Services has been assigned to coordinate the celebrations across the State.

The main event at Prasanthi Nilayam will mark a historic milestone in honouring the revered spiritual leader's enduring message of service, peace, and compassion.

16 hurt as auto collides with 4-wheeler

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nellore

SIXTEEN people were injured when an auto-rickshaw collided with a four-wheeler on the national highway near Mocherla in Ulavapadu mandal on Thursday. Thirteen of the injured were passengers in the auto, while three occupants of the car suffered minor injuries.

The victims, residents of Alagayapalem village under Karedu gram panchayat, were returning home after attending Minister Nara Lokesh's programme earlier in the day. The accident occurred when the auto driver, after refuelling, tried to cross the highway and was hit by a speeding car.

Emergency services shifted the injured to hospitals in Ulavapadu, Kavali, and Ongole RIMS for treatment. On learning of the incident, Minister Lokesh expressed concern and directed officials to ensure quality medical care.

RARE FEAT

TGV enters Telugu Book of Records

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

EX-Rajya Sabha member TG Venkatesh congratulated TGV Kalakshetram for achieving a rare feat by entering the Telugu Book of Records three times in a single year. He said the recognition was a proud moment for the Telugu cultural fraternity, applauding Kalakshetram's role in promoting art, literature, and artists.

Telugu Book of Records Chairman Dr. Chanubotla Venkatachari felicitated Venkatesh for his contribution to Telugu arts. Kalakshetram's first record was a 48-hour nonstop presentation of NTR's songs on his 101st birth anniversary, followed by a 24-hour mono-acting contest with 80 artists, and a week-long cultural festival during Andhra Pradesh Formation Week.

Calling it a "hat-trick of cultural excellence," Venkatesh praised President Pathi Obulayya and his team.





CBIT students set to launch StratoX 2025 space mission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kadapa

STUDENTS of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Proddutur, are set to launch StratoX 2025, a student-led near-space exploration mission. A 35-member multidisciplinary team has designed and developed a high-altitude balloon to send a scientific payload nearly 35 km into the stratosphere.

The payload, equipped with advanced sensors and cameras, will capture temperature, pressure, humidity, UV radiation, and GPS data, offering valuable insights for atmospheric research.

The mission, scheduled for launch on November 8, aims to provide students hands-on experience in aerospace, electronics, and environmental science. College Chairman Dr V Jayachandra Reddy and the management praised the team's innovation, noting that the project could earn a place in the Indian Book of World Records (IBWR-2025). StratoX 2025 reflects CBIT's growing focus on research-driven education excellence.

Street vendors urged to utilise SVANidhi loans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kadapa

KADAPA MLA R Madhavi Reddy has urged street and small-scale vendors to make the best use of loans sanctioned under the Prime Minister SVANidhi Sankalp Abhiyan to become self-reliant entrepreneurs.

At a programme held at her camp office in Kadapa, a mega cheque worth ₹5.02 crore was distributed to 2,112 beneficiaries.

Addressing the gathering, the MLA said the SVANidhi scheme is a vital initiative aimed at uplifting small vendors by providing financial support to strengthen and expand their businesses.

Madhavi Reddy noted that the second phase of the Abhiyan is being implemented to help traders who lost their livelihoods during the pandemic restart their ventures.

Madhavi Reddy advised vendors to utilise the funds productively, repay them promptly, and qualify for higher loans in future phases.



Kadapa MLA R Madhavi Reddy handing over a cheque to street vendors during an event organised by MEPMA | EXPRESS

Madhavi Reddy assured that the Collectorate, municipal authorities, and banks would coordinate to ensure all eligible families benefit from the scheme.

Officials including MEPMA Project Director Kiran Kumar, Union Bank Regional Manager Tulasi, and DCC Bank Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rajamani attended the event.

Medicover flags gastric cancer surge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nellore

MEDICOVER Hospitals has urged the public to prioritise awareness and early screening to tackle the growing threat of gastric cancer in India. Dr G Rangaraman, Consultant Gastroenterologist and GI Oncologist, said on Thursday that changing food habits, increased intake of processed foods, and rising Helicobacter pylori infections are driving a steady surge in stomach cancer cases, especially in southern and northeastern regions.

He noted that most patients are diagnosed only in advanced stages, as early symptoms like indigestion and bloating are often overlooked. "Our goal is to shift focus from late detection to early diagnosis," he said.



Ensure error-free e-Crop registration: Collector

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kurnool

KURNOOL District Collector Dr. A. Siri has directed agriculture and horticulture officials to ensure error-free e-Crop registration across the district. Chairing a teleconference on Thursday, she stressed the need to record accurate crop details, including onion cultivation data such as sowing dates, growth stages, and survey number-wise entries.

The Collector instructed departments to certify weekly e-Crop booking details from the first week of September. Expressing concern over leaf curl disease in chili crops, she asked officials to create awareness among farmers on preventive measures.

She also directed Rythu Seva Kendra staff to help farmers register cotton crop details in the CM App and "Kapas Kisan" App. Dr. Siri urged officials to promote natural farming, crop diversification, and livestock rearing to boost farmers' income. Joint Collector Noorul Quamer and other officials attended.

SEC visits Sri City, lauds industrial development

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirupati

ANDHRA Pradesh State Election Commissioner Nilam Sawhney, accompanied by her husband Ajay Prakash Sawhney, former Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, visited Sri City on Thursday.

Dr Ravindra Sannareddy, Founder Managing Director of Sri City, extended a warm welcome to the couple and presented an overview of the integrated business city's key achievements, highlighting its rapid industrial growth, employment generation, and contribution to the Make in India initiative.



Dr Sannareddy lauded Sawhney's pivotal role in Sri City's innovation and manufacturing journey during his tenure at MeitY.

He recalled how Sawhney's vision led to the sanctioning of Gyan Circle Ventures at IIIT Sri City, which supports deep-tech startups, and the establishment of the Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC), now a nationally recognised hub in India's electronics ecosystem.

Impressed by the infrastructure and investment-friendly environment, Sawhney said she felt proud to witness Sri City's remarkable development.

The couple toured the industrial zone, visiting major facilities including Alstom and Hunter Douglas, and interacted with company officials during their visit.

EXPRESS READ

Bhumana slams TTD chief over corruption

Tirupati: Former Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman and YSRCP leader Bhumana Karunakar Reddy lashed out at current TTD Chairman BR Naidu, calling his one-year tenure "an ineffective journey of an incompetent person." He accused Naidu of large-scale corruption, citing the Vaikuntha Ekadasi stampede, land allotment to a hotel, and misuse of Sri Vani Trust funds

Free eye screening camp conducted at CHC

Anantapur: A free eye screening camp was organised at Kothacheruvu Community Health Centre (CHC) in Sri Sathya Sai district on Thursday, organised by District Medical Health Officer (DMHO), DCHS, and Shankara Eye Hospital, Bengaluru. District Collector A Shyam Prasad inaugurated the camp, stressing rural eye care and blindness prevention. Hundreds benefited through free eye tests and treatment consultations

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

07th November : Quantum Paradox Mars, Venus and now Uranus are exploring new signs, lending a strong current of change and a soft curiosity about whether or not the change should be considered an improvement. Like a scientist studying a particle that behaves as a wave or a point depending on how it's observed, much depends on what you expect to find. Perspective is reality.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The people who inspire laughter, creativity and closeness can be the same people who bring you friction, misunderstandings and overwhelm. Blame chemistry. All in all, it's a blessing because either way, it's an invitation to grow.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
The mind doesn't store time; it stores impressions. A memory will light up your nervous system as though it's happening right now. Just because something is in the past doesn't mean that it's over.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
The familiar falls away. Something extraordinary wants to come through. Release routine. There's a brief, scary space -- the void -- before the new reality forms. Before you even have time to feel that emptiness, something wondrous replaces it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
The astral omens warn against crowdsourcing today, only because your vision is beautiful and clear, and extra opinions will only compromise or distort it. No need to reconcile conflicting ideas. Just act on your own.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Those who encounter your light feel more awake to their own. You're honest, and it's why people sense they can rely on you. In a world hungry for something real, your candor is both medicine and magnet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You're handling life with emotional intelligence. Self-respect is an inside job. Today you'll realize how you're really training your attention to go where it heals instead of where it hurts. Small things build genuine self-esteem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
The way to freedom is through a little chosen restraint. Skip a luxury, delay gratification or sit with a craving instead of satisfying it right away. You'll find that the "need" quickly dissolves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Myths, love stories, art, political systems -- they are all constructs humans agreed to believe in, and they've shaped everything we know. Don't fear illusion. Use it. The line between delusion and creation is where humanity does its best work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
There will be admin work to do, and there's no way around it -- only through. Try to find a way to make it fun for yourself -- rewards, music, small interruptions, a change of scenery... it all becomes a game instead of a grind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Unresolved emotion lingers. It doesn't dissolve just because the calendar turned. It waits, quietly influencing your relationships, fears or ambitions until it's acknowledged and integrated. The emotional past becomes the psychological present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You get to know people by letting them teach you who they are. If each person is a classroom, you're showing up with coffee, awake to what's being taught. The lessons will come through more feelings than facts today.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Exchanges leave you stronger and give you the sense that you're on the right path. Because the right kinds of challenges are regenerative, not exhausting. You'll naturally be drawn to (and attract) experiences that give back.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

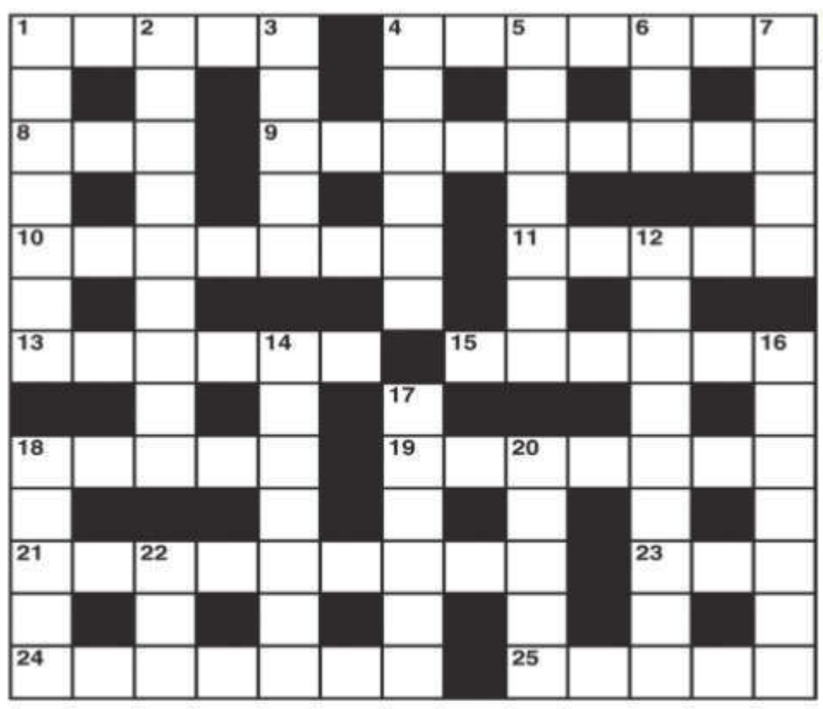
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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



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ACROSS

1 The Spanish have an inclination to push (5)
4 Perhaps Medusa's taken for granted (7)
8 A mercenary will fight for it (3)
9 In addition to the principal's expenses (9)
10 Bar is right inside the passage (7)
11 Classified unconventional trade (5)
13 A cruse is designed for the dish it can rest on (6)
15 Operatic heroine that is at heart betrayed (6)
18 Artist's stand-by (5)
19 Soup can be freshly made for the star (7)
21 A harvest on new soil in ancient Greece (9)
23 Even in a row it shows love and a warm heart (3)
24 Take a side turning perhaps (7)
25 Return and surrender (5)

DOWN

1 No longer journalist that's clear (7)
2 Youngsters told to be prepared (3,6)
3 He wants a hand (5)
4 They don't mind their own businesses (6)
5 Fields of activity he gets a mixed press about (7)
6 Doctor goes to a dead bird (3)
7 At festive occasions a journalist is treated (5)
12 Give one a ring then elope perhaps (9)
14 A natural sunshade (7)
16 Determined - though certain to come in last (7)
17 Finds fault when it's chilly on board (6)
18 Animal from China for example? (5)
20 Overturning an abode of pigs is unpleasant (5)
22 Old towel possibly kept in the garage (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Conviction, 8 Poems, 9 Capital, 10 Skittle, 11 Addle, 12 Bigamy, 14 Cherub, 17 Lasso, 19 Accuser, 21 Evasion, 22 Booby, 23 High-handed.

Down: 2 Opening, 3 Visit, 4 Cocker, 5 Impeach, 6 Noted, 7 Elderberry, 8 Past belief, 13 Mooring, 15 Restore, 16 Launch, 18 Smash, 20 Cabin.

JUMBLE

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

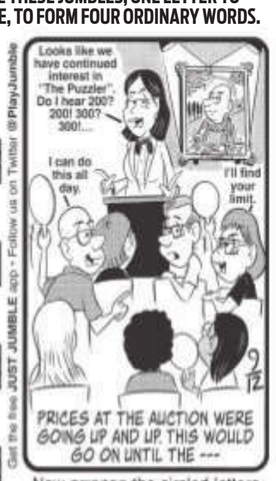
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELUDE NINTH ABRUPT DISMAY
Answer: The scarecrow didn't have a brain, and as a result, he was being — ABSENT-MINDED

OSRTC BUS FIRE An OSRTC bus travelling from Vizag to Jaipur caught fire in Parvathipuram-Manyam district on Thursday morning. All 10 passengers escaped unhurt after the driver evacuated them before flames engulfed the vehicle

GANJA SMUGGLING

PIT-NDPS Act invoked against 30 offenders

It is a legal weapon enabling us to confine identified culprits to custody before trial: CP

PHANINDRA PAPASANI
@ Vijayawada



CRACKING whip on the ganja smugglers and ensuing that the NTR district becomes free from ganja and other narcotics, the district police has set a benchmark in the fight against narcotics by becoming the first district in the State to invoke the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT-NDPS).

To make the district free from ganja and other narcotics, police have so far detained 30 notorious offenders under the preventive detention law.

"Unlike normal NDPS cases, PIT-NDPS is a legal weapon that enables the government to confine identified habitual narcotics traffickers to judicial custody for one full year even before trial. This will help the police to halt the cycle of smuggling, distribution and money circulation. This is a shift from reactive policing to targeted disruption," said NTR District Commissioner of Police (CP) SV Rajashekhar Babu.

As per police officials, these 30 offenders were caught for multiple cases and their conduct and sustained role in clandestine ganja trade, operations across district borders, fiscal flow mapping, and repeated violations despite prior arrests.

"Earlier, these smugglers would immediately return to the trade after coming out on bail. That has been stopped now. We were able to disintegrate and deteriorate the network of ganja smugglers, resulting in a great change in the city," he explained.

Under the new strategy, police have built a real-time database of drug offenders, mapped supply chains and local peddling networks, and intensified coordination with Excise, Intelligence, and Special Enforcement Bureau teams. Also, night vehicle checks, covert vigil on inter-state routes, and continuous village-level intelligence are being implemented to choke supply lines.

Police have urged colleges and parents to join efforts to curb demand.

"Drug networks survive only when both demand and supply survive. We are trying to suppress the sources of ganja with the help of our counterparts in neighbouring states sharing information. By isolating major suppliers under PIT-NDPS, we are breaking the backbone of the trade," the CP said.

Power outage sparks chaos at KGH; Min orders action

USHA PERI @ Visakhapatnam

A major power outage at King George Hospital (KGH) in Vizag on Thursday left patients in several key wards suffering without electricity, ventilation, and medical equipment.

The outage, caused by damage to a critical power cable during ongoing work on the hospital premises, began at 1:45 pm, and disrupted services in all orthopaedic, paediatrics, women's, Rajendra and Bhavanagar wards, leading to discomfort and anxiety among patients and their families.

Patients and their families reported significant inconvenience as they were left waiting in dark and humid conditions. While emergency units such as the ICU, NICU, and CSR blocks continued functioning with the help of generators, other wards experienced prolonged power failure. Hospital staff and authorities were engaged in efforts to restore power throughout the evening.

"A major power cable was disconnected near the critical care unit, leading to the outage. Our technical team is addressing the issue, and we expect the power to be restored by around 2 am," said Deputy Superintendent Dr M Chandra Sekhar Naidu.

"We were told repeatedly that power would return in 30 minutes, but by 10:30 pm also nothing had changed. The environment is extremely uncomfortable, and even basic amenities like water in the washrooms are affected," family members told *TNIE*.

"The power supply at King George Hospital was disrupted after electric cables were damaged during ongoing construction work. Efforts are being made to restore regular power, and the hospital is currently running essential services through generators. As soon as the issue came to my notice, I spoke to the concerned officials to ensure immediate action," said Health Minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav.

KGH serves not only Vizag but also surrounding districts and neighbouring States, making the disruption particularly challenging for many dependent on uninterrupted medical services.

This is not the first time that power outages have been reported at KGH. On several occasions, general ward patients have been forced to rely on hand fans and other makeshift methods due to the lack of electricity. These issues have persisted for a long time, highlighting ongoing infrastructure challenges at the hospital.

As of 10.30 pm on Thursday, power hasn't been restored.

Vizag set to be epicentre for global MSME trade

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VIZAG is set to become the epicentre of global trade for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as it hosts the MSME Export Development Convention 2025 on November 9–10 at Fairfield by Marriott.

The event, organised by the AP MSME Development Corporation (APMSMEDC) under the Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet (RBSM) initiative of the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme, is held in collaboration with the India SME Forum.

The convention aims to position AP as a leading export hub by connecting local MSMEs with international buyers. A total of 34 global buyers from 16 countries—including Russia, Sri Lanka, Hungary, the UK, Austria, Japan, New Zealand, Egypt, Bahrain, Nepal, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Togo, and Kenya—will participate in the event. Buyers from sectors including auto components, electronics, textiles, and pharma will attend the two-day event featuring buyer sessions and B2B meetings.

Export-ready MSMEs registered under Udyam will be transparently shortlisted to ensure sectoral diversity and representation.

Minister for MSME, Kondapalli Srinivas, highlighted the convention as a landmark initiative under the RAMP Scheme, aligning with Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's vision to empower entrepreneurs through missions like 'One Family One Entrepreneur (OFOE)' and 'Swarna Andhra 2047.'

AP presents sustainable city blueprint at Barcelona Congress

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ANDHRA Pradesh made a strong impression at the Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC) 2025 in Barcelona, with Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration and Urban Development S Suresh Kumar presenting the State's ambitious urban transformation strategy.

The presentation focused on Amaravati's integrated transport and trunk infrastructure plan, designed to support sustainable, inter-modal mobility in the greenfield capital region. Highlighting the State's commitment to sustainable urbanisation, Suresh Kumar said, "Amaravati is designed not merely as infrastructure, but as an integrated ecosystem where mobility, utilities, and environment cohere to lift living standards and enable inclusive economic growth."

He emphasised Andhra Pradesh's approach, which blends Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), circular economy principles, net-zero energy goals, electric mobility, and eco-friendly construction, all enabled through robust public-private partnerships.

The presentation detailed Amaravati's infrastructure blueprint, including 320 km of trunk roads, over 1,200 km of



neighbourhood streets under the Land Pooling Scheme, and extensive networks for stormwater, water supply, sewerage, and ICT. The public transport plan features BRT/metro corridors, three major transport hubs, 20 intra-city bus terminals, and a proposed new railway station. The State has also established the AP Capital Region Unified Transportation Authority (APCRUTA) to coordinate multimodal planning and implementation.

The global response was overwhelmingly positive. Delegates from over 100 countries and 850 cities applauded the scale and clarity of AP's planning. Several international firms expressed interest in pilot collaborations, particularly in areas like AI-based mobility analytics, smart drainage systems, EV charging infrastructure, and innovative PPP financing models.

"The quality and maturity of AP's plan - with built-in sustainability and bankable PPP structures - makes it attractive for global collaboration," officials noted.

During bilateral meetings, the State delegation outlined investment opportunities and flexible procurement models, including annuity, blended finance, and viability gap funding. Suresh Kumar added, "Under the visionary guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, we are ready to partner with global agencies to translate expertise into local impact."

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NEWBORN RESCUED A new-born girl was found abandoned at Nandikotkur Government Hospital in Nandyal. Alert officials rescued the weak 1.5-kg infant and shifted her to Nandyal GGH for intensive care, urging safe cradle use



HRD & IT Minister Nara Lokesh paid tributes to State TDP vice president M Subba Naidu and his nephew Bhanu Chander and consoled their family members | EXPRESS

Lokesh: Loyal cadre TDP's strength, their welfare is at its heart

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nellore

MINISTER for Education and IT, Nara Lokesh, said that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has always stood by its workers and continues to be the only party in the country with a strong and emotionally connected cadre base. Lokesh paid rich tributes to late TDP State vice president and Agro Corporation Chairman Malepati Subba Naidu and his nephew Bhanu Chander by garlanding their portraits at Dagadarthi in the Kavali constituency on Thursday.

The Minister later visited the bereaved family, consoled them, and assured full support.

Speaking to the media, Lokesh said that while many regional parties exist across India, it is only the Telugu Desam Party that draws its strength from its loyal cadre. "The sight of the yellow flag itself is an emotion for every TDP worker. Even at the recent Mahanadu, our party declared that the worker is our true leader," he remarked.

Lokesh said that the party had set up a welfare fund for workers in 2014, through which ₹135 crore has already been spent to support them. He added that a model school in Hyderabad provides corporate-level education to children of TDP workers who lost their lives in factional attacks. "Many of those children are now working in leading global firms like Deloitte and Accenture," he said, recalling similar experiences from his Yuva Galam padayatra.

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Expressing grief over Subba Naidu's demise, Lokesh said, "We lost a disciplined, dedicated leader and a man of integrity. I entered active politics in 2013, and from that time, Subba Naidu garu was always close to me. We shared a strong bond and many cheerful conversations." He recalled rushing to the hospital to ensure the best medical treatment when Subba Naidu suffered a brain stroke recently, describing his loss as deeply painful.

Lokesh praised Subba Naidu's contribution as mandal party president, State vice president, and Agro Corporation chairman, saying he relentlessly fought for people's causes from 2019 to 2024. "When a TDP activist named Karunakar was harassed and driven to suicide, Subba Naidu stood firmly by his family and even helped release their mortgaged property using his own funds," he said. Lokesh added that Subba Naidu played a key role in organising massive public gatherings whenever Chandrababu Naidu visited the constituewncy.

He further shared, "During my Yuva wdu accompanied me for five days, walking with me and discussing constituency issues. Every ten days, he used to call and check how the padayatra was progressing."

He also condemned the false propaganda being spread on social media to defame the family and warned of strict action.

AP charts green hydrogen roadmap

State envisages to lead India's green hydrogen revolution with annual production of 1.5 MT

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@ Vijayawada

THE State has taken a decisive step toward establishing itself as a national leader in green hydrogen production with the inaugural meeting of the AP Green Hydrogen Valley Advisory Board held at the Secretariat on Thursday.

Chief Secretary K Vijayanand, who co-chaired the meeting, reaffirmed the State's commitment to developing into a green hydrogen hub under the newly announced AP Green Hydrogen Valley Declaration. The declaration presents a roadmap to place Andhra Pradesh at the forefront of India's green hydrogen revolution by 2030, targeting the establishment of 2 gigawatts of electrolyser manufacturing capacity by 2027 and annual production of 1.5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen by 2029.

NITI Aayog Member and Advisory Board Chairman VK Saraswat said Andhra Pradesh holds a leading position in biomass availability — a key resource for green hydrogen production. He said leveraging biomass could enhance farmer incomes and create employment.



Chief Secretary K Vijayanand (R) NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat at the inaugural meeting of the AP Green Hydrogen Valley Advisory Board on Thursday | EXPRESS

Saraswat also underscored the importance of integrating green hydrogen into local steel plants, fertiliser industries, and port operations, adding that the Central government is prepared to offer incentives under the National Hydrogen Mission to industries adopting green hydrogen technologies.

Vijayanand highlighted the State's renewable energy potential, citing abundant solar, wind, and pumped energy storage resources. He said Andhra Pradesh's 974-km coastline is a major advantage for hydrogen production and pointed to the successful commissioning of a 1 GW pumped storage plant in Kurnool.

A key project under development, he noted, is the hydrogen hub at Pudimadaka near Visakhapatnam, being established by NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL). The plant aims to produce 1,500 tonnes of green hydrogen per day using 20 GW of renewable energy, backed by an investment of ₹1.85 lakh crore. The initiative is expected to cut foreign energy imports and boost domestic energy use.

AP GreenCo Co-AGM Ram Kumar said the conversion of the NPCL fertiliser plant in Kakinada into a one-million-tonne ammonia facility will further strengthen the region's green hydrogen ecosystem. He added that several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) related to green hydrogen production will be signed at the upcoming CII conference in Visakhapatnam on November 14–15.

Earlier, Member Secretary Prof D Narayana Rao presented a detailed roadmap for the AP Green Hydrogen Valley Declaration (2025–2029), outlining strategic goals and implementation plans. Advisory Board members RK Malhotra, Ashish Lele, Sujith Pillai, and JK Srivastava offered suggestions on advancing hydrogen fuel initiatives.

Support for onion, cotton ryots assured

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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MINISTER for Agriculture K Atchannaidu has assured that onion farmers need not worry as the State government is taking all measures to protect them from losses. When market prices dropped, onions were procured at ₹1,200 per quintal through MARKFED and the Marketing Department in Kurnool district. So far, ₹10 crore has been credited to farmers, and the remaining ₹8 crore will be released soon, he said.

Atchannaidu added that farmers' welfare remains the government's top priority, with special monitoring to resolve issues promptly. Additional compensation of ₹50,000 per hectare has been announced for 29,716 farmers across 20,913 hectares in Kurnool and Kadapa districts.

Atchannaidu has written to Union Textiles Minister Girish Raj Singh seeking urgent support for cotton farmers affected by Cyclone Montha.

Nimmala: CM will tour North AP to focus on pending projs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

WATER Resources Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu on Thursday announced that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will undertake a tour of North Andhra districts this month to review and expedite the completion of long-pending irrigation projects.

The announcement came after a high-level review meeting held at the Amaravati Secretariat with senior officials and executing agencies.

The Minister revealed that the coalition government, since assuming office, has placed special emphasis on North Andhra's irrigation infrastructure. "In the coming two years, over ₹2,000 crore will be spent to complete key projects," he stated, highlighting the Chief Minister's directive to prepare a time-bound action plan.



Slamming the previous YSRCP regime, Rama Naidu said that not a single rupee was spent on North Andhra irrigation projects during its five-year tenure (2019-2024). Even the ambitious Uttarandhra Sujala Sravanthi initiative launched by Chandrababu Naidu during the 2014-19 TDP government was deliberately stalled, he alleged.

The Minister said the nine priority projects that have been identified for immediate completion are BRR Vamsadhara, Thotapalli, Vamsadhara-Nagavali Link, Janjavathi Reservoir, Hiramandalam Lift, Nagavali-Champavati, Mahendra Tanaya, Tarakarama Theertha Sagaram, and Maddulavalasa Reservoir.

Special focus will also be given to rehabilitation & resettlement (R&R) works and remaining pending components.

Upon completion, these projects will bring 1.24 lakh acres of new ayacut under irrigation while stabilizing another 2.48 lakh acres, totaling 3.72 lakh acres of assured water supply. "Our goal is to deliver maximum irrigation coverage at minimum cost, especially in drought-prone areas," the Minister emphasised.

The review meeting was attended by Water Resources Advisor M Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers of North Andhra projects, senior officials, and others.

Extension of proj likely to end jumbo threat

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Startled, the elephant retreated into the woods, its path was documented in video. Alerts raced to forest officials, enabling real-time oversight. Deputy Chief Minister (Environment and Forest) Pawan Kalyan shared the clips online, proclaiming it "the future of harmonious coexistence — a vital tool against human-animal clashes."



He lauded its non-invasive design: no barriers, no drugs, just intelligent nudges preserving wildlife, and protecting communities.

Chittoor Divisional Forest Officer Subba Raju explained the system's functional prowess.

"This solar AI pilot detects elephant movement, deploys gentle countermeasures, and alerts via maps and footage for swift intervention," he said.

Complementing it are four Kumki elephants brought from Karnataka—trained herders who've safely corralled strays multiple times, blending tradition with tech.

Central to the effort is FarmGuard, from a Vellore AI firm. Machine learning distinguishes threats — elephants, tigers, leopards, boars — from harmless passersby. Detection sparks alarm and GPS pings to rangers, thwarting disasters.

"At ₹2.76 lakh per unit in AP, it cuts compensation costs, fortifies farms, and sustains crop yields," CEO PG Ragavandir told TNIE.

Relief resonates with villagers. Subramanyam (60) from Pathapeta, remembers 15 years of terror, elephants destroying mango and vegetable crops, causing extensive loss every year. "We banged pots in panic," he said. Now, "the camera brings calm—but we need more units along the fringe areas."

RTGS a key tool to collect & analyse data, says CM Naidu

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Highlighting the Swarna Andhra @2047 vision document, he called for the establishment of task force in every Assembly constituency, led by senior officials, to execute development plans.

He described the Real-Time Governance Society (RTGS) as a key tool to collect and analyse data, which will be disseminated across departments for swift action. "Officials must prioritise delivering better services to the people. Village secretariats should be transformed into Vision Units, and utilised effectively," Naidu said, citing the recent loss mitigation during Cyclone Montha as a success story.

"Data-driven governance has become crucial. We are rectifying the destruction caused by the previous regime, addressing issues one by one," he said.

In a push to real-time governance, Naidu revealed that citizen data from Anganwadi centres to students has been digitised, and integrated via AWARE platform. A new data lake system will consolidate information from all government departments, enabling instant analysis and decisions. "Predict first, then act accordingly — this is now possible through technology, ensuring better services for the public," he said.

With substantial budgets allocated for welfare and administration, he stressed the need for efficient utilisation of funds. E-files are now accessible to all, but he questioned the pace of decisions. "In the past, obtaining a simple caste certificate required chasing documents across offices for 10 days. That must change," he averred.

To eliminate office queues, Naidu advocated full adoption of the Central government's DigiLocker, and expansion of online services, including WhatsApp governance. "Why summon people to offices when services can be delivered digitally? Revenue and other departments should prioritise online or app-based service delivery," he said.

He announced plans for RTGS centres in every district and AI integration of historical and real-time data. Every public service must meet set standards, and complaints need prompt resolution without any delay, he said.

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>
> N Chandrababu Naidu, CM

Naidu also called for proactive incident management. Analyse accidents like recent bus crashes or the Tirumala stampede, develop protocols, and prevent recurrence through early warnings, he said.

On transparency, Naidu addressed controversies from the previous administration, such as the 22A disputes and irregularities in the Excise Department .

"Records were tampered with earlier. We must resolve them responsibly. We should counter false allegations by informing the public with facts," he said.

Police data must integrate into the data lake, and technology should streamline systems. "No State uses technology like Andhra Pradesh. With a single team, approach, and theme, let's work together for the State's development. There's no room for negligence," Naidu asserted, targeting 15% growth to boost GDP and per capita income.

He praised initiatives attracting investments, like Google's $15 billion data center commitment.

Departments must achieve 100% online services; pensions, RTC, and ration distribution show progress, but cleanliness in RTC and improvements in municipal, electricity, sand supply, and registration services (now at 62-70% satisfaction) are needed.

"Some ministers should improve their performance, and file clearance should be speeded up," Naidu cautioned, proposing ratings for government services to incentivise efficiency.

Technology's cost-saving potential is a recurring theme. In water resources, real-time monitoring and groundwater recharge could avert droughts, reducing free power subsidies from ₹9,000 crore to ₹4,500 crore annually. Health department predictive analytics could similarly cut expenses. "Data will become our greatest asset," Naidu remarked.

He urged senior officials to make field visits, study ground realities, and emulate the cyclone response team's spirit.

EXPRESS READ

AP govt challenges CAT order over suspension of IPS officer

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh government has moved the High Court challenging the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) order which struck down the suspension of senior IPS officer Vishal Gunni and directed that he be reinstated. The CAT had recently set aside the State's suspension orders issued against Vishal Gunni on September 15, 2024 and later extension orders issued on November 13, 2024 and March 12, 2025, holding them unlawful. Challenging this, State Chief Secretary K Vijayanand and Director General Police Harish Kumar Gupta together filed a petition in the High Court.

HC directs, Neha Reddy, her firm Avyan to pay ₹31.97L to GVMC

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has directed former YSRCP MP V Vijayasai Reddy's daughter Penaka Neha Reddy and her company Avyan Realtors LLP to pay an additional ₹31.97 lakh to the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) for demolishing the remaining portion of an illegal concrete wall constructed close to the sea in the Bheemunipatnam CRZ-I zone. The bench of Chief Justice Dheeraj Singh Thakur and Justice R Raghunandan Rao noted that the firm had earlier paid ₹48.21 lakh towards demolition and must now clear the balance within two weeks.

Build careers in public service, YSRCP chief Jagan tells youth

Vijayawada: Former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has called on the youth of Andhra Pradesh to emerge as principled leaders and protect the State's future. Addressing the YSRCP State Student Wing in Vijayawada on the eighth anniversary of his Praja Sankalpa Yatra, he likened the youth to 'tulasi' saplings — pure and resilient. "This is your era. You decide the future of Andhra Pradesh," he said, encouraging students to build careers in public service with integrity and vision. He accused the government of reversing key education reforms, including English-medium instruction.



K'taka Cabinet clears startup policy, targets 25K ventures

Budget of ₹518.27 cr has been approved for implementation of the policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state cabinet on Thursday approved the new Karnataka Start-up Policy 2025-2030, which aims to establish up to 25,000 startups, including 10,000 outside Bengaluru, over the next five years. A budget of ₹518.27 crore has been approved for implementation of the policy.

The policy adopts a comprehensive and inclusive approach to strengthening the state's startup ecosystem through targeted interventions in key areas such as funding, incubation, infrastructure, Research and Development and industry collaboration.

Karnataka currently hosts over 18,000 startups, accounting to 15 per cent of all recognised startups in India. As per the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology, Karnataka is emerging as a national leader in deeptech, Artificial Intelligence and quantum technologies.

"Karnataka's startup ecosystem continues to thrive, driven by sustained government efforts to foster innovation and entrepreneurship through targeted initiatives. Aligning with this, the new policy aims to make the state a national leader or a champion in the startup domain,'' the proposal stated.

Between 2014 and 2024, startups based in Bengaluru raised 71.19 billion dollars in funding. Interestingly, 50 per cent of all funded startups in India originate from the city.

The Karnataka government further aims to boost this success across the state by providing financial backing for early-stage startups as well as developing state-of-the-art incubation centres, and R&D hubs. The policy also provides for funding of specialised training programmes, subsidies for industry certification, grants for startup-focused skilling initiatives and mentorship-driven financial support.

T'gana Minister seeks return of five AP villages

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Khammam

AGRICULTURE Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao sent written letters to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Chief Ministers of both Telugu states, N Chandrababu Naidu and A Revanth Reddy, urging them to take measures to merge five villages, around Bhadrachalam, into Telangana.

He noted in the letter that during bifurcation of undivided Andhra Pradesh, Bhadrachalam was included in Telangana.

However, five surrounding gram panchayats — Yatapaka, Kannaigudem, Pichukalapadu, Purushothapatnam and Gundala — were marked for Andhra Pradesh. Minister demanded that the villages be brought back under Telangana's jurisdiction.

CHANGE OF NAME

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जयपुर डिस्कॉम के अन्तर्गत बांरा, झालावाड़, करौली एवं कोटा वृत में ई–निविदा तीन भागों में (तकनीकी, वाणिज्यिक एवं फीस) आरडीएसएस के अंतर्गत टर्न की आधार पर 11 KV मिश्रित फीडर्स के पृथक्कीकरण कार्यो के लिए सामग्री/उपकरण की आपूर्ति, निर्माण, स्थापना, परीक्षण और कमीशनिंग के तहत निविदा दांताओ से TN-611 to 614 के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। योग्य निविदादाता सम्पूर्ण निविदा सम्बन्धित दस्तावेज ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पोर्टल **http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर दिनांक 04.11.2025 को सायं 3.00 बजे से डाउनलोड कर सकते है। निविदाऐं ऑनलाईन ई–पोर्टल पर दिनांक 19.11.2025 को सॉय 5:00 बजे तक ही स्वीकार की जावेगी। निविदा सम्बन्धी जानकारी, कार्य का विवरण इत्यादि जयपुर विद्युत वितरण निगम की वेब साईट **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in & http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। **(UBN. VVN2526WLOB00482, VVN2526WLOB00483, VVN2526WLOB00484 & VVN2526WLOB00485)**

राज.सवाद/सी/25/13234 जेपी.आर - 3076 (2025) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (आर.डी.एस.एस.)

बिजली शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6507

Government of India, Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India
Telephone: 04637–281803/4061/1672; Fax: 04637–281681

CORRIGENDUM

Dated : 06.11.2025

In continuation of the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the below-mentioned works is extended up to 17-11-2025.

1. 'Horizontal extension of PET CTR building for Instrumentation Store room at IPRC, Mahendragiri' (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-117/MI/CPH-52/2025-26 dated. 23.09.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹ 12.24 Lakhs)
2. 'Providing frame work with mesh for closing the exhaust fan openings in IPRC facilities, Mahendragiri.' (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-124/MI/CPH-56/2025-26 dated. 07.10.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹ 7.00 Lakhs)
3. 'Refurbishment of underground open-type storage tank at ILHP-ETP plant area at IPRC, Mahendragiri.' (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-125/MI/CPH-57/2025-26 dated. 07.10.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹ 7.18 Lakhs)
4. 'Construction of ladies & gents toilet for MET Facility at IPRC, Mahendragiri (Civil & PH works).' (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-126/MI/CPH-58/2025-26 dated. 07.10.2025) (Estimated cost: ₹ 11.77 Lakhs)

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

Group Head, CMG

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AP Police Department

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Notice No.EAGLE/ELECTRONICS/2025-26/005, Tender **ID No.861110** inviting tenders for Procurement of Enterprise-Grade Servers, NAS, and Next-Gen Firewall systems for Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), A.P., Mangalagiri. Tender Details are available on the website : **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** from 05.11.2025 at 04.00 PM to 19.11.2025 at 05.00 PM. Ph. 8686068888.

Sd/- Inspector General of Police, EAGLE, A.P., Mangalagiri.

DIPR No.17965/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 06/11/2025

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.
KOTA SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION, Kota-324008

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited for TN-18337(RVU2526GLOB01499) Supply and retrofitting of 6.6KV 'CGL' Make SF6 circuit breaker installed in HT switchgear unit # 6 by vacuum circuit breaker, 5447(RVU2526WSOB01485) Providing assistance in operation and Routine, breakdown maintenance of CW system, Cooling Tower and Travelling Water Screens stage I to V & 5466(RVU2526WSOB01484) Mechanical Maintenance of conveyor belt and conveyor drive including pulley lagging by Hot & cold process and mechanical repair of pulley in CHP of KSTPS, Kota. Tender details are available on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/13231 RVUN/PR-4290 Chief Engineer (KSTPS)

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, 5th Floor, Administrative Building, Khairatabad, Hyd-004. TG.

EOI.No.05/HMWSSB/CGM(E)/PCC-II/Exp.Int/WS-MPlan-TCUR/2025-26 Dated : 04.11.2025

Expression of Interest (EOI) for "Preparation of Comprehensive Water Supply Master Plan for HMWSSB's water supply service area up to Telangana Core Urban Region (TCUR)"

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) intends to develop the water supply infrastructure systems for Hyderabad Metropolitan areas upto Telangana Core Urban Region (TCUR). In view of the above, the HMWSSB, proposes to engage the consultants for "Preparation of Comprehensive Water Supply Master plan for HMWSSB's water supply service area up to Telangana Core Urban Region (TCUR)".

The Expression of Interest (EOI) is hereby invited from the consultants having experience in the formulation of proposals and preparation of DPRs for the Water Supply Master Plan Systems. The consultants are required to furnish their credential indicating that they are qualified to perform the said services with client certificates on similar assignments, organization details with their technical expertise of personnel, projects etc capable to undertake such assignments.

The interested consultants may collect the RFP Document from the **O/o CGM (E), PCC-II, HMWSSB, 5th Floor, Administrative Building, Eastern Block, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004,** during office timings from **12.11.2025 to 19.11.2025** duly making payment of Rs.10,000.00 in the form of demand draft drawn in favor of "HMWSSB".

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, 5th Floor, Administrative Building, Khairatabad, Hyd-004. TG.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Department of Hindu Religious And Charitable Endowments)
No: KSC.ACT.CR/01/24-25
Office of the Special Officer
Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala
Dated : 06-11-2025
e-mail: sokpstirumala@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR QUOTATION TO SUPPLYING OF PADITHARA AND GHEE

Sealed Competitive quotations are invited by the undersigned for the supplying of padithara and Ghee to the Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala and Karnataka State Charities, Tiruchanoor as per the details below :-

Sl.No.	Description of Goods	Qty	Unit
1	Sonamasuri Rice	320-00	Kgs
2	Moongdal Split 1	32-00	Kgs
3	Urad Dal Whole	8-00	Kgs
4	Rock Salt	20-00	Kgs
5	Tamarind	15-00	Kgs
6	Mustard Seeds	4-00	Kgs
7	Black Pepper	1-50	Kgs
8	Turmeric Powder	0-70	Kgs
9	Jeera Whole	1-00	Kgs
10	Meathi seeds / Fenugreek	0-70	Kgs
11	G.G. Oil	2-00	Ltrs
12	Soft Supari	2-50	Kgs
13	Jaggery	10-00	Kgs
14	Cahew Whole	3-50	Kgs
15	Cardamom Green	0-20	Kgs
16	L.G. Hing	6-00	PK
17	Green Camphor	1-50	Kgs
18	Camphor 500gm	3-00	Kgs
19	Sugar 1	3-00	Kgs
20	Chenna Dal 1	1-00	Kgs
21	Diamond Sugar	2-00	Kgs
22	Kissmiss	2-00	Kgs
23	Dry Dates	0-50	Kgs
24	Alonds	2-00	Kgs
25	Butter	3-00	Kgs
26	Nandini / Heritage Ghee	202	Ltrs

From Sl. No. : 1 to 26 Description of goods in the above table to be supplied for the following address :

The Special officer, Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala

Sl.No.	Descritpion of Goods	Qty	Unit
1	Sonamasuri Rice	100-00	Kgs
2	Moong Dal Split 1	2-75	Kgs
3	Urad Dal whole	2-75	Kgs
4	Rock Salt	8-00	Kgs
5	Mustard Seeds	2-75	Kgs
6	Meathi Seeds / Fenugreek	0-10	Kgs
7	Black Pepper	0-10	Kgs
8	Jeera Whole	0-10	Kgs
9	Jaggery	8-00	Kgs
10	L.G. Hing	1-00	PK
11	Sonti	0-70	Kgs
12	Dry Chilly Whole	0-13	Kgs
13	Ghee	1-50	Ltr
14	Cardamom Green	0.07	Kgs
15	Cashew Whole	0.75	Kgs

From Sl. No. : 1 to 15 Description of goods in the above table to be supplied for the following address :

The Special officer, Karnataka State Charities, Tiruchanur.

1. Each tenderer must submit only one Quotation
2. The purchaser will award the contract wo who has offered the lowest price
3. Last date for receiving quotation is 22.11.2025
4. The period of the contract of the supply of the goods covers one year from the date of the issuing of the supply order.
5. Payment shall be made within 15 days after the delivery of the goods and their acceptance.
6. Not withstanding the above, the purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject

SPEICAL OFFICER, Karnataka State Charities, Tirumala.

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Administrative office for the states of Andhra Pradesh& Telangana at No.3-6-478,4th floor, Anand Estate, Liberty Road, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad-500029. Website: www.shriramcity.in
Office Address: D.No : 26-2-7, 2nd Floor, Padmavathi Plaza, Beside Canara Bank, A.K. Nagar, NELLORE Dist. - 524004

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Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S)	NPA Date / Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice / Amount Outstanding
1	**1. Nandimandalam Saritha,** D/o Nandimandalam Subba Raju, D.No. : 25-1-1863, 11th Street, Sanjiv Gandhi Nagar, Podalakur Road, Nellore, SPSR Nellore (dt) - 524004. **2. Nandimandalam Bhudevamma,** W/o Nandimandalam Subba Raju, D.No : 25-1-1863, 11th Street, Sanjiv Gandhi Nagar, Podalakur Road, Nellore, SPSR Nellore (dt) - 524004. **3. Konduru Pavan Kumar,** C/o Konduru Narayana Raju, Dno : 25-1-1863, 11thStreet, Sanjiv Gandhi Nagar, Podalakur Road, Nellore, SPSR Nellore (dt) - 524004.	08-03-2024 / Rs. 15,00,000/-	23-10-2025 / To Pay an Amount Rs.25,65,654/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four only)

Enterprise Finance Loan Agreement No. **NELL3TF2305090005**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : The Schedule Property is in the name of Nandimandalam Saritha, D/o Nandimandalam Subba Raju, Vide Doc. No : 7226/2023; Dated : 31.05.2023. **Property Details :** SPSR Nellore Registration District - Nellore Sub-Registration - Nellore Municipal Corporation - Nellore Bit--the Land in S.No. 1950 laid out in to House Plots and in the approved layout Plan, Plot No 1. Sanjay Gandhi Nagar Municipal Ward No. 25-1. Old D.No.2038, New D No. 1862, Present D.No. 25-1/2036/3, Old Asst. No 38035, New Asst. No. 1031040581, the site and house **bounded by: East :** House & Site belongs to Nandimandalam Saritha; **South :** House & Site of Raghunadha Reddy; **West :** House & Site of K. Gangireddy; **North :** Road. Within the above boundaries an extent of 12 ankanams or 80.268 sq.mts or 96 sq yds of site and an extent of 432 Sq.ft of ACC Roofed House therein with all fixtures & fittings bearing H.S.C No.052187 and with all easementary rights appurtenant there to

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and / or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with further interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13 (4) of Securitization and Re construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please notice that under section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place : NELLORE Authorised Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Kodur Branch (Branch Code: 2338), First Part, Ground Floor, Siddeswara Complex, Main Road, Kodur, Annamayya Dist-516101, Ph: 08566-245455, E-mail: iob2338@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank, Kodur Branch** Secured creditor , will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is " and "whatever there is " on 25.11.2025** for recovery of **Rs.16,86,169/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine only)** as on **13.10.2025** along with further interest and costs as detailed below.

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has taken possession of the following property pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on **'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' and 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' and " WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed here under and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://baanknet.com**

Borrower: M/s Radiant Oil Field Minerals
Proprietor: Sri Pilla Rajendra Babu, S/o Siddaiah, No:451/2,452/1,2,3,453,454/2,3,4, Govindam Palli village and Post, Obulavaripalli Mandal, Kadapa District (Now Annamayya District)-516105.
Borrower/Mortgagor: Sri Pilli Rajendra Babu, S/o Sri P.Siddaiah, D.No. 9-103, Gandhi Nagar, Kodur Village, Post & Mandal, Kadapa district (Now Annamayya District)-516101
Date of NPA : 31.12.2017
Date of Demand Notice: 09.01.2018
Dues Claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.30,84,692/- as on 31.12.2017 with further interest & costs
Date of symbolic Possession Notice: 02.07.2019
Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.37,53,485.76/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Five Paisa Seventy Six only) as on 29.06.2019 with further interest & costs.
Date of physical Possession Notice: 22.07.2025 vide Crl.M.P.No. 218/2025 OF THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE - CUM - PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SESSIONS JUDGE COURT, KADAPA.
***Outstanding dues of Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc):**
To be ascertained by the bidders and to be paid by the successful bidder

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITY

All the part and parcel of the Plant and Machinery of VERTICAL PULVERISING MILL, situated in factory premises of M/s Radiant Oil Field Minerals situated at S.No.451/2,452/1,2,3,453,454/2,3,4, Govindampalli village and Post, Obullavaripalli Mandal, Kadapa District (Now Annamayya District) - 516105.

Reserve Price: Rs.10,00,000/-, EMD : Rs.1,00,000/- Bid Increase Amount : Rs.10,000/-

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION : 25-11-2025 & 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

EMD Remittance : The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal **https://baanknet.com** using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet account by 24.11.2025 before 4.00 PM. Intending bidders shall have a valid email address and should register their name/account by login to website of the aforesaid service provider.
Auto extension time: 5 minutes for each property till sale is completed
Known Encumbrance if any: Nil for all security
Inspection Date & Time: 10.11.2025 onwards, with prior appointment from bank
submission of online application for BID with EMD: 10.11.2025 onwards
Last date for submission of online application for BID with EMD: 24.11.2025 before 4.00 PM
Outstanding dues of Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water Sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.):
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* Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Bank website: **1) www.iob.in, Service Provider Website: 2) https://baanknet.com**

For further details contact: Bank	For further details contact: Service Provider
The Branch Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Kodur Branch, First Part, Ground Floor, Siddeswara Complex, Main Road, Kodur, Annamayya Dist-516101 during the office hours, Phone: 08566-245455, Mobile number: 9843311825	**M/s PSB Alliance** having Registered office at Unit 1, 3rd Floor, VIOS commercial tower, near Wadala Truck terminal, Wadala East, Mumbai-400037. Email: psb@psballiance.com

Place: Kodur, Date: 06.11.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
Regd. Office: OHPC Corporate Office, Bhoi Nagar, Janpath, Bhubaneswar -22,
Ph: 2542983, 2542802, 2545526, 2542826, Website: www.ohpcltd.com
CIN : U40101OR1995SGC003963

ADVERTISEMENT NO. OHPC: HQ: HRD: RECTT: 03/2025 Dated: 07.11.2025

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Electrical Trainee	Mechanical Trainee	Welder Trainee	Crane Operator Trainee	Store Keeper Trainee
63	43	03	10	06

Important Dates:-

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04	05	01	01	01	33	01

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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S)	NPA Date / Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice / Amount Outstanding
1	**1. Duggireddy Prudhvi Raj Kumar,** S/o Syam Sundar Reddy, D.No:25-5-8,1stStreet, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Nippo Back Side, Podalakur Road, Nellore-524004. S P S R Nellore District. **2. Lanka Sobha,** W/o Duggireddy Syam Sundar Reddy, D.No:25-5-8, 1stStreet, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, Nippo Back Side, Podalakur Road, Nellore-524004. S P S R Nellore District. **3. Mullah Mohammed Mohiuddin,** S/o Mullah Mohammed Khader Mohiddin, D No : 25/3/1611, 9thStreet, Podalakur Road, Pragathi Nagar, A K Nagar, Nellore-524004. SPSR Nellore District.	07-06-2024 / Rs. 17,00,000/-	23-10-2025 / To Pay an Amount Rs. 25,38,148/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight only)

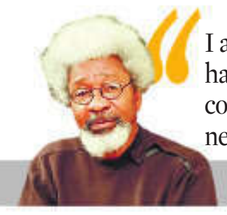
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DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : The Schedule Property is in the name of Lanka Sobha, W/o Duggireddy Syam Sundar Reddy Vide Doc. No. : 4306/2023; Dated : 01.04.2023. **Property Details :** S P S R Nellore Registration District,Nellore Sub-Registration-Nellore Municipal Corporation-Nellore Bit-1 Area-S No.584/2, Nellore City, Dargamitta,Ex-Army colony,Old Ward No.24,Old Dno:386/5,Old Asst No. 21754 at present Milatary Colony area an extent of 18 ankanams or 144 sq yds of vacant site out of 37 ankanams belongs to the house & site of the house bearing New D No.24/2/1071,New Asst No.1031034001 and RCC Building therein **bounded by: East :** Municipal Road; **South :** House site of D Subbi Reddy and joint compound wall of this House; **West :** Municipal Site; **North :** Compound wall of P Janardhan reddy and Joint own compound wall. Within the above boundaries an extent of 18 ankanams or 144 sq yds of vacant site with all easementary rights appurtenant there to

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and / or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with further interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13 (4) of Securitization and Re construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please notice that under section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place : NELLORE Authorised Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.



I am convinced that Nigeria would have been a more highly developed country without the oil. I wished we'd never smelled the fumes of petroleum

Wole Soyinka

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— Ramnath Goenka

COLLABORATION KEY TO CURBING MENACE OF DIGITAL ARRESTS

CYBER swindlers continue to be on the prowl across India, ever inventive in their subterfuge. Notwithstanding regular warnings from the Reserve Bank, commercial banks, and law enforcement agencies, legions of citizens fall prey with dispiriting regularity. Fresh stratagems to defraud surface regularly, with the most lucrative one at present being the so-called 'digital arrest', in which impostors masquerade online as officers of the law and subject victims, often senior citizens, to a sustained psychological siege to rob them. Armed with sophisticated tools, these racketeers conjure convincing facsimiles of courtrooms and police stations until their targets surrender emotionally and transfer large sums for an 'official pardon' or 'bailout'.

The Supreme Court's recent 'shock' at being told that more than ₹3,000 crore had been syphoned off through such digital arrests underlines the urgency in confronting this growing menace. The apex court took suo motu cognisance after an elderly couple from Haryana was 'virtually detained' on the basis of forged judicial and investigative orders, and coerced into parting with over ₹1 crore. The court has now sought a comprehensive probe into the menace.

Evidence suggests that a significant share of these crimes is orchestrated from across the border and the money laundered through organised financial networks. This brings a human-trafficking dimension to the financial crime. Indians recruited by transnational criminal syndicates with promises of lucrative IT or marketing roles are subsequently compelled to run online scams under inhuman conditions. Myanmar and Cambodia have emerged as big hubs for this industrialised criminal syndicates. Several hundred Indians have managed to flee these scam factories this year alone; many more are estimated to be still trapped.

This cross-border element makes coordination essential in tackling cybercrime—between states in the country or with the authorities in other nations. The training of law officers and inter-state collaborative work that the I4C or Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre has been doing must be vastly expanded. Its work with tech and telecom firms in thwarting crime must evolve constantly to anticipate novel ruses. Banks must deploy sharper analytics and resilient IT systems to flag high-value transfers to unrelated individuals and offshore accounts. Above all, sustained public awareness is indispensable. Only a well-informed citizenry, aided by agile institutions, can blunt these scamsters.

CHECK VIABILITY BEFORE ODISHA PLAN'S TAKE-OFF

THE Mohan Charan Majhi government in Odisha has rolled out a ₹4,182-crore plan to develop the state's aviation sector under what it calls the Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network or B-MAAN initiative. Ambitious as it may sound, the scheme has its heart at the right place. Increased connectivity, robust infrastructure, incentives to airlines, adoption of tech solutions, and private investment are focus areas for the government that wants to position the state as a leading aviation hub in eastern India.

A single-commercial-airport state for long, Odisha's aviation infrastructure remained far below the desired levels despite grand plans for development that had started two decades ago. While the southern states raced away in industrial and IT sector growth, which necessitated a matching aviation network, Odisha lagged. Change came after the NDA government brought in the UDAN scheme for regional connectivity. Now, the state administration has a clear task at hand if it is to realise the aspiration of establishing Odisha as a manufacturing hub, including bringing in semiconductor factories. One appreciable aspect is the new scheme's focus on new and refurbished airports to target underserved regions using viability gap funding to bring in airlines that can operate in tier 2 and tier 3 locations. Creation of a world-class maintenance, repair, and overhaul ecosystem at Bhubaneswar and investment in drone technology and aerospace management are novel ideas, too.

However, Odisha must take a leaf out of other states in ensuring financial viability, including the long-term prospects of new routes, which will be crucial. Despite the success of UDAN in democratising the country's aviation network, many routes have suffered from low demand, impacting operators' bottomlines. The civil aviation ministry stated in parliament that "some routes become non-operational after the [UDAN] subsidy ends due to airline closures, aircraft shortages, and low passenger demand. Airports may fall into disuse if connecting routes are discontinued".

The asymmetry in Odisha's aviation infrastructure is sharp. In 2024-25, a bit more than 5 million air travellers visited the state, of which 4.8 million travelled through the Biju Patnaik International Airport in capital Bhubaneswar. A few other state airports' performances improved under UDAN. That Odisha requires a stronger aviation network is an understatement. However, a detailed groundwork is required for B-MAAN to take off.

QUICK TAKE

GIVE HIM A GOLDEN AWARD

THIS is a self-goal like few before. Fifa president Gianni Infantino has announced a new global peace prize to be awarded at the upcoming draw for the 2026 World Cup. No prizes for guessing which tantrum-throwing leader it will likely go to; no award either for guessing which ceremony in Oslo the Washington DC event will precede by five days. It's not new for global football's governing body to be grovelling in front of the rich and the powerful, or wade into geopolitics at the behest of influential nations. But what role does it have in adjudging global peace? To round up the farce, maybe the Nobel Committee could institute a Golden Boot and give it to he who must get the message.

The World Trade Organization emerged after years of careful negotiations. No doubt it needs to change how it works and what it addresses. But dismantling it would be a grave error

THE WTO IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE WTO



K M CHANDRASEKHAR

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SOURAV ROY

IT was a clear and balmy morning when I arrived in Geneva as ambassador to the World Trade Organization. I was ushered into the VIP lounge. Ambassadors visiting Geneva as representatives of their countries at any of the missions there have the privilege of using this lounge twice: once upon arrival and once before departure.

I had been working in Brussels for the previous three years as deputy chief of the Indian embassy. The gloom and incessant rain of Brussels had worn us out considerably, and it was great to see clear blue skies, the magnificent Lake Geneva, and the snow-clad Alpine mountains in the distance.

My work was not easy. The counsellor in my mission, Mohan Kumar, who distinguished himself later in many key assignments in the foreign service, came to me and said that our reputation was at its nadir. This followed the single-handed crusade by former minister Murasoli Maran at the previous ministerial conference in Doha in 2001 against the introduction of new issues such as investment and competition policy into the WTO's work programme, making them subject to its powerful and rigid dispute settlement mechanism.

My first task was, therefore, to re-establish friendly links with other ambassadors, which I achieved by visiting more than 40 of them and getting on first-name terms with all. While this is not the place to describe all that transpired over the next three years, I thoroughly enjoyed my stay, loved being part of the core negotiations, and attended meetings where I pitted myself against some of the finest diplomats worldwide.

I am, therefore, sad to see the current status of the WTO, where it barely survives, with all its carefully crafted and negotiated trade rules in tatters, leaving global trade itself in a disarray. Trade is an essential component of global growth. As William J Bernstein puts it in his bestselling book, *A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped The World*, "World Trade has yielded not only a bounty of material goods, but also of intellectual and cultural capital, an understanding of our neighbours, and a desire to sell things to others rather than annihilate them."

Trump would probably disagree with Bernstein. He cast the first stone to break away from a well-established multilateral system of trade rules by arbitrarily raising tariffs on steel and aluminium in his first term. He struck an even more brutal blow later by rendering the WTO dispute settlement mechanism dysfunctional by disagreeing on the appointment of members to the appellate body.

Any ruling from the dispute settlement panel cannot therefore be taken up on appeal, breaking the legal chain. This meant that even if a member country broke multilaterally-agreed trade rules, the affected country could not impose retaliatory tariffs. Back in 2018, Trump expressed his resentment towards the WTO, claiming that the WTO was set up "to benefit everybody but us", adding: "We lose the lawsuits, almost all of the lawsuits in the WTO."

In his second term, he has virtually dismantled the WTO, although he recently paid a part of the amounts due to the organisation. He imposed a set of tariffs based on his perception of unfair treatment of the US. Not only did he impose high tariffs on many countries, but he also exercised his right to change them whimsically, at times based on extraneous factors such as his belief that an ally in Brazil, former President Jair Bolsonaro, was not being treated fairly by the judiciary, or that Indian companies were buying oil from Russia. He decided to flex his muscles against China and imposed a succession of increasing tariffs. He denied that the tariffs signalled a trade war, stating that the "trade war was lost many years ago by the foolish or incompetent people who represented the US".

His attempt to bring China to heel, however, failed miserably because he grossly underestimated the strength of the country's trade weaponry and its readiness to employ all of it without remorse against an unnecessarily aggressive partner. Ultimately, peace had to be made on terms agreeable to both.

India is still labouring under a heavy 50 percent tariff. Perhaps the chances of an early settlement have improved, as China has agreed to buy more agricultural products from the US. The large-scale import of farm products is a significant red line that no elected government in India can dare to cross. Meanwhile, exporters everywhere and American importers operate under conditions of deep uncertainty. How can trade deals be established between exporters and importers when they are unsure what tariffs will be imposed?

There is another element that intrigues me. We know that certainty in tariffs and clearly-defined trade rules are beneficial. But then why is the virtual demise of the WTO causing barely a ripple? Has the WTO run its course?

When the Bretton Woods twins—the World Bank and the IMF—came into being, there was talk of establishing an International Trade Organisation. As the Cold War progressed, this came to nought. However, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade or GATT emerged in its place, establishing some cardinal principles of multilateral trade such as the most-favoured nation status, national treatment and transparency. Later, the GATT was found to be insufficient. After seven gruelling years of negotiations, it was superseded by the WTO, which addressed other key areas such as services, agriculture, and intellectual property.

Now perhaps there is further room for change. The phenomenal growth of digital trade, the speed of communication, advancements in technology, and significant changes in the financial transactions underpinning trade, as well as the growing linkages between trade and stocks and futures, have altered the dimensions of the WTO. New challenges necessitate a reinvented global system. Whether such a system will develop depends on the members of the WTO.

The dispute settlement mechanism, which is the prominent bone of contention, can be recast. After consultation between the disputing parties, the panel may mediate rather than rule. If mediation fails, the issue could be resolved through mutually agreed arbitration. Perhaps the principle of consensus in decision-making needs to change—reaching consensus among 166 members is no easy task.

The WTO is undoubtedly at a crossroads. Its members must decide whether it is doomed to extinction or whether it will re-emerge, like the phoenix, from its ashes. *(Views are personal)*

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OIL'S QUIET FLOW TO THE MARKET



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IN a continued attempt to re-assert its relevance in global energy markets, the US once more expended ammunition at Russian oil majors Rosneft and Lukoil. The sanctioned companies are being dislodged from the US banking system starting November 21. Markets are being cautiously apprehensive as prices are firming up. However, informal estimates predict a movement in narrow band despite the imminent initial decrease in Russian oil flow.

Sanctions, a contentious issue, facilitate the resurrection of alternatives like the Russian 'shadow fleet'. Moscow-based Transneft, the largest oil pipeline company with more than 70,000 km of network, handles 80 percent of pipeline supplies of Russian crude; it remains a major facilitator of oil exports to China, Finland, Germany and a few east European consumers. Embargoes often act as catalysts for surrogate corporate entities that circumvent restrictions and facilitate covert trade.

Meanwhile, fears of supply constraints are allayed with considerable OPEC capacity in abeyance. The Latin American flows are expected to surge in 2026. Stabroek Block, a massive field off Guyana's shore operated by ExxonMobil and partners, is expected to report substantially higher production. Petrobras resumed production at the Tupi field while clocking record levels at Búzios, two of the most prolific pre-salt offshore assets in Brazil that are slated to place the country among the top five oil producers. With rising oil sands production in Canada and sustained shale activity in the Permian Basin, production will significantly increase in the next two years.

Prior to 2022, Russian crude constituted barely 2 percent of India's import basket, but touched 37 percent later on the back of discounts and favourable trade terms. China remained the largest buyer of Urals. However, energised Saudi ties with India and China helped Riyadh's share in India's imports to remain robust, and its exports to China hit a two-year high this August at 1.65 million barrels per day, a figure that could be re-visited soon.

Aramco's recent offer of price cuts for Asia is evident of the kingdom's intent to corner a larger share of the regional demand. Mindful of the trade initiations with US and burgeoning supply sources over the last couple of years, the dependency on Moscow is easier to taper. This column had earlier mentioned America's keenness to raise its share in the Asian markets, pre-dominantly India. The latest import figures corroborate it.

Buyers often consider energy security synonymous with economic security, a euphemism for bargain pricing. Though this time, it may be tough to ensure both; a steep rise seems a distinct improbability.

While the markets decipher the financial implications of latest moves, a different scenario is unfolding in the background. As American efforts remain focused on strangling Moscow's financial resources in a bid to end the Ukraine war, a flashback to 2022 reveals a different narrative.



EXXONMOBIL

American sanctions on two Russian oil majors are unlikely to dent global supplies. More supplies are expected from the massive Stabroek field off Guyana and Búzios in Brazil. The US has exempted three Rosneft refineries in Germany even as Hungary and Slovakia continue to depend on Russian supplies

Russia, the third largest producer of oil, holds a vast incentive for exploration and production. The ageing infrastructure and obsolete technology needs fresh infusion. Downstream capacity and product mix warrant substantial upgrading. Donald Trump is reluctant to "fully arm" Kyiv with Tomahawk missiles, capable of inflicting damage on Russia's depleting refinery capacity. Their use could invoke retaliation that would derail hopes of any 'collaboration and economic alignment' between Russia and America.

Exxon quit Russia abruptly in 2022 in the wake of Ukraine war, leaving behind massive stranded assets including at Sakhalin-1, the large, foreign-funded oil-and-gas project with Chinese and Indian equity participation. The American oil major is currently engaged in a protracted litigation seeking compensation of $4.6 billion from the Russian authorities. Vladimir Putin recently signed a decree allowing Exxon to return to the project. At the Alaska Summit, he had suggested US cooperation for energy exploration in the Arctic. Oil majors seek cost-effective and guaranteed high-return opportunities as the conventional sources begin to exhaust. The geopolitics of the region could dramatically alter the US's oil dynamics.

Given the sensitivity of oil economics for Beijing, despite its close energy ties with Moscow and Tehran, oil was not on the agenda as Trump and Xi Jinping met recently at Busan in South Korea. Was it selective *laissez-faire* or a long shot at veiled diplomacy?

The Trump-Putin *détente* at Budapest—a venue symbolising Hungary and Slovakia's continued dependence on Russian oil via the Druzhba pipeline—failed to materialise due to a political and strategic impasse. Berlin was accorded an exemption from the latest US sanctions for Rosneft's three Germany-based refineries. The relief comes in an aptly denoted 'Letter of Comfort' from the US government. In the present atmosphere of contradictions and vested interests, it is futile to focus on the price and availability.

In *The Apprentice*'s first season that aired in January 2004, the opening lines by a younger Trump, comfortably seated in a limo, speaks of his accomplishments but draws on his brush with heavy debt: "I fought back and I won… I used my negotiating skills… I worked it all out and I am having more fun than I ever had." These words, despite the present maze of confusion that prevails with his directives and rhetoric, kindle hopes for a finer realpolitik that's a global requisite. The world is eagerly waiting to see how much of reel life merges with the real.

(Views are personal)

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Americans souring

Ref: *Redistricting win more weighty than Mamdani's* (Nov 6). The result of New York's mayoral polls and other cities have reflected the disillusioned mood of the American voter about Trump and his policies. The US president needs to take a cue and modify his policies, especially on immigration and unemployment.

D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

Canine care

Ref: *To make our streets safer, follow Supreme Court order on strays* (Nov 6). Unsuccessful implementation of animal birth control policies has made all provisions toothless. Peaceful cohabitation can only be possible among civil creatures. Uncontrollable behaviour must be tamed to make them sociable.

Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur

Ghatak's impact

Ref: *Teacher's 100* (Nov 6). Glorious filmmakers like Ritwik Ghatak not only live in vivid memory with their impactful works, but also by the pedagogical legacy they created. It is an irony that the teacher remains his own humble self, but the students outshine him in growth and glory.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Safety first

Ref: *Rail mishap* (Nov 5). The recent Bilaspur tragedy is a stark reminder of the glaring lapses in our railway safety standards. No amount of monetary compensation can ever repay for loss. Meaningful progress will only be achieved when the safety of passengers is prioritised, rather than inducting shiny new trains.

Raymond Martel, Thiruvananthapuram

Counter claims

Ref: *BJP 'stole' Haryana poll with 25 lakh fake votes, Bihar next target* (Nov 6). The fact that the allegations have been levelled one year post elections undermines the very credibility of the claims. It would be prudent if the Election Commission shares substantial evidence that can bury such allegations once and for all.

Aanya Singhal, Noida

Verify allegations

Ref: *BJP 'stole' Haryana poll with 25 lakh fake votes, Bihar next target: Rahul* (Nov 6). Even presuming that bogus voting did take place in the Haryana polls, how has the leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi proven that the votes were cast in favour of the BJP? Details must be taken into account before making impetuous allegations.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

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POSTS OF THE DAY



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Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
The BJP and the Election Commission are conspiring together to weaken our country and Constitution. The country will never forgive those who do this.

IAF flights bring back 270 Indian victims of Myanmar cyber scam

Detained by Thai authorities for violation of immigration laws; Indian mission issues warning

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday began repatriating hundreds of its citizens who fled a notorious cyber scam centre in Myanmar, with two Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft bringing back 270 nationals, including 26 women, from the Thai border town of Mae Sot. The evacuees had crossed from Myawaddy in Myanmar, where they were reportedly working in cyber scam operations. They were detained by Thai authorities for violation of immigration laws when they had entered the country.

"The Embassy of India, Bangkok, and the Consulate of India in Chiang Mai, in close coordination with various agencies of Royal Thai Government, have facilitated repatriation of 270 Indian nationals, including 26 women, from Mae Sot, Thailand, to India by two special flights operated by IAF," the embassy said.

The returning nationals include both victims, who were lured to scam centres with promises of lucrative jobs, as well as some individuals allegedly involved in running the operations. Investigative agencies in India will question the returnees to identify those involved in scams, and legal action will follow where necessary, sources said.

The embassy also issued a caution to Indian citizens: "Indian nationals are strongly advised to verify the credentials of foreign employers and check the antecedents of recruiting agents and companies before taking up job offers. Also, visa-free entry into Thailand for Indian passport holders is meant for tourism and short business purposes only and should not be misused for taking up employment in Thailand."

This is not the first such operation. In March 2025, India repatriated 549 nationals from cybercrime centres along the Myanmar-Thailand border in two IAF flights.

The recent exodus follows a crackdown by Myanmar's military on the Chinese-backed KK Park in Myawaddy. As many as 1,600 people had crossed into Thailand from KK Park. They included nationals from India, the Philippines, China, Vietnam, and Ethiopia. Sources said more flights are scheduled to bring back Indians.

Thursday flights first landed at an Indian airbase in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands for refuelling before continuing to New Delhi.



Indian Army reviews Eastern sector readiness

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID the ongoing reorganisation of the security infrastructure, the Indian Army on Thursday laid the foundation stone for a new military station under the Eastern Command and reviewed the operational readiness and internal security situation in the bordering areas.

The Army said the new military station in Assam's Dhubri has been named after the legendary Ahom Commander, Lachit Borphukan. Dhubri shares an international border with Bangladesh and is near to the borders with Bhutan. "Lieutenant General RC Tiwari, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, visited the Gajraj Corps in the border areas and laid the foundation stone of the Lachit Borphukan Military Station at Dhubri, Assam," the Army said in a statement.

SC says accused must be given grounds of arrest in writing in his language

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that the police and investigating agencies must provide the grounds of arrest in writing to accused persons and in a language they understand, irrespective of the nature of the offence or statute involved.

"The right to be informed of the grounds of arrest is a fundamental and mandatory safeguard under Article 22(1) of the Constitution and applies to all offences, including those under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The grounds of arrest must be communicated in writing to the arrestee in the language he/she understands," said a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai and Justice AG Masih.

The top court delivered the judgment in the Mihir Rajesh Shah vs state of Maharashtra case that arose from the high-profile Mumbai BMW hit-and-run incident of July 2024.

The court also made it clear that in certain exceptional situations when it is not possible to supply written grounds immediately, the reason should be conveyed orally to the accused.



"Even in such cases, written grounds must be furnished to the accused within a reasonable time and no later than two hours prior to production of the arrestee for remand proceedings before the magistrate," said the top court in its 53-page judgment.

"The constitutional mandate of informing the arrestee the grounds of arrest is mandatory in all offences under all statutes including offences under IPC 1860 (now BNS 2023)," the bench said. "In case of non-compliance of doing so, the arrest and subsequent remand would be rendered illegal and the person will be at liberty to be set free," it clarified. The court directed its registry to send a copy of the judgment to all registrars-general of high courts and chief secretaries of all states and UTs.

Prez will leave for Botswana to advance Cheetah transfer project

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu will embark on a state visit to Angola and Botswana from November 8 to 13, in the first-ever visit by an Indian head of state to the two African nations, the External Affairs Ministry announced on Thursday.

Addressing a press briefing, Secretary, Economic Relations, MEA, Sudhakar Dalela said that the visit reflects India's growing focus on strengthening partnerships with countries of the Global South, particularly across political, economic, developmental, and cultural dimensions in Africa.

"India's engagement with Africa is growing across all key pillars—from political, trade and economic, and development to people-to-people connections. This visit is in consonance with the government's priority of deepening partnerships with countries in the Global South," he said.

The tour to Africa will also include discussions on translocating cheetahs from Botswana to India as part of Project Cheetah, symbolising the deepening environmental and conservation ties between the two countries.

ED attaches ₹11 cr assets of Raina and Dhawan in online betting case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN a major crackdown on celebrity endorsements linked to illegal betting platforms, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached properties worth ₹11.14 crore belonging to former cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan.

The two have been accused of promoting the banned betting application 1xBet and its surrogate brand 1xBat, which allegedly used over 6,000 mule accounts to launder more than ₹1,000 crore.

According to the ED, the attachment includes mutual fund investments worth ₹6.64 crore linked to Raina and property valued at ₹4.5 crore belonging to Dhawan. Officials said the cricketers had received payments for endorsing illegal platforms disguised as legitimate brand deals.

The agency said Raina and Dhawan "knowingly entered into endorsement agreements with foreign entities for the promotion of 1xBet through its surrogate brands." These payments, routed through multiple foreign intermediaries, were allegedly designed to conceal the illicit origin of funds tied to proceeds of crime generated from betting activities.





The probe was initiated based on several FIRs filed by State Police agencies against the operators of 1xBet. Investigators found that 1xBet and its related brands were facilitating and promoting illegal betting and gambling operations across India without any authorisation.

During searches, the ED found that the platform targeted Indian users through social media, online videos, and print advertisements. "Payments for endorsements were structured through layered transactions using foreign intermediaries to disguise the illegal source of funds," the agency said.

The investigation revealed that 1xBet collected money through thousands of mule accounts, routing funds via multiple payment gateways without proper KYC checks. The merchants listed on these gateways had suspicious profiles and business activities that did not align with their transactions, indicating the laundering of over ₹1,000 crore.

Over 60 bank accounts linked to these gateways have been frozen, and ₹4 crore has been seized so far. The ED issued an advisory, saying, "The public is therefore cautioned: Do not open, share, or allow your personal or business bank accounts, debit cards, UPI IDs, or payment wallets to be used by others for receiving or transferring funds of unknown origin."

'Deserves sympathy': KC lashes out at Tharoor's remarks on dynastic politics

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a sharp rejoinder to Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's recent comments on dynastic politics, party General Secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal on Thursday said he "feels sorry for people who make such comments" and sought an explanation from Tharoor over his remarks. Venugopal's response came days after Tharoor, in an article for international media outlet Project Syndicate, argued that dynastic politics across party lines poses a "grave threat" to Indian democracy and urged India to trade "dynasty for meritocracy".

Speaking to reporters in the national capital, Venugopal defended the Nehru-Gandhi family, saying they have made immense sacrifices for the country. "I feel sorry for those who made such remarks. Everyone knows that former prime ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives for the nation. Members of the Gandhi family have even declined offers to become prime minister. Calling it a family rule cannot be justified," he said.





"Tharoor must explain the reason for making such comments."Tharoor's remarks have reportedly irked sections of the Congress leadership, with several party figures publicly criticising him for targeting the Gandhi family.

In his article, titled "Indian Politics Are a Family Business", Tharoor wrote that while the Nehru-Gandhi family has been synonymous with the Congress, dynastic succession is pervasive across the political spectrum.

"When political power is determined by lineage rather than ability, commitment, or grassroots engagement, the quality of governance suffers," he wrote.

Tharoor noted that India's political parties are "largely personality-driven, with few exceptions," and argued that the Nehru-Gandhi legacy — from Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi to Rajiv Gandhi and the current generation of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra — has both shaped India's democracy and reinforced the idea of leadership as a birthright.

This idea has penetrated Indian politics across every party, in every region, and at every level," Tharoor said. He also said Indian political parties are largely personality-driven, with a few exceptions.

The BJP seized upon Tharoor's comments, describing his piece as an "insightful" critique of how Indian politics has become a family enterprise. Congress leaders, however, pushed back. Senior leader Udit Raj argued that dynastic patterns were not unique to politics.

"A doctor's son becomes a doctor; a businessman's child continues in business — politics is no exception," he said. "From Naidu to Pawar, DMK to Mamata, Mayawati to Amit Shah's son — there are many such examples. The problem is that opportunities often remain confined to families."

Congress MP Pramod Tiwari also defended the Gandhi family, calling them paragons of sacrifice and service.

"Nehru was the most capable prime minister this country has seen. Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi both laid down their lives for the nation. If someone calls the Gandhi family a dynasty, which other family in India has shown such sacrifice and dedication? Was it the BJP?" he asked.

Indian workforce prefers AI over salary: Study

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

ARTIFICIAL intelligence is increasingly shaping the way Indians work, sometimes even more than traditional motivators such as salary or workplace stress, according to Indeed's 2025 Workplace Trends Report, released October 6.

The global job-search platform found that 71% of Indian workers now use AI to solve problems, plan careers, or even test ideas. AI has evolved into a trusted work companion that helps employees think more strategically and make better decisions. The survey, which included 3,872 respondents across 14 industries, comprised 1,288 employers and 2,584 employees, offering a snapshot of workforce. One key finding was the rise of "skill nomadism", where workers frequently change roles and acquire new skills to stay employable.

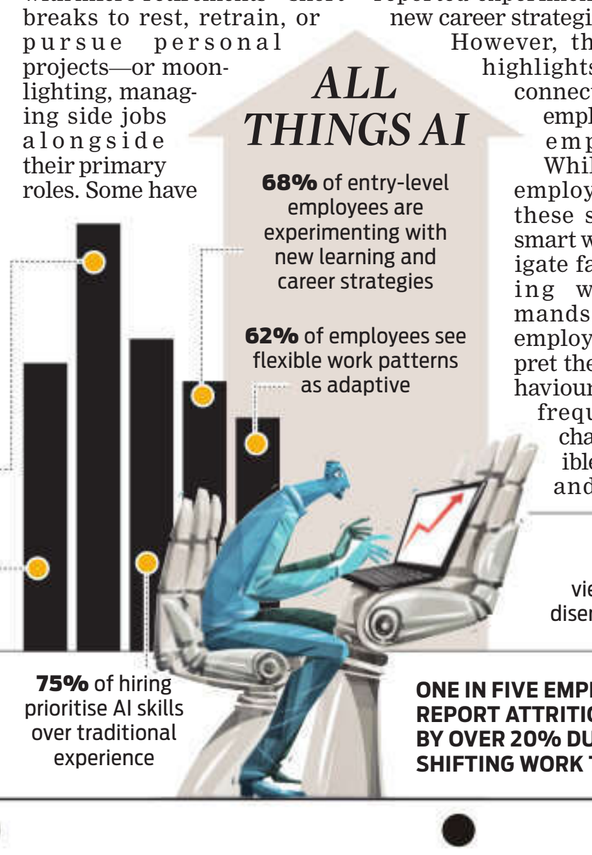
Others are experimenting with micro-retirements—short breaks to rest, retrain, or pursue personal projects—or moonlighting, managing side jobs alongside their primary roles. Some have even adopted bare-minimum Mondays, easing into the workweek to manage stress. These practices are being driven by younger professionals, and 68% of entry- and junior-level staff reported experimenting with new career strategies.

However, the report highlights the disconnect between employers and employees. While 62% of employees view these shift as a smart way to navigate fast-changing work demands, 42% of employers interpret the same behaviours, such as frequent role changes, flexible routines, and limited office presence, as signs of disengagement. Attrition is rising. One in five employers reported turnover increases of 20% in the past year, attributing some of this to the adoption of these new work patterns.

Flexibility and autonomy emerged as the primary drivers of change, cited by 43% of employees, followed by stress and burnout (37%) and job security concerns (30%). Other motivations include redundancy, family responsibilities, and a desire to duck stagnation. Younger professionals, in particular, are increasingly measuring career success through learning, adaptability, and work-life balance, rather than salary or promotion.

AI is central to this transformation. Workers rely on AI tools not only to perform tasks more efficiently but also to plan career trajectories and make informed decisions.

Rohan Sylvester, Talent Strategy Advisor at Indeed, said that these shifts represent a "practical evolution in how India works", emphasising that organisations offering flexibility, structured learning, and transparent career paths will be better positioned to attract and retain talent.



France's AI envoy in India ahead of Impact summit and Macron's visit

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

ANNE Bouverot, Special Envoy of France for Artificial Intelligence and Co-chair of the French Council for AI and Digital Affairs, arrived in India Thursday for a two-day visit aimed at strengthening the India-France partnership in AI and digital technology.

The visit comes ahead of the AI Impact Summit, scheduled in Delhi on 19-- 20 February 2026, which will see President Emmanuel Macron participate alongside Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking on her visit, Bouverot said, "As we look ahead to the AI Impact Summit in Delhi in February 2026, the Franco-Indian collaboration in AI stands as a beacon of shared ambition and mutual trust. The European vision of a 'third way' in AI governance -- human-centred, open, and inclusive-- is taking on renewed strength here in India."

Bouverot's itinerary includes meetings with senior officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Ministry of External Affairs, focusing on advancing bilateral cooperation in AI and digital innovation. She also visited the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi to attend a presentation by WadhwaniAI on AI applications in healthcare and interact with doctors and patients.



Anne Bouverot, Special Envoy of France for Artificial Intelligence, at AIIMS | EXPRESS

The French embassy said "These initiatives demonstrate strong and concrete impact of AI on people's lives—from improving patient care and prevention to enhancing access to quality healthcare services—and reflect how technology can be harnessed for public good."

Bouverot will travel to Bengaluru, to co-chair a high-level roundtable on AI policy, organised jointly by the French Consulate General and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Discussions will highlight Karnataka's AI ecosystem and explore practical collaboration between French and Indian stakeholders in sectors such as healthcare, environment, and mobility. She will also meet representatives from Indian and French business and technology communities to encourage partnerships between companies, researchers, and entrepreneurs in AI.

ARTISTIC FREEDOM

A decade on, the Bombay HC on Thursday said it will hear in December a plea by actor Amol Palekar for protection of artistic freedom, which he said was being violated by rules that mandate pre-censorship of scripts of plays.

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'PEOPLE TRUST THE MODI–NITISH DUO TO DELIVER'

Despite his health issue, Brand Nitish is intact; afterall we never disrespect our ageing father in Indian society, says Dharmendra Pradhan, BJP in-charge of Bihar polls

AS Bihar heads into a crucial election, the BJP is banking on its long-standing social engineering and record in governance. One of the party's key strategists **Dharmendra Pradhan** speaks with **Santwana Bhattacharya**, Editor of **The New Indian Express**, on the three pillars of the NDA campaign, the continuing resonance of the "jungle raj" narrative, and the challenge posed by Prashant Kishor. **Excerpts**:

You are one of BJP's key strategists for the Bihar election. What are the three major pillars of the BJP's campaign and narrative?
The NDA's socio-political engineering goes back to Vajpayeeji's time. Since 1996, we have built a solid base under the NDA. We have been governing Bihar since 2005 and at the Centre since 2014. Development is our foremost plank — the clear-cut difference between pre-2005 and post-2005 Bihar.

Secondly, people have not forgotten the misrule of Lalu Prasad and his allies between 1990 and 2005. Those years brought socio-economic imbalance and deep resentment against that dispensation.

Thirdly, Bihar today is an aspirational society. People here are conscious of their political rights and expectations. They want to know who can deliver. The NDA, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has earned that trust. People have full faith in this duo.

It is often said the BJP evokes the past to get votes. Instead of a report card on 20 years of NDA rule, why keep talking about 'jungle raj'?
Development is our main election issue. The difference between pre-2005 and post-2005 Bihar is visible — in roads, electricity, women's safety, empowerment through Jeevika Didis and many other parameters. Across more than 100 schemes, the progress is evident. That is the primary achievement of the double-engine government, both in Bihar and Delhi.

How do you assess the Prashant Kishor phenomenon?
This election is essentially a contest between two alliances — the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan. In a democracy, many will contest, but the real fight is between these two mainstream alliances.



How many seats do you expect to win? Between BJP and JD(U), who will get more?
I am not an astrologer, but I am confident we are heading for a decisive victory.

Can Nitish Kumar still be relied upon, considering his age and health? Would there be a change of guard if the NDA returns to power?
I politely disagree with that view. Nitish Kumar remains a dynamic and vibrant leader. He travels over 250 km daily by road and addresses several rallies. In Indian society, we do not disrespect an aging father. He has a vision for Bihar, and people trust him. Any premature assessment about his future is unfortunate.

But he has changed alliances more than once, and there are health concerns...
Nitish Kumar has been a proven ally of the NDA for nearly 30 years, barring a few brief breaks. In recent public meetings, he has said that till his last breath, he will remain with Prime Minister Modi and the NDA. Despite his health issues, his brand remains intact. Modi and Nitish are a lethal combination.

Q&A

Will the BJP allow Nitish to continue as Chief Minister if JD(U) gets fewer seats?
In 2020, the BJP had more seats than JD(U), yet Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Chief Minister. We should not reduce politics to such arithmetic — that is unfortunate.

In Odisha, Naveen Patnaik's health became an election issue. Could Bihar see something similar?
No. In Odisha, the issue was not health but non-performance, corruption, and nepotism, which allowed non-Odia elements to interfere in governance. A power broker was effectively running the government — that was the real issue.

Education is another big issue in Bihar. As Union Education Minister, what is your vision under the NEP?
To achieve the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal, education is the first precondition. Through education, skill, and capacity-building, we can reach our developmental goals. Bihar is the land of Nalanda and Vikramshila. In the 21st century, we must recreate that knowledge ecosystem.

We have provided substantial central funds. Recently, 19 new Kendriya Vidyalayas have been approved. A new IIM has come up under PM Modi's tenure, along with new central universities in North and South Bihar.

The Opposition says the ₹10,000 financial aid for women is an election sop.
This initiative is for women's empowerment, not elections. The Jeevika Didi programme has been running since 2005. Is it wrong to support women's entrepreneurship? The Opposition is criticising this only to hide its failures in the states it governs.

The Opposition alliance has promised one government job per household. How do you respond?
That is Mungerilal ke haseen sapne — daydreaming. We have created opportunities across the spectrum — from internships to entrepreneurship, and in both government and private sectors where potential exists.

Where does Bihar fit into the NDA's Vision 2047 for India?
Bihar will be the captain of this initiative. Prime Minister Modi is the first PM to truly prioritise eastern India. He coined the term Purvodaya, focusing on infrastructure, social sectors and mineral development — all of which have benefited the region. Bihar, in particular, has been a major beneficiary. That's why Nitish Kumar is appealing for a new Bihar for the 21st century.



Under lens of poll panel

The EC top brass is monitoring the polling in Bihar through the live feed available from polling stations. CCTVs have been installed for the first time in all polling stations of the state.



From 19 to 92, voters seek garbage-free roads

Garbage lay strewn in front of a polling station in Kumhrar constituency as voters, from a 19-year-old first-timer to a 92-year-old veteran doctor, queued up. Several voters, whether young or old, in Patrakar Nagar area in the state capital Patna, spoke of the dire condition of roads and the "very poor level of sanitation" in the streets. They expressed hope that the next MLA would be sensitive to the rundown infrastructure.



Bigwigs at the booth

CM Nitish Kumar, his deputies Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha and INDIA bloc's CM candidate Tejashwi Yadav were among the top Bihar politicians who cast their votes on Thursday.

RJD-Cong supporting insurgents for vote bank politics, says Modi

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday accused the RJD and Congress of supporting insurgents for vote bank politics and said his government was committed to identifying and deporting them.

Addressing election rallies in Araria and Bhagalpur, Modi said the opposition was spreading lies and taking out rallies to protect insurgents. "These insurgents have captured local people's land, snatched their jobs. Shouldn't they be deported?" he asked, appealing to the youth to vote for the NDA to ensure their repatriation.

He alleged that the RJD-Congress alliance had a "dislike" for Lord Ram and "Chhathi Maiya" due to vote-bank politics. Without naming Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Modi said he insulted the Chhath festival, and RJD chief Lalu Prasad remained silent. He also referred to Lalu's past remark calling the Maha Kumbh "faltu" (worthless).

He said women were now the strongest fortress against the return of "jungle raj", which he described as "katta (country-made firearm), krurta (cruelty), katuta (animosity), kusanskar (bad habits), corruption and kushashan (misgovernance)".

Modi said that during the RJD rule from 1990 to 2005, "no expressway was constructed, no bridge was built over the Kosi, no tourist circuit was developed, and no medical college, IIT, IIM or National Law University was opened." "The youths' dreams are my resolution. They can write and keep this as my guarantee," he added.

In Bhagalpur, Modi said the government opened bank accounts for women and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar transferred ₹10,000 each to 1.4 crore of them to start small ventures. He said if the "most corrupt families of the country" were in power, the money "would have gone to their coffers."

In a veiled attack on Gandhi, Modi alleged that reluctance of opposition leaders to visit Ayodhya to have "darshan" of shrines dedicated to Nishad Raj, Mata Sabri, and Maharshi Valmiki was indicative of their "hatred" for Dalits and backward classes.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a rally in Araria on Thursday | PTI

Dy CM, Tejashwi aide spar in Lakhisarai

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha on Thursday accused "goons" of the RJD, the main Opposition party, of "attacking" his convoy in a village in Lakhisarai—his home turf—where he went following complaints that voters were being "terrorised".

According to Sinha, stones were pelted and cow dung hurled at his convoy. The incident reportedly occurred when Sinha reached the Nadiyawan village to oversee polling in Lakhisarai, from where he is seeking a fourth consecutive term.

"I had received complaints from the village. Our polling agent was shooed away by RJD goons who had terrorised local voters, mostly Dalits and extremely backward classes. So, I came here myself," Sinha said.

The BJP leader is said to have confronted RJD MLC Ajay Singh for allegedly leading a group of his party supporters with Congress leader Sujit who were "trying to intimidate" voters outside the polling station. Sinha has demanded action against the RJD legislator, claiming that the latter was under the influence of liquor and actively attempting to vitiate the polling process.



Singh, on the other hand, has accused Sinha of violating the Election Commission's (EC) model code of conduct by moving in a convoy while polling was on in the constituency. He further claimed that Sinha had accused him of disrupting the electoral exercise at the station as the latter feared a defeat.

Munger DIG Rakesh Kumar said strict action would be initiated against anyone found to be at fault. "An investigation is under way. Action will be taken after reviewing the evidence," he stated, adding that overall polling in Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura and Munger was held without incident.

Taking a serious view of the alleged attack on the Deputy CM, the EC has asked the state police chief to probe the incident and submit a report in this regard.

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Assam CIC resigns after RTI query about brother held in Zubeen death case

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati



ASSAM Chief Information Commissioner (CIC) Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta resigned from the post on Thursday after an RTI was filed seeking data related to government funds given to his brother Shyamkanu Mahanta, who was arrested along with six others last month in connection with music icon Zubeen Garg's mysterious death in Singapore on September 19.

In his resignation letter, Bhaskarjyoti, a former IPS officer who had served as the Assam DGP, said that after Shyamkanu's name got linked to Garg's case, his conscience was telling him that if anyone were to seek information under RTI regarding his brother, it could lead to doubts or misinterpretations in the minds of people. "To prevent even the slightest scope for such suspicion, I felt it would be right to step aside from my position," he said.

Stating that he had communicated this to the CM's office, Bhaskarjyoti said he also instructed his colleagues to inform him if there was any such RTI application. He said an applicant sought information from the department concerned on funds provided by the government for cultural programmes involving Shyamkanu.

"The applicant also wrote to me personally, expressing full faith in my integrity and transparency, and stating that he expected an impartial role from me in this matter. Since I considered this eventuality earlier, I decided without delay to submit my resignation letter to the Hon'ble Governor," he said.

Ranchi jail officials suspended over video of dancing drunk inmates

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

TWO jail officials were suspended after a video showing high-profile inmates partying inside Ranchi's Birsa Munda Central Jail went viral, sparking political outrage and demands for a judicial probe.

The suspensions of Assistant Jailor Devnath Ram and Jamadar Vinod Kumar Yadav were immediate. The footage, said to have been shot a few months ago, showed two inmates — Vidhu Gupta, accused in the liquor scam, and Vicky Bhalotia, accused in the GST scam — dancing in shorts and T-shirts to the beats of a Haryanvi song inside a special hall within the jail premises.

The video went viral online, raising concerns about the alleged nexus between influential inmates and corrupt prison staff inside Jharkhand's jails.

State BJP president and Leader of Opposition Babulal Marandi demanded a judicial probe into the "illegal facilities and luxury arrangements" being extended to select prisoners. He urged the Jharkhand High Court to take suo motu cognisance and order an inquiry led by a sitting judge.



Footage from months ago goes viral online

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"The video is not from a liquor shop or dance bar but from Ranchi's Hotwar Central Jail, where leaders like Lalu Prasad Yadav and Hemant Soren have been incarcerated in corruption cases," Marandi said. "Special wards have been built for VIP prisoners, where an entry fee and monthly expenses are charged to maintain their luxurious lifestyle," he claimed.

Marandi accused the Hemant Soren-led government of protecting certain inmates. "This is possible only through the connivance of jail officials and staff, who violate the Jail Manual in exchange for money," he said.

The BJP leader added that despite repeated warnings, the state government failed to act. Instead, he said, Robert Nishant Besra, an officer who resisted offering "special hospitality" to influential prisoners, was transferred.

Marandi also dismissed the suspension of two jail employees as a "mere formality", questioning why higher officials have been spared. He expressed astonishment at the reinstatement of Dinesh Verma, a jailer suspended just twenty days ago from Hazaribagh Jail for granting undue facilities to another inmate.

Attempt to kidnap minor girl triggers communal tension in Himachal town

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

SUNDERNAGAR town in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district witnessed tension on Wednesday night as a 38-year-old married man of a minority community allegedly attempted to kidnap a 13-year-old schoolgirl from the other community, leading to heated arguments and a fight.

Police sources said the man had been stalking the girl for many days and on Wednesday he stopped his SUV near the house of the minor and tried to abduct her.

The family of the girl intervened, but the accused allegedly misbehaved with them, following which the locals gathered at the spot, thrashed him, painted his face black and handed him over to police.

Sources privy to the matter said that as the police were recording the statements of the girl and her relatives, members of the minority community entered the police station and created disturbance, leading to heated arguments and misbehaviour with the people accompanying the girl's father.

Members of both communities soon gathered outside the police station, and additional police force had to be called in. The situation was eventually brought under control, police officials shared. Sundernagar DSP Bharat Bhusan said that three FIRs have been filed in connection with the incident.

"One FIR was registered against the man who tried to abduct the girl under sections of the POCSO Act and BNS, and the vehicle used has been impounded. The second FIR was registered against the relatives of the accused who tried to create a disturbance in the police station. And a third FIR was registered against those who had thrashed the accused."

The DSP said the accused was produced before a court on Thursday, which sent him to 14 days of judicial custody.

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Mexico's first woman prez groped, files complaint

MEXICO CITY

WHAT should have been a five-minute time-saving walk from Mexico's National Palace to the Education Ministry for President Claudia Sheinbaum has become a symbol of what Mexican women face every day after a video captured a drunk man groping the country's first woman president.

On Wednesday, gender violence catapulted to the highest-profile platform, and Sheinbaum used her daily press briefing to say that she had pressed charges against the man. She also called on states to scrutinize their laws and procedures to make it easier for women to report such assaults and said Mexicans needed to hear a "loud and clear, no, women's personal space must not be violated."

Sheinbaum said she felt a responsibility to press charges for all Mexican women. "If this is done to the president, what is going to happen to all of the young women in our country?" Indeed, if Mexico's president is not exempt from street harassment, then it's not difficult to imagine what women with hourslong commutes on public transportation are experiencing daily.

Sheinbaum said that she had experiences of harassment when she was 12 years old while using public transportation.

"I decided to press charges because this is something that I experienced as a woman, but that we as women experience in our country," she said. *AP*

Prez Trump scoffs at Mamdani

US prez mocked him as 'whatever the hell his name is', warns of 'terrible times for NYC

NEW YORK

US President Donald Trump has mocked New York City's Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, referring to him as 'whatever the hell his name is', while asserting that Americans now face a stark choice between "communism and common sense" following the November 4 elections.

Addressing the America Business Forum Miami in Florida on Wednesday, a day after Mamdani, an Indian-origin Democratic socialist, was elected as New York City's first Muslim and South Asian mayor, Trump said when he was elected to his second term in office on November 5 last year, the American people had "restored" their sovereignty but "lost a little bit" of it with the mayoral election on Tuesday.

"But we will take care of it. Don't worry about it," he said, warning, "you watch what happens in New York, terrible... I hope it doesn't happen, but you're going to see it." "...and Mandami, whatever the hell his name is in New York... thinks it's wonderful to have men playing in women's sports," Trump said,



Zohran Mamdani | AP

drawing boos and jeers from the audience.

Trump has termed New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani's victory speech on election night a "very angry" address, saying he is off to a bad start and doesn't have a chance of succeeding if he is not respectful of Washington.

"Yeah, I thought it was a very angry speech, certainly angry toward me, and I think he should be very nice to me. You know, I'm the one that sort of has to approve a lot of things coming to him. So he's off to a bad start," Trump said in an interview to Fox News.

In his fiery address, Mamdani challenged Trump and heralded the toppling of "political dynasty". Amid Trump's crackdown on immigration, Mamdani said New York will be powered by immigrants and after his historic victory, it will be 'led by an immigrant'.

Meanwhile, members of the Indian-American diaspora have hailed the victory of New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, describing his win as historic and a sign that immigrant stories are now shaping the narrative in the US.

"Last night felt like the dawn of a new era. With Zohran Mamdani's historic win, in the same moment New York welcomes its first Indian-origin mayor, we are witnessing a shift in how this city understands identity, belonging, and power,"

Founder and CEO of NYC-based educational and cultural organisation The Culture Tree Anu Sehgal told *PTI* on Wednesday. She said Mamdani's victory speech reflected a pro-immigrant conviction that New York is built by those who arrive, strive, and rise. *PTI*

Typhoon Kalmaegi kills 140 in Philippines

VIETNAM

TYPHOON Kalmaegi made landfall on Thursday in Vietnam's already storm-battered central belt, where thousands have been evacuated from areas in the world's deadliest cyclones this year.

Kalmaegi cut a path of destruction through the Philippines this week, killing at least 140 people and leaving another 127 missing after unleashing devastating floods.

It crashed into central Vietnam late Thursday, packing sustained winds of up to 149 kilometres per hour with much faster gusts, the environment ministry said. "The wind is so so strong, nothing can resist," Vu Van Hao, 48, told AFP as he surveyed the shards of windows shattered by the storm in the lobby of a hotel in Gia Lai province.

"We here have never experienced such strong wind like this. It's a natural disaster, what can we do?" The typhoon hit as central Vietnam was still reeling from more than a week of flooding and record rains that killed at least 47 people and submerged centuries-old historic sites.

"This is a huge typhoon with terrible devastating capacity," said Pham Anh Tuan, a top provincial official in Gia Lai, where state media said over 7,000 people had been evacuated as of Wednesday night.

In Gia Lai's coastal area of Quy Nhon Nam, an *AFP* reporter saw officials knocking doors warning people to flee before the typhoon hit. Elderly women and children were among dozens of people sheltering at a school, carrying mats, pillows and blankets. "I am not young anymore and I don't want to risk my life," said Tran Thi Nghia, who left her home at the officials order.*AFP*

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Jal Jeevan Mission - ERUMELY PANCHAYATH- Supplying, laying and providing pipelines in uncovered areas and balance works of pre closed packages-PACKAGE 8-Pipeline Work, EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 11025+(1985), 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-6-501-2025-26 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kottayam

कार्यालय नगर निगम, अजमेर
दूरभाष–0145–2429953, फैक्स–0145–2433813, Email - ajmermc@gmail.com, ajmermc@rajasthan.gov.in
Website - www.lsg.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/mcajmer, www.ajmermc.org

No. :- MEW/SLWER/AMC/2025-26/1742 Dated :-30.10.2025

ई–निविदा सूचना 08/2025–26

Open BIDS for ENIB No.08/2025-26 dated 30.10.2025 Percurement for (01 online works) of Subject matter are invited from interested bidders for online tender submit upto 20.11.2025 upto 6:00 PM and Online tender Open at 21.11.2025 at 11:00 A.M. Other particulars or details of NIB of the bid may be visite at the percurement portal http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/ and / http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in/ of the state.NIB code and UBN code as per given below.

NIB Code	UBN NO.
ANN2526A0147	ANN2526WLOB00196

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Bank of Baroda
Venkatachalam Branch
D.No.A-2-51, GNT Road, Venkatachalam, SPSR Nellore District-524320.

LOCKER NOTICE

The below customer of our branch has been using the locker facility and neither paid the rent dues not responded to several notices given from time to time. This is to inform you through this press release that all the notices have been returned to the bank by the post office as you are not present at the address. The rent dues should be paid within **07.02.2026** and a proper receipt should be obtained, failing in which, the bank will break open your locker and further legal action will be taken for bank dues and break open charges.

Locker No.	Locker Hirer Name & Address	Outstanding Dues as on 05-11-2025
1340AX0026	Mr.Rajendra Babu Dabbugunta, S/o. Dabbugunta Kondaiah, Venkatachalam, Nellore-524320	Rs.11,351/-

Date : 07.11.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Nellore Bank of Baroda, Venkatachalam Branch

Government of Andhra Pradesh
Swachha Bharat Mission (Urban)
MA&UD Department
Swachha Andhra Corporation
Tender Notice

Sl.No.	NIT No.	Name of Work
1	NIT.No.39/SAC/SBM(U)/CE/SWM/Bins/2025-26, Dt:07.11.2025.	Manufacture, Supply, and Delivery of 9,048 Home Composting Kits to Resource Persons for the purpose of training Self Help Group (SHG) members across all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state. 2nd Call
2	NIT.No.45/SAC/SBM(U)/CE/SWM/Sweeping Machines/2025-26, Dt: 07.11.2025.	Manufacture, Supply and Delivery of 10 Nos. of different capacities Heavy Duty Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines for NAC ULBs (Vijayawada, Guntur, Vizianagaram) as per specifications including transportation to site, testing, commissioning, Registration with Tax, Insurance charges etc. complete inclusive of all taxes (including GST applicable) to designated places in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The above SL.No.01 bid can be downloaded on "ap e-procurement" portal from 07.11.2025 at 4.00 PM and due date submission of Bid 15.11.2025 is on up to 05.00 PM. Bid opening on at 05:30 PM. 02 bid can be downloaded on "ap e-procurement" portal for Procurement of Sweeping machine from 07.11.2025 at 4.00 PM and due date submission of Bid 24.11.2025 is on up to 05.00 PM. Bid opening on 24.11.2025 at 05:30 PM. Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** for details.

Sd/- Managing Director, SAC, Vijayawada
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bammanhalli 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 symbolic 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 Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Brandline Traders, Abdul Nayab, Nayab Sultana & Shajadi S/ Represented By Proprietor Abdul Nayab No. 25/685 D Padmavathi Nagar Nandyal Kurnool-518501/ '068805010756.	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That The House Situate In Kurnool District, Nandyal Registration District, Nandyal Sub Registration District Nandyal Within The Village Limits Of Moolasagaram Sy. No.660/2a Pyki, Extent Ac: 0 03 Cents And Bearing D. No. 29-335-L-A, Saraswathi Nagar (Admeasuring An Area Of 0-03 Cents Bounded By : On The North By: Houses Of Shaik Mohammad Hussain Nandyal Jahangeer On The South By: Site Of Nayab Naseema Begum On The East By: Road On The West By: Sites Of Shaik Mohammad Hussain Nandyal Jahangeer./ Date Of Symbolic Possession 04th November 2025.	June 24,2025 Rs. 83,64,474.78/-	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 07, 2025
Place: Kurnool
Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

SHRIRAM Finance SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly known as SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMPANY LTD).
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Administrative office for the states of Andhra Pradesh& Telangana at No.3-6-478,4[th] floor, Anand Estate, Liberty Road, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad-500029. Website: www.shriramcity.in
Office Address : D.No: 3/10, 1st Floor, Stonehousepet, NELLORE Dist - 524002

DEMAND NOTICE

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

We, M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union finance Limited" amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance limited and converted as Shriram Transport Finance Limited as per the orders of NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022) and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as Shriram Finance Ltd (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032.and **Branch Office at NELLORE-3.**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S)	NPA Date / Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice / Amount Outstanding
1	**1.Thumma Chandana,** C/o Koruturu Hemanth Kumar, D. No: 101, Cross Road, Near Veera Reddy Satram, Venkanapalem Kota-524411, Tirupati (dt). **2. Koruturu Sulochanamma,** C/o Koruturu Kotaiah Achari, D.No : 101, Cross Road, Near Veera Reddy Satram, Venkanapalem Kota - 524411, Tirupati (dt). **3. Koruturu Hemanth Kumar,** C/o Koruturu Kotaiah Achari, D.No:101, Cross Road, Near Veera Reddy Satram, Venkanapalem Kota-524411, Tirupati (dt). **4. Uppalamarthi Sivaiah,** S/o Ramanaiah, Prakasam Colony, Vidya Nagar Post, Gudali, Kota-524413, Tirupati (dt).	08-12-2021 / Rs. 10,00,000/-	21-10-2025 / To Pay an Amount **Rs.25,11,576/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six only)**
	Enterprise Finance Loan Agreement No. **NELL4TF2012310002**		
	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : The Schedule Property is in the name of Koruturu Sulochanamma, C/o Koruturu Kotaiah Achari, vide Doc No : 26/2021; Dated: 06.01.2021 **Property Details :** S P S R Nellore District,Gudur Registration District,Kota Sub-District,Kota Mandal, Venkatapalem Gram Panchayath, Kota Bit-1, Kota Village Accounts, Dry, Survey No.1217 an extent of Ac.1.18 cents,converted by the R D O.,Gudur with sub-Division Survey No.1217/2 an extent of Ac.1.18 cents out of that eastern part an extent of Ac.0.29 cents or 8936 sq ft or 124 Ankanams and 8 Sq ft out of that as per Plan attached site measuring East to West 22 ft and North to South 66 ft total extent of 1452 sq ft or 20.166 Ankanams or 161.328 sq yards **bounded on: East :** 9 ft wide way site; **West :** Site of Paluru Siva kumar; **North :** Site of donor Koruturu Kotaiah Achary; **South :** Site gifted Koruturu Hemanth Kumar		

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and / or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with further interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13 (4) of Securitization and Re construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please notice that under section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.
Place : NELLORE **Authorised Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.**

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S. No.	Name of the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S)	NPA Date / Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice / Amount Outstanding
1	**1. Thummala Rajesh,** S/o Venkateswarlu, D No:2-136B, Krishna Mandiram, Mypadu, Indhukurpeta (md), S P S R Nellore District-524313. **2. Tummala Thulasiram,** S/o Venkateswarlu, D.No :2-136B, Krishna Mandiram, Mypadu, Indhukurpeta (md), S P S R Nellore District-524313. **3. Tummala Devasenamma,** W/o Venkateswarlu, D.No : 2-136B, Krishna Mandiram, Mypadu, Indhukurpeta(md), S P S R Nellore District-524313.	30-09-2021 / Rs. 8,00,000/-	21-10-2025 / To Pay an Amount **Rs. 24,51,222/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Two only)**
	Enterprise Finance Loan Agreement No. **NELL4TF2012270001**		
	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : The Schedule Property is in the name of Tummala Devasenamma, W/o Venkateswarlu, Vide Doc No : 30/2021; Dated: 05.01.2021. **Property Details :** S P S R Nellore District,Gudur Registration District,Indhukurpet Sub-District, Indukurpet Mandal,Mypadu Gram Panchayth and village accounts, Ward No .3,Ramulavari Temple Street,Survey No.526/A1,House Bearing D No.3-20,site measuring 20 Ankanams or 160 sq yards with all easementary rights, **bounded on: East :** House of B Kodandaramaiah and House B Janakiramaiah; **West :** Compound wall of this property and site of G Subrahmanyam; **North :** Compound wall of this property and site of D Adinarayana; **South :** Ramulavari Street		

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and / or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with further interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13 (4) of Securitization and Re construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
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Place : NELLORE **Authorised Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.**

Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX			
148.14 ↓	Sensex	83,311.01		₹430 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹122,060		₹1,000 ↑	1 kg	₹151,500		↓ Dollar	88.60		
87.95 ↓	Nifty	25,509.70		₹400 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹111,900		₹10 ↑	10 gm	₹1,515		↓ Euro	101.98		

Bank staff must know local language: FM

She says waning customer connect has led to extra reliance on credit information cos, which take long to update data

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday underscored the need for promoting local languages, saying banking in local lingo can make better connect with customers, which in turn can go a long way in correcting many of problems that average customers face.

Urging public sector banks to ensure branch staff know the local language where they work, she said this can deepen customer connect. She rued that waning customer connect has led to an extra reliance on credit information companies, which take long to update data.

She asked banks to restore human connect in customer service, insisting that technology must complement—not replace—personal interaction. In a Q&A session with SBI chairman CS Setty, the minister said the banks must rethink their approach to customer engagement, especially at the branch level. "You can't say you will do everything digitally and reach customers only online. Person-to-person contact was the strength of Indian banks, even before technology, and it helped you make big strides. A key part of this human touch is language. But this doesn't happen now as citing your HR policies, your staff are posted without knowing the local language. That human touch gets lost."

Calling it "basic etiquette," she said banks must ensure customers can converse in their own tongue at branches. "Language is an important way to communicate with your customers. Even if they know Hindi or English, it gives a nice touch when you speak their language," she said.



Nirmala Sitharaman at 12th SBI Banking and Economics Conclave 2025, in Mumbai| PTI

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Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister

Linking customer service to HR policy, she asked banks to incentivise linguistic and cultural familiarity. "HR policies must ensure that every staff member posted at a branch understands the customer and speaks the local language. Performance appraisal should factor in proficiency in the local language," she said. Language friction between PSB staff has come to the fore of late, mainly in Maharashtra and in Southern states, especially Karnataka. The latest such example was when SBI was forced to issue an apology in May after its branch manager in Surya Nagar, Bengaluru, refused to speak in Kannada insisting she will speak only in Hindi.

"I will not speak Kannada in Karnataka. Never. This is India and I'll speak only in Hindi," the manager was heard yelling at a customer in a video that went viral on May 21. This incident lead to condemnation from the state chief minister, a transfer of the official, and an apology from the bank.

'Govt isn't here to shutter F&O trading, it is here to remove roadblocks'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday ruled out shuttering the highly-contested futures and options (F&O) trading.

F&O trades by a huge margin top the market volume at over ₹516 lakh crore, but vast majority of retail investors in this space have been heavily losing consistently.

"The government is not here to shut the door on futures and options trading. The government is here to remove the roadblocks and work on them," said Sitharaman told a banking and economics conclave organised by the State Bank here on Thursday. "It is investors' responsibility to understand the associated risks and that government can't direct a person to spend his money in one particular manner," she added.

Capital market regulator Sebi has put in place a lot of curbs since last November after two of its own successive studies found that as much as 93% of the retail investors who play in the F&O space have been losing heavily to the tune of ₹1.25 lakh per year per person. Sebi did the studies for fiscals 2024 and 2025.

Reports earlier this year had said government wanted to deepen the cash market, which is only a fraction of the F&O volume and reduce speculation through weekly expiries.

Last month, Sebi chief Tuhin Kanta Pandey had also ruled out the same, saying Sebi was not planning to shutter the market one fine day. "We can't shut down weekly F&O expiries, many market participants are using this," Pandey had said last week. "The weekly F&O expiry is a very sensitive subject and has a lot of nuances. There has been a problem in the derivatives market, which has been highlighted by Sebi," Pandey had said.

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Nirmala Sitharaman

Retail investors lose money

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LIC profit up 32% at ₹10k cr, premium income rises 5.5%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai



LIFE Insurance Corporation (LIC) on Thursday reported a healthy growth in net profit at ₹10,098.48 crore for the September quarter, registering a 32% rise. The insurer had reported a ₹7,728.68 crore in net income in the same quarter last fiscal.

Assets under management rose to ₹57.22 lakh crore, up 3.31% year-on-year, supported by higher premium income and cost efficiency gains. The insurer's net premium income for the quarter stood at ₹1,26,930.04 crore, up 5.5%. On a half-yearly basis, total premium income grew 5.14% to ₹2,45,680 crore, LIC management told reporters on Thursday.

"From a business perspective, we have once again demonstrated the successful implementation of its strategy pertaining to both product and channel diversification, which we have been pursuing since our listing," said R Doraiswamy, CEO and MD.

He added the non-par APE (annualised premium equivalent) share of the individual business rose to 36.31%, up from 26.31% in the same period last year.

Doraiswamy said the bancassuance and alternate channels' share of individual new business premium grew by 67.6% while the value of new business (VNB) rose 12.3% to ₹5,111 crore, with a VNB margin of 17.6%. LIC's first year premium stood at ₹10,884 crore compared to ₹7,566 crore in Q1FY26 and ₹11,245 crore in the year ago period. The renewal premium stood at ₹65,320 crore in the quarter under review, up from ₹60,179 crore in Q1 and ₹62,236 crore in Q2 and the single premium stood at ₹50,882 crore, witnessing a sequential drop from ₹52,008 crore, but up from ₹46,997 crore.

Group business APE increased 20.30% to ₹11,864 crore while the overall APE increased by 3.60% to ₹29,034 crore.

LIC's expense ratio declined by 146 bps to 11.28% during the same period, reflecting improved cost efficiency.

LIC's assets under management rose to ₹57,22,896 crore as of September from ₹55,39,516 crore a year earlier, marking a annualised growth of 3.31%.

HOSPITALITY

IHCL to build new Taj hotel in Chennai's ECR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

TATA SONS-owned Indian Hotels Company Limited on Thursday announced the plans to build a new Taj Hotel on the East Coast Road (ECR) in Chennai. This will be a greenfield project. After Taj Fishermans Cove, this will be the second Taj hotel in the ECR area.

Suma Venkatesh, executive vice-president, real estate & development, IHCL, said: "Chennai's hospitality landscape is shaped by its strong corporate base, anchored by automobile industry and a thriving IT ecosystem. Driven by its cultural richness and infrastructure, the city benefits from a influx of leisure travellers and a growing MICE segment. The signing of this new Taj hotel on ECR is a move to tap into this multi-dimensional demand. We are delighted to partner with MGM Healthcare for this project."

Spread across 13 acres of beachfront land, the 151-key Taj ECR Chennai will offer views of the Bay of Bengal. The hotel will feature all-day dining restaurant, two specialty restaurants, and a bar. Guests can indulge in rejuvenating experiences at Taj's signature J Wellness Circle, alongside a state-of-the-art gym, swimming pool, and other recreational amenities.

Singtel subsidiary to sell 0.8% stake in Airtel via ₹10,300 crore block deal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

A subsidiary of Singapore Telecommunications Ltd (Singtel), Pastel Ltd, is set to offload about 0.8% stake in Bharti Airtel Ltd through a block deal valued at ₹10,300 crore.

As per deal details, Pastel will sell about 5.1 crore shares of the telecom major, with JPMorgan acting as the broker for the block deal. The floor price for the transaction has been set at ₹2,030 per share, representing a 3.08% discount to Airtel's Thursday closing price of ₹2,094.60 on the BSE. In May 2025, Singtel had sold a 1.2% direct stake in Airtel for S$2 billion (about $1.5 billion) through a private placement to a mix of international and Indian institutional investors, including existing Airtel shareholders.

Meanwhile, Airtel on Monday reported that its consolidated net profit more than doubled to ₹8,651 crore for Q2FY26 as against ₹4,153.4 crore in the same period last year. Revenue from operations rose 25.7% YoY to ₹52,145 crore, up from ₹41,473.3 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago. Airtel's India revenue grew 22.6% YoY to ₹38,690 crore. The company's average revenue per user (ARPU) — a key metric of telecom performance — increased about 10% YoY to ₹256, compared with ₹233 in the same period last year.



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The telco, following VIL, Airtel said it would approach the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to seek settlement of its Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues. In May, telecom service providers including Airtel, Vodafone Idea, and Tata Teleservices had filed sa petition seeking a waiver of interest, penalties, and interest on penalties on their pending AGR dues.

SBI, Amundi to divest 10% in SBIFML via IPO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE Bank of India (SBI) is divesting 3,20,60,000 equity shares, equivalent to 6.3007% of total equity capital of SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML) through Initial Public Offering (IPO).

Amundi India Holding, the other promoter of SBIFML will divest 1,88,30,000 equity shares, being equivalent to 3.7006% of total equity capital of SBIFML, with a total of 10.0013% stake comprising of 5,08,90,000 shares to be listed.

Both the promoters of SBIFML have jointly initiated the IPO, which will likely be completed in 2026. At present, SBI and Amundi India Holding hold 61.91% and 36.36% stake in SBIFML respectively.

SBIFML is the largest asset management company in the country with market share of 15.55% managing Quarterly Average Assets Under Management (QAAUM for Q2 FY2025-26) of Rs 11.99 trillion under various schemes of SBI Mutual Funds and AUM of Rs 16.32 trillion under Alternates as on 30th September 2025. SBI Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty said, "SBIFML will be the third subsidiary of SBI to be listed after SBI Cards and SBI Life Insurance. Considering SBIFML's sustained strong performance and market leadership over the years, it is considered an opportune time to launch the IPO process."

Setty added, "Apart from maximizing value realization for the existing stakeholders, the IPO will create opportunities for the general shareholders, broaden market participation and lead to increased awareness of products to a wider set of potential investors. This will further enhance the public visibility of the Company, thereby reinforcing its position as a leading player in the asset management industry".

Birla Opus CEO Hargave's exit triggers investors' optimism for Asian Paints

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

BIRLA OPUS CEO Rakshit Hargave's exit has triggered investor optimism for Asian Paints, as analysts believe this sudden departure could present a short-term challenge to Birla Opus's aggressive growth strategy. Global brokerage Jefferies termed Hargave's resignation a "negative surprise" for Grasim, stating that his leadership had been instrumental in scaling the paints business amid stiff competition. The brokerage said investor sentiment could remain cautious in the near term.

In a rather surprising move, Hargave, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Birla Opus Paints, submitted his resignation, effective December 5, 2025. His exit from the company comes in less than 2 years since Aditya Birla Group forayed into the decorative paint business and posed competitive concerns for legacy players like Asian Paints and Berger Paints.



Following the CEO's exit, shares of Asian Paints gained nearly 5% on Thursday while Grasim Industries, the parent firm of Birla Opus, fell 6.42% to settle at ₹2,697 apiece on Thursday. Asian Paints shares also gained due to a likely increase in weightage on the MSCI Standard Index. According to Nuvama Alternative & Quantitative Research, Asian Paints will likely see inflows to the tune of $95 million, due to the increase in its weightage.

Japanese brokerage firm Nomura recently upgraded Asian Paints and Berger Paints to 'Buy', noting that the worst of the competitive pressure is behind them.

IPO valuation driven by mkt forces, Sebi has no role: Pandey

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AMID growing concerns over inflated valuations in some of the recent initial public offers (IPOs), Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Thursday said the regulator has no role in IPO valuations. The Sebi chief said its role is limited to ensuring transparency and full disclosures, not determining valuations.

Emphasising that the pricing of IPOs is determined by market dynamics, he said, "Sebi always thinks of transparency. We don't determine valuations, and it remains on the 'eyes of the beholden' and the investor. We cannot intervene in the markets...and decide what would be the price of shares of a company. Share prices will be decided by the markets, depending on the opportunities."

The comments come days after concerns have been raised on Lenskart's ₹7,200 crore IPO being priced at a very high level. The chairman made it clear that Sebi cannot intervene on this aspect, pointing out that the market should freely determine the pricing depending on the opportunities.

He further said Sebi's focus is to ensure that investors have access to accurate and comprehensive information so that markets can independently determine share prices.

"Sebi's main role is to ensure disclosures are robust. We have mandated font size and disclosure of comparatives. We are largely focused on information and disclosures; the rest has to be determined by the capital market itself," Pandey said.

OLA ELECTRIC AUTO BIZ TURNS PROFITABLE

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

OLA ELECTRIC on Thursday said its automobile business turned profitable in the second quarter of the current financial year, with pre-tax earnings growing by 0.3% against a contraction of 5.3% in the preceding three months.

Positive EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) of 0.3% in July-September marks the company's first quarter of EBITDA profitability, it said in a statement.

Auto gross margin grew sequentially by 510 basis points to 30.7%, higher than most ICE (conventional engine) two-wheeler companies, with minimal PLI contribution of 2%. This marks a major inflection point in the company's journey toward sustainable profitability supported by strong gross margin expansion and disciplined cost management, the statement said.

Consolidated revenue from operations in July-September quarter stood at ₹690 crore with total deliveries of 52,666 vehicles during the period. The Bengaluru-based firm said its second quarter performance demonstrates the strength of its vertical integration strategy and operational discipline. The company's cost optimisation efforts have continued to deliver results, with auto operating expenses being reduced to ₹258 crore from ₹308 crore in the year-ago period.

Nadar tops India's 'most generous' list again

GURBIR SINGH @ Mumbai

SHIV NADAR and family have retained the top spot on the country's 'most generous' list with a donation of ₹2,708 crore. The HCL Technologies founder increased his contribution by 26% from last year's ₹2,153 crore. Total donations by the 'haves', as recorded by the Philanthropy List 2025, increased by a healthy 22% to 10,500 crore from ₹8,8783 crore last year.

The list, compiled by Hurun India and EdelGive, an arm of the Edelweiss group, interestingly shows 24 new women entrepreneurs entering the list with Rohini Nilekani being the most generous with a contribution of ₹204 crore.

Significantly, sectors like software and start-ups have emerged as big donors proportionate to their size. Some like Zerodha (the Kamath brothers) are bypassing traditional donation routes like 'education' to provide funds for new concerns like climate change, noted Hurun India's Anees Junaid.


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Mukesh Ambani and the Reliance Foundation are at second place with a donation of ₹626 crore, a rise from ₹407 crore last year. The group has a wide portfolio of beneficiaries including healthcare, sports development and heritage conservation.

At third and fourth place are legacy groups - the Bajaj family and Kumarmangalam Birla - with notable donations of ₹446 crore and ₹440 crore, respectively. Gautam Adani and the Adani Group were at fifth spot with a contribution of ₹386 crore.

Hurun's Junaid said the data collection didn't do a deep dive to indicate 'generosity' in proportion of the size of the group. For instance RIL's market capitalization is $240 billion while Mukesh Ambani's personal wealth stands at ₹105 billion. A donation of ₹626 crore with these parameters would pale into insignificance when compared to Kiran Mazumdar Shaw's donation of ₹83 crore from a group that generated just $2.2 billion in revenue last year and has a market capitalization of $7.5 billion.

Foreigners Williams, Bharti join Indian men's football camp



The All India Football Federation have roped in two overseas players — **Ryan Williams** and Abneet Bharti — for the national camp ahead of the AFC Asian Cup qualifier vs Bangladesh in Dhaka on Nov 18. The move reflects a bold shift in approach by the federation, opening the door for Indian-origin players and those willing to give up foreign citizenship.

2025 has not been an easy year, says Gukesh's coach

Admitting that it has been a season in transition for world champ, Pole GM says that win at European Club Cup has raised confidence for ongoing World Cup

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

THIS has been an interesting year for D Gukesh, the world champion. Only 19, at some level there's a case for saying that he has already achieved the one thing he set out to do when he became a professional. That heady night in Singapore when he was crowned as king of the world was everything he had worked towards ever since he took the decision to drop out of school.

At the end of 2024, the teen stamped his authority. Now? "It has not been an easy year for him," Grzegorz Gajewski, his primary coach, tells this daily. In Classical play, the Chennai boy has had some big wins, including a maiden victory over Magnus Carlsen. He also found a way past Arjun Erigaisi but the titles have continued to elude him. In fact, his best Classical result of 2025 was an agonising defeat on tie-breaks against R Praggnanandhaa at Wijk aan Zee to start the year.

There were also some promising performances in Rapid — a format that isn't his strongest — on the Croatia leg of the Grand Chess Tour in July when he finished third. But this has been a 'transitional year', according to Gajewski, who has been part of Gukesh's team for well over the last three years.

"It's been a transitional year after winning the World Championship. He kind of has to reshape certain things, find motivation, new targets, new objectives. When you are working your whole life to achieve something (and you achieve it), it can be a difficult situation, especially for somebody young," the Pole GM says.

It's why Gukesh's turbocharged performance at the European Club Cup (he won individual gold as he led SuperChess to continental gold) was important. "He's feeling very good about himself," Gajewski says. "I think ECC was very helpful. It's good to be reminded that you can play very well and kind of needed it because now the level of confidence goes up."



D Gukesh is greeted by fans outside the playing hall | MICHAL WALUSZA/FIDE

Friday's Rd 3, Game 1 (select matches):

Daniel Dardha vs P Harikrishna, Titas Stremavicius vs V Pranav, Alexander Donchenko vs Anish Giri, Vidit Gujrathi vs Sam Shankland, M Pranesh vs Vincent Keymer, Shamsiddin Vokhidov vs Arjun Erigaisi

That confidence was seen in the way the top seed eased past Kazerbek Nogerbek at the World Cup in Goa. Even as some of the top seeds struggled to show their true levels, the 19-year-old beat the Kazakh with Black pieces in the second round on Wednesday.

He doesn't, strictly speaking anyway, advance at the World Cup. He doesn't need to finish in the top three places because he doesn't need to qualify for the Candidates. But it's a very important event for the young Indian because there exists this perception that he isn't a worthy world champion. Magnus Carlsen, Garry Kasparov, Nodirbek Abdusattarov... players, past and present, up and down the chess paddock have taken aim at him.

For whatever reason, his losses, even in other formats, have acted as a referendum on his crown. A good couple of weeks by the coast will help quieten the noise ahead of 2026 when he will defend his crown. On Friday, the Indian will play Frederik Svane for a place in the fourth round.

Pragg survives scares

R Praggnanandhaa was staring at elimination multiple times during a bum-clenching series of tie-breaks against Australia's Temur Kuybokarov but eventually outlasted his opponent in a wild match. The Indian, who reached the final of the last edition before losing to Magnus Carlsen, was in a lost position in the first of the rapid tie-breaks. His only objective was to not lose on the spot as he forced the Australian to find the precise moves.

When Kuybokarov faltered, the Indian found some wriggle room to force the match into the shorter rapid tie-breaks. There, he had to win on demand to force the second round into Blitz tie-breaks. Here also the Indian was under pressure before winning twice in two games to advance to the third round where he will face Robert Hovhannisyan.

ARCHER SHEETAL IS AN INSPIRATION: COACH SHARMA

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

BY now Sheetal Devi is used to breaking records, being part of history and rewrite scripts her way. She doesn't have hands but is an expert in a sport that usually needs them. She is quiet and has the ability to find targets at will. World champion in para-archery, medallist at 2024 Paralympics, Asian Games... her CV is brimming. On Thursday, she created history. She qualified to be part of junior archery compound team for the Asia Cup — Stage 3 scheduled for December. Devi had come back from a one-month break and was competing at the qualifiers in Sonepat. Her coach Gaurav Sharma explained in detail about her motive. He said that initially she just wanted to compete and do well. But as the four-day qualifier progressed she started doing well and she took aim at her destiny.

The coach also explained that there is not much of a difference between able-bodied and para archery. Sharma said that the para-archers are given a minute longer (four minutes to shoot six arrows) than the able-bodied ones (three minutes) during their events. "Everything else is the same (Bow, arrow, distance and the target). It is a game of endurance and mindset, and for Devi, it is her strong mindset that has guided her," he explained.



Para-archer Sheetal Devi with her coach Gaurav Sharma | INSTAGRAM

In the final rankings, Salve topped with 15.75 points, followed by Vaidehi Jadhav (15). Devi (11.75) managed to finish third, pipping Dnyaneshwari Gadadhe (11.5). Sharma recalled the reactions from the crowd post his ward's performance, where she matched top qualifier Tejal Salve's total of 703. "All the athletes, their parents and coaches were surprised by Sheetal's performance. She is an inspiration," he added.

Hailing from Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir, Devi was first identified in a youth sports meet by the Indian Army in 2021. Two years later, she announced herself on the global stage by winning silver in the World Archery Para Championships. In the final there in Czech Republic in July 2023, she lost to Turkish para-archer Oznur Cure Girdi. Incidentally, Girdi, who Devi looks up to, took part in a able-bodied tournament, the Istanbul 2025 Conquest Cup this May. The fact that she climbed trees with her legs as a child helped her build a strong core, which helped her in her career. "She was gifted from the beginning. In my time with her, she changed her technique, but it also came with ups and downs. People started saying Sheetal's time was up. But she was focused on her goals and kept going with the same mindset," Sharma, who was her coach when she won bronze in the mixed compound event in Paris last year, explained. The duo train at Punjabi University in Patiala. **Team: Recurve: Men's:** Rampal Choudhary (AAI), Rohit Kumar (Uttar Pradesh), Mayank Kumar (Haryana); **Women:** Kondapavuluri Yuktha Sri (Andhra Pradesh), Vaishnavi Kulkarni (Maharashtra), Kratika Bichpuriya (Madhya Pradesh). **Compound: Men:** Pradhuman Yadav, Vasu Yadav, Devansh Singh (all Rajasthan); **Women:** Tejal Salve, Vaidehi Jadhav (both Maharashtra), Sheetal Devi (Jammu and Kashmir).

Full story: newindianexpress.com

All-round Axar, spinners give India lead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

ON the Carrara pitch in Gold Coast, termed a sub-continental wicket ahead of the toss by tcaptain Suryakumar Yadav, India were asked to bat by Australia in the penultimate game of five-match T20I series on Thursday. The visitors, who went into the match unchanged, posted 167/8. The total was considered slightly below par at the break but it proved more than enough by the time the match got over.

With the pitch resembling an Indian one, the visiting spinners called the shots when the hosts came out for chase. Varun Chakravarthy, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar shared six wickets between them as India bowled out Australia for 119 in 18.2 overs to register a big 48-run win and take an unassailable 2-1 lead in the series. The last match of the series will be played in Brisbane on Saturday.

Brought into attack in the fifth over with the hosts going strong, Axar made an instant impact as he trapped opener Matthew Short. With the umpire not convinced, Yadav reviewed the decision and it gave India their first success. The dismissal slowed down Australia's run rate as they could score only 30 runs in the next four overs.

Brief scores

India 167/8 in 20 ovs (Gill 46; Ellis 3/21, Zampa 3/45) **bt** Australia 119 in 18.2 ovs (Marsh 30; Patel 2/20, Dube 2/20, Washington 3/3).

Wicketkeeper-batter Josh Inglis tried to up the ante and stepped down the pitch only to lose his middle stump. With Inglis playing across the line, Axar darted one on to the stumps to send back the Aussie batter. The twin strikes came after the Gujarat all-rounder had given impetus to India's innings in the death overs scoring 21 off just 11 balls. Given the all-round impact he had on the game, Axar was later adjudged player of the match.

All-rounder Shivam Dube then struck twice in his next two overs to claim the wickets of captain Mitchell Marsh and the big-hitting Tim David. India pacers also joined the party with Arshdeep Singh accounting for Josh Philippe and Jasprit Bumrah claiming the wicket of Ben Dwarshuis. In between, Chakravarthy sent back Glenn Maxwell while Washington claimed wickets of Marcus Stoinis and Xavier Bartlett.

Earlier, explosive batter Abhishek Sharma (28) was dropped by Bartlett off the second ball of the innings and that proved costly for Marsh and Co. He along with vice-captain Shubman Gill (46) added 56 inside seven overs to give India a good start. They did lose the momentum in the middle and death overs scoring 82/4 between 7-16 and 36/4 between 17-20 but the bowlers, especially the tweakers made up for it. With Australia playing without a few of their key players, who were released during the course of the series for Ashes preparations, a depleted side lost some rhythm and it showed in the end.



Axar Patel celebrates a wicket with captain Suryakumar Yadav on Thursday | PTI

KEY DECISION

Ahmedabad set to host 2026 T20 WC final

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

THE BCCI has shortlisted Ahmedabad, Delhi, Kolkata Chennai and Mumbai as the venues for next year's T20 World Cup with the final to be played in Ahmedabad.

The 2023 ODI World Cup final, between India and Australia, was also conducted in Ahmedabad, home to the world's largest cricket stadium with a capacity of over one lakh. That edition of the competition was held across 10 venues. It is learnt that the ICC will announce the full schedule of the February-March event next week. The event will be co-hosted by Sri Lanka which will act as a neutral venue for Pakistan as per an agreed arrangement with india. Three venues in Sri Lanka will host the games, including Colombo.

India will go into the home World Cup as defending champions, having won the previous edition in Barbados in June last year. If Pakistan reach the final, the summit clash will be played in Sri Lanka. Irrespective of the host nation, India and Pakistan will play all their games at a neutral venue till 2027, as per the agreement reached by the ICC, BCCI and the PCB.

EXPRESS READ

ATP Finals: Alcaraz & Djoko in same group

TURIN: Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz was drawn in a group with Novak Djokovic at the ATP Finals, while defending champion Jannik Sinner was grouped with Alexander Zverev on Thursday. The Jimmy Connors group features Alcaraz, Djokovic, Taylor Fritz and Alex de Minaur. The Bjorn Borg group has Sinner, Zverev, Ben Shelton and Felix Auger-Aliassime or Lorenzo Musetti, who are battling for the final spot.

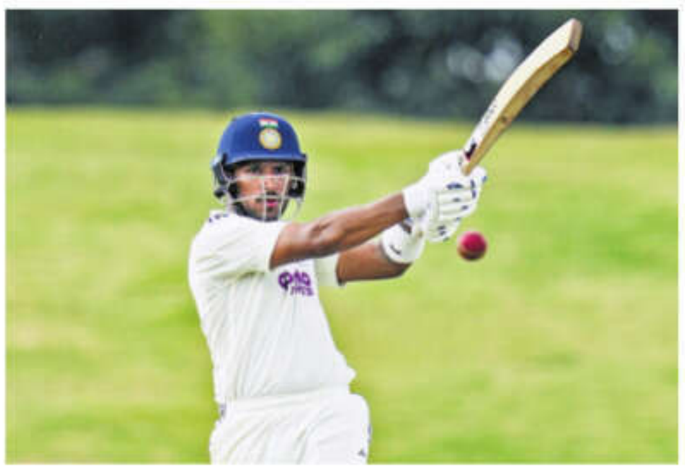
Chapman stars as NZ edge out WI by 3 runs

AUCKLAND: Mark Chapman blasted 78 from 28 balls as New Zealand beat the West Indies in a high-scoring thriller by three runs and levelled the series at 1-1. Chapman's assault saw New Zealand add 100 runs from the ninth to the 16th overs on the way to 207/5 after being sent in. In reply, West Indies could manage 204.

Brief scores: NZ 207/5 in 20 ovs (Chapman 78, 2/33) **bt** West Indies 204/8 in 20 ovs (Powell 45, Santner 3/31).

Rangarajan is RCB women's team coach

BENGALURU: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) on Thursday named former Tamil Nadu spinner Malolan Rangarajan as the head coach of their women's team ahead of the fourth WPL season next year. Rangarajan replaces Luke Williams, who was appointed as head coach in 2024. The Australian is set to miss the WPL (Women's Premier League) due to his commitments with Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League.



Dhruv Jurel plays a shot on Day 1 of the four-day match in Bengaluru | PTI

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

City ease to 4-1 win, Barcelona draw in six-goal thriller

AFP @ Paris

MANCHESTER City eased to a 4-1 win over Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday to stay unbeaten in the Champions League and Inter Milan kept up their perfect start, while Barcelona salvaged a point at Club Brugge. Phil Foden twice curled in from outside the area and Erling Haaland slammed home his fifth goal of the competition as City brushed Dortmund aside at the Etihad.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Qarabag **2-2** Chelsea, Pafos 1-0 Villarreal, Ajax **0-3** Galatasaray, Club Brugge **3-3** Barcelona, Inter Milan **2-1** Kairat Almaty, Marseille **0-1** Atalanta, Manchester City **4-1** Borussia Dortmund, Newcastle **2-0** Bilbao, Benfica **0-1** Bayer Leverkusen.

Waldemar Anton pulled one back for Dortmund before Rayan Cherki netted City's fourth in stoppage time. Pep Guardiola's side have 10 points from four matches and sit fourth in the table at the halfway stage of the league phase.

Inter moved back alongside Bayern Munich and Arsenal at the top with a fourth straight win after scraping past Kazakh outsiders Kairat Almaty. Ofri Arad cancelled out Lautaro Martinez's opener nine minutes after half-time but a thumping low drive from Carlos Augusto snatched Inter a 2-1 victory, bolstering their hopes of qualifying directly for the last 16.

Barcelona came from behind three times to rescue a 3-3 draw in Belgium as Lamine Yamal helped them overcome a shaky defensive performance.

Barca's defence was shredded on multiple occasions by the hosts as Brugge winger Carlos Forbs struck twice and set one up for Nicolo Tresoldi. Ferran Torres, Yamal and a Christos Tzolis own goal saved Barca from what would have been a humiliating defeat, even though they have several players out injured. "It's a game I think we have to win, but we have to do things a lot better," Barca midfielder Frenkie de Jong told Movistar.



Manchester City's Phil Foden scores their third goal against Borussia Dortmund | AP

"We have to adjust some things, we know that, we're working on it... if you let in three goals it's difficult to win." Alejandro Garnacho spared Chelsea's blushes as the Argentine's equaliser rescued a 2-2 draw against Qarabag.

Enzo Maresca's side were in danger of an embarrassing loss in Baku after falling behind in the first half. Estevao Willian gave Chelsea an early lead but Leandro Andrade equalised before Marko Jankovic converted a penalty to give the Azerbaijani minnows hope of a famous upset. Former Manchester United winger Garnacho came off the bench to bail out the Blues with his composed finish after the interval.

"I think the big difference was inside the box," said Chelsea boss Enzo Maresca.

Jurel's ton lifts India A after top-order failure

AGENCIES @ Bengaluru

DHRUV Jurel gave a scintillating demonstration of his technical nous with a fighting hundred, carrying India A to a respectable 255 all out after a top-order malfunction against South Africa A on the first day of the four-day match here on Thursday.

Asked to bat first, India A were in serious trouble, some of their own making, at 126 for seven, but Jurel (132 not out, 175b, 12x4, 4x6) and Kuldeep Yadav (20, 87b) milked 79 runs for a doughty eighth-wicket stand to bail them out.

Jurel's innings stood out for its marvellous adherence to batting technique, helping him survive the vagaries of conditions, pitch and relentlessness of Protean bowlers under largely overcast skies.

His batting neither touches the vast expanses nor does it have an element of derring-do, but it's based on stunning compactness that allows him to collect runs stealthily.

Even the six he hit off off-spinner Prenelan Subrayen over long on was not an explosive act, but more a melange of timing and precise ball placement.

Later his slog-swept six off Subrayen too was not a shot hit in anger, but testified his judgment and awareness of field setting around him. On other occasions, he either leaned on his front-foot to smother the spin or waited late to turn the balls to on-side for risk-free singles. **Brief scores:** India A 255 in 77.1 ovs (Jurel 132 n.o, Pant 24, Kuldeep 20; Van Vuuren 4/52) vs South Africa A.

Lenskart said it will open its upcoming AI-enabled smartglasses, B by Lenskart allowing consumer app makers and independent developers to integrate its AI and camera technology across sectors such as food delivery, entertainment, and fitness



THINGS THAT CAN HELP YOU BREATHE EASIER THIS WINTER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

EVERY winter, Delhi's air quality invariably drops to the 'very severe' category, making it difficult to breathe. Stubble burning, low wind speed, and winter inversion worsen the pollution levels. Simply put, staying outdoors for a long time can be as hazardous as smoking multiple cigarettes a day. Even indoor air can trap up to five times more pollutants if left unfiltered.

No single device can clean the entire city, but some practical gadgets can help protect you and your family from harmful PM2.5 particles and toxic gases. Here are a few simple yet effective tools you can use right now.


Honeywell Air Touch

Air purifiers

One of the most effective ways to fight indoor pollution is by using an air purifier. Modern models remove harmful particles like dust, smoke, pollen, and PM2.5, making the air cleaner and safer to breathe. Popular models such as the Honeywell Air Touch V5, Sharp FP-F40E, Kent Alps+ UV Air Purifier, and Blue Star BS-AP300DAI use HEPA and activated carbon filters to eliminate up to 99.9% of pollutants. These devices are especially useful for children and the elderly.

Adding to the list, the new Dyson Purifier Cool PC1 captures up to 99.95% of ultrafine particles as small as 0.1 microns. It also removes harmful gases and can be controlled via a mobile app, making it both smart and efficient. According to Esquire India, using an air purifier in Delhi can significantly reduce breathing problems. Whether you choose an affordable option or a premium model like Dyson, having one at home today is a necessity, not a luxury.



Air-purifying plants

Nature also plays a role in cleaning the air. Plants such as Snake Plant, Peace Lily, and Spider Plant can absorb toxins through a process called phytoremediation. As reported by IndiaTimes, Indian researchers have even developed a plant-based air purifier that reduced AQI levels from 311 to 39 within minutes.

Adding such plants to your home can make the environment fresher and greener.



Ventilation & exhaust fans

Proper ventilation is essential. Using exhaust fans and cross-ventilation systems allows stale indoor air to escape and fresh air to circulate.

While these gadgets can't eliminate Delhi's pollution entirely, they can greatly reduce its harmful effects indoors. Combined with healthy habits—like wearing masks, avoiding outdoor exercise during smog, and maintaining clean filters—they can help residents breathe a little easier this winter.



AIR QUALITY MONITORS

Before you clean the air, it's important to know how bad it is. Air quality monitors from brands like Xiaomi and Prana Air display real-time PM2.5, PM10, and VOC levels. You can track indoor air quality on your phone and take action when the air becomes unsafe.

CHANGE OF NAME

I,**VISHAL JAIN ARTHI** (Old Name) W/o **K VISHAL JAIN,** residing at D.No.19-240/23F, Hassan Khan Street, Mittoor, Chittoor Town and District, AP,Pin-517001 hereby declare that I have changed my name as **VISHAL ARTHI JAIN** (New name) for all future purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I,SAKUMARI KRISHNA KUMARI (Old Name)W/o SAKAMURI SUBBARAYALU NAIDU R/o.8-305, Satyanarayanapuram, Rajeev Nagar, Tirupati Dt. AP-517507. I changed my Name to **SAKAMURI KRISHNA KUMARI (NEW NAME)** W/o SAKAMURI SUBBARAYALU NAIDU. Henceforth I will be known as **SAKAMURI KRISHNA KUMARI (New Name).**

CHANGE OF NAME

I,PATTAN NASREENBANU(OLD NAME), W/o HUSSAIN RAHAMATHULLAH, R/o D.No: 34-249E, Nagamangalam (V), Palamaner (M), Chittoor Dist.,A.P-517408. I changed my Name to **PATTAN NASRIN (NEW NAME),** W/o HUSSAIN RAHAMATHULLAH, Henceforth I will be known as **PATTAN NASRIN (NEW NAME).**

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I,SAKUMARI SUBRAMANYAM NAIDU (Old Name) S/o SAKAMURI VENKATASWAMY NAIDU, R/o.8-305, Satyanarayanapuram, Rajeev Nagar, Tirupati Dt. AP-517507. I changed my Name to SAKAMURI **SUBBARAYALU NAIDU (NEW NAME)** S/o SAKAMURI VENKATASWAMY NAIDU. Henceforth I will be known as **SAKAMURI SUBBARAYALU NAIDU (New Name).**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Saraswathamma (Name of spouse as per NOK) is Legally wedded spouse of No. 13927350, Rank Ex.Sep NA, Name : Ajjaguttu Maruthi Reddy, Residing at D.No. 4/2507-7, Pilligundla Colony, Near S.R. Petrol Bunk, KLD Road, Anantapuramu City & District, A.P - 515 001. I have changed my name from Saraswathamma (Old Name) to **AJJAGUTTU SARASWATHAMMA** (New Name) and that the Amended Date of Birth from 08-04-1956 to **08-04-1959.** This is for kind information of all concerned.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom so ever it may concern, it is hereby informed to the General Public that, one by name Kuruba Siddeswara S/o Beerappa, Nimbagallu Village, Uravakonda Mandal has to avail a Mortgage loan in Canara Bank, Nimbagallu Branch by offering below mentioned schedule property in their favour. But, the said Kuruba Siddeswara has informed that, he has lost original link Document Regd. Sale deed vide Doct.No. 1006/1981 Date: 10-07-1981 standing in the name of K.Prakasham S/o Koka Thippanna, Nimbagallu Village, Uravakonda Mandal. The registered document, which got from Uravakonda S.R.O which has lost at Uravakonda, RTC Bus Stand i.e. link document and for which he lodged a complaint in Uravakonda Police Station, and obtained a certificate from them with regard to said loss of above original document and as such at present he is in possession of only certified copy of said document. So, if anybody is having any sale, mortgage, lease or disputes relating to schedule mentioned property, please inform the same to me within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which Kuruba Siddeswara can avail a Mortgage loan from Canara Bank, Nimbagallu Branch by depositing his original title deed along with the above said certified copy of the said link document and other original documents.

SCHEDULE

Ananthapuram R.D Uravakonda S.R.D within the Uravakonda Mandal, Rayampalli Village and Panchayet limits.

Babu.viv: Govt. dry, Sy.No: 275, A.C: 18.78 paiki A.C 6.00 acres, H.S 2.430.

Boundaries: East: Land belongs to Dasari Yerriswamy, **West:** Land belongs to Devara Olanna, **North:** Land belongs to Aare Hanumanthappa, **South:** Land belongs to Gaduputi Narayanswamy and others.

DEVINENI LEELAVATHI, Advocate, Uravakonda, Cell: 9966366237.

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H.O : BENGALURU

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH-I
8th FLOOR, CANARA TOWERS,
524, ANNA SALAI, TEYNAMPET, CHENNAI 600 018
Tel.No. 044 - 2849 6339, 2849 6900.
E-MAIL:cb2361@canarabank.com

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 proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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GUINDY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BRANCH

Borrower Name & Address: 1.MKGD CEMENTS PRIVATE LIMITED represented by its directors, No.65/1 Kundrathur Main Road, Porur, Chennai 600125. **2.Mr. Gopinath K M,** No.22/28, Loganathan 2nd Street, Choolaimedu, Chennai – 600094. **Also at:** Premises No Plot, Nos.41 & 42 , SNo 71/2 Sree Kamachi Amman Nagar, Madhanandhapuram, Chennai – 600011. **4.Mr. Manoharan AK,** S/O Kaliyaperumal, 7c Rajamani S, Mathura Apartments, 1/299, Kolapakkam Main Road, Kolapakkam, Chennai – 600128. **5. Mrs. Kalaimani K,** W/o, Mr.Manoharan, No.7, Rajamani Mathura Apartments, 1/299 Kolapakkam Main Road, Kolapakkam, Chennai – 600128.

Outstanding Amount : Rs. 6,13,52,892.61 (Rupees Six Crores Thirteen lakhs Fifty two thousand Eight hundred and Ninety two and paise Sixty One only) as on 30.09.2025 with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank

DETAILS OF PROPERTY:

PROPERTY NO.1: Standing in the name of M/s MKGD Cements Private Limited : All that piece and parcel of land and factory shed situate at, Panatur Gram Panchayat, Bommasamudram Village Accounts, Gudipala Mandal, Chittoor Sub District, Chittoor District comprised in Dry Survey No. 605/2D measuring an extent of 3 Acres and 29 cents or 1,43,312.4 sq. feet or 15,923.6 sq.yards Dry Survey No. 605/2F measuring an extent of 91 cents or 39,639.6 sq.feet or 4404.4 sq yards, Dry S.No.605/2F3 measuring an extent of 33 cents or 14374.80 sq.feet or 1597.2 sq. yards in all totalling an extent of 4 acre and 53 cents or 1,97,326.8 sq.feet or 21,925.2 Sq. yards including all amenities attached thereto and land bounded on the North by : M/S K.SIVASANKARAN SSS Bricks, South by : Chithapara Main Road, East by : Cart Track, West by : M/S K.SIVASANKARAN SSS Bricks .

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 4,64,80,000/- EMD ₹ 46,48,000/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-

PROPERTY NO.2: Standing in the name of Mr.Manoharan and Smt.Kalaimani: All that piece and parcel of vacant land bearing Plot Nos.1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 admeasuring a total extent of 7 Grounds and 1939 Sq.Ft (i.e.18739 Sq.ft) , out of which 1274/36778 (649.12 Sq. feet) Undivided Share together with a **residential Flat** measuring 1074 Sq. Feet of thereabouts of super built up area (inclusive of common area) now assigned **Flat No.C** in **Second Floor** which is constructed in Plot No.7 of the proposed project called "Rajmani's Mathura" together with a covered car park on stilts, comprised in Old Survey Nos.176/1B and 177/1, New Survey. Nos.176/1B2 & 177/1B of Kolapakkam Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram District:- **Plot No.1 = 2399 Sq.ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.2, South by-Road, East by-20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No. 176/1A **Plot No.2 = 2360 Sq. Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.3, South by- Plot No. 1, East by- 20 feet Road, West by- Land in S.No. 176/1A, **Plot No.3 = 2350 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.4, South by - Plot No.2, East by - 20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No.176/1A, **Plot No.4 = 2340 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.5, South by - Plot No.3, East by - 20 feet Road, West by Land in S.No.176/1A, **Plot No.5 = 2330 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.6, South by - Plot No.4, East by-20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No. 176/1A, **Plot No.6 = 2320 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.7, South by - Plot No.5, East by-20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No.176/2, **Plot No.7 = 2320 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.8, South by - Plot No.6, East by-20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No.176/2, **Plot No.8 = 2320 Sq.Ft & Boundaries,** North by - Plot No.9, South by - Plot No.7, East by-20 feet Road, West by - Land in S.No.176/2, And all the aforesaid plots situated within the Registration District of South Chennai and Sub Registration District of Pammal.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 50,00,000/- EMD ₹ 5,00,000/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 10.12.2025 Between 10.30 AM & 11.30 AM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.

Inspection of Property Date & Time : 05.12.2025 between 11.00 A.M. & 4.00 P.M.

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet)** 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 09.12.2025 till 5.00 PM.**

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 Canara Bank Asset Recovery Management Branch-I, Chennai (Ph. No. 044 - 2849 6339 / 2849 6900) E-mail: cb2361@canarabank.com** during office hours on any working day. (or) **The service provider baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No.7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com/ support.baanknet@procure247.com).**

Portal of E-Auction: **https://baanknet.com**

Date : 01.11.2025
Place : Chennai

AUTHORISED OFFICER,
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DETAILS OF MACHINERY:

All the machineries available at SF.No.605/2D, 605/2F, Chittapara Road, Pallu village, Bommasamudram Revenue village, Gudipala Mandal, Chitoor District, Andhra Pradesh – 517132.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 1,64,63,000/- EMD ₹ 16,46,300/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 1,00,000/-

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AUTHORISED OFFICER,
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NAGPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

E-TENDER NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner, Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Nagpur invites e-tender from Experienced bidders for **"Development and Beautification of Naik Lake Nagpur PHASE-II."** The Detailed Tender Notice and bid Document can be downloaded from website **www.mahatenders.gov.in having Tender ID 2025_NMCN_1240450_1 from 04/11/2025.** The sale/purchase and submission of the bid document shall be online only.

Advt No. 639 PR
Date 06.11.2025

Superintending Engineer (PHE)
Nagpur Municipal Corporation

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,
Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.

Short Term Tender Notification- 18/2025-26 Date: 23-10-2025
(Two document System & KPPP System only)

Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as KPWD Class-I/CPWD Class-I and Above. The tenderers are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P. portal of Govt of Karnataka **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

"Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Tank Filling Scheme (Head Works consisting of construction of Barrage, Intake trough with forebay, Jack well cum pump house, Vertical Turbine Pumps coupled to Motors, Pump house electrical works, Necessary valves, Delivery Pipe, Manifold system, electrical panel, soft starter, capacitors, 11 kV transformer, 11/0.433 kV sub-station, 11 kV power line and 11 kV Terminal bay, Rising Main, Pressure Distribution) for Filling up 32 tanks of Gudavi and other MI/ZP tanks in Soraba Taluk by lifting water from Varada River near Gudavi Village including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work for GUDAVI TANK FILLING SCHEME on Turn-Key Basis.". (INDENT No: 3316) Work Amount put to tender **Rs. 42.06 Crores** and EMD **Rs.0.36 Crores.**

1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on **03.11.2025 to 03.12.2025 up to 4.00 PM 2)** Date of Pre bid meeting:**17.11.2025 @11.00AM.**(O/o Chief Engineer, KNNL, UTP Zone Shimogga **3)** Opening of technical bid will be on **05.12.2025 @ 11.00 AM 4)** Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid.

For more details visit website from date-**03-11-2025** at **(http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

DIPR/SMG/No-04-11/ zenkar/2025-26

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Executive Engineer. KNNL,
DRP Division, Shikaripura

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SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

No: BS6/071741/2025- TNCSC/25-26 Dated : 06.11.2025

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation invites online electronic tender for the Purchase of **"60,000 Metric Tonnes of Tur dal (Split- Husked & Fatka) [Indigenous] / Tur Dal (Split Husked-Imported) / Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil (Split – Husked & Laired No.2) / Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil (Whole – Husked & Laired No.2) for three months of January, February and March 2026 as per AGMARK specifications".**

Complete Short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded from **https:tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

The bidders have to participate only through online bidding with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

Last Date and Time for Online Submission: **23.11.2025 up to 11.00 A.M.**

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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/18/2025-26)

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. 693/2019)	Minimum Bid Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1.	All that piece and parcel of the Commercial Building bearing No.25 Old No.1/1, Lady Curzon Road, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru having PID No.79-46-25. Measuring East to West 110 ft and North to South 20 ft and aggregating 2200 sq.ft. bounded on East by: Lady Curzon Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Remaining Portion of Site No.25, South by: Property No.24 Vacant Place. Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/j3SWPPffpfBw3XNM6 Latitude and Longitude: 12°58'51.0"N 77°36'15.3"E	9,69,95,000/-	97,00,000/-	9,70,000/-

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
03rd December 2025, 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	06th December 2025 11:00am to 05:00pm	11th December 2025 Before 5pm	12th 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.

Date: 29-10-2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Special Officer & Competent Authority
DIPR/CP/3636/Zen/2025-26 (Under KPIDFE –IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru.