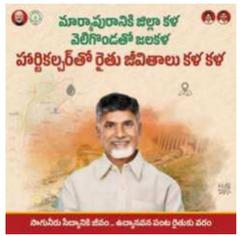
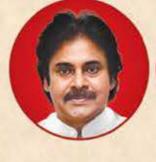


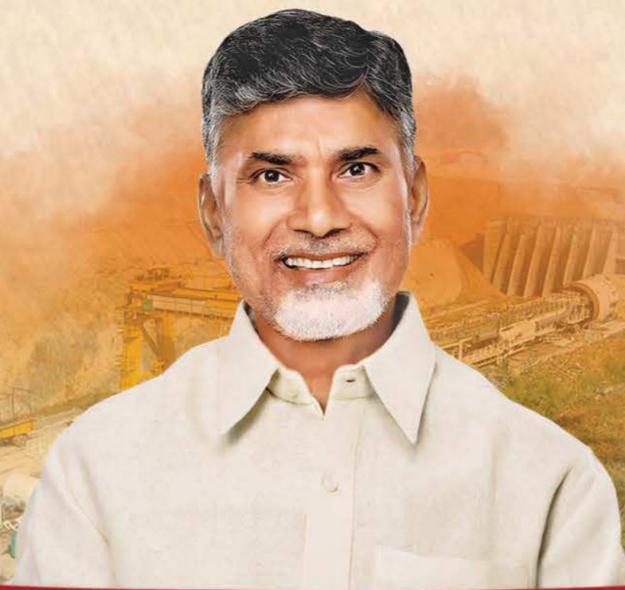
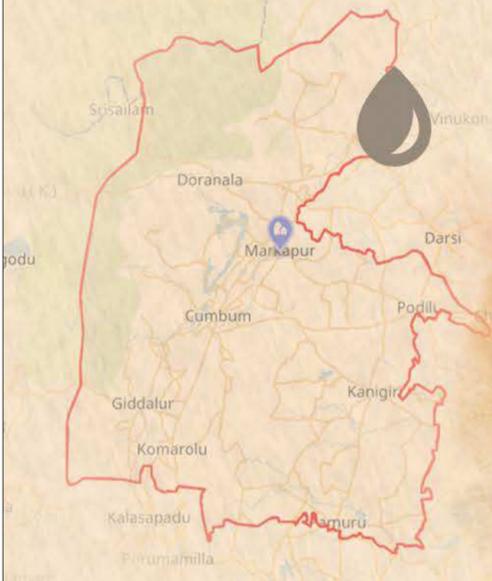
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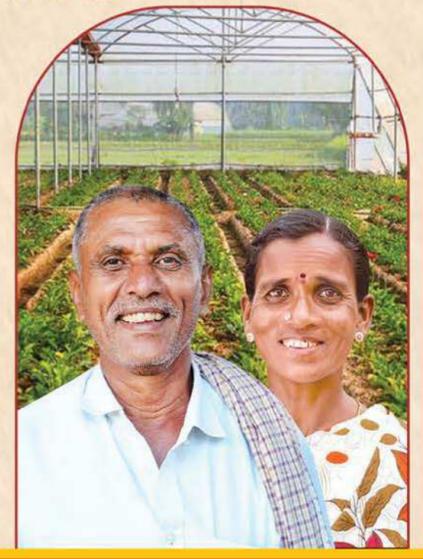
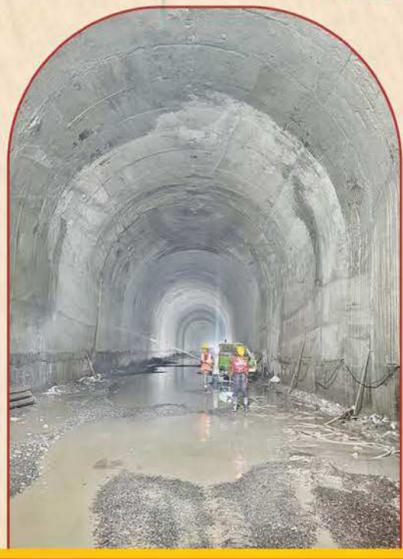
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ARM Branch, Circle Office, D.No.54-15-4B, Ground Floor, Lakshmi Avenue, Srinivasa Nagar Bank Colony, Ring Road, Vijayawada, AP - 520008. Ph: 8331011695, E-mail: armvij@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable & Movable Assets 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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of branches mentioned below of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.03.2026, for recovery of amounts mentioned below due to the ARM Branch, Vijayawada of Canara Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). Description of the immovable properties with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 16.03.2026 at 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 16.03.2026 before 12.00 Noon**

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 amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 16.03.2026 at 12.00 Noon.

Borrower/Guarantors & Branch Details (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Vijayawada Branch)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
ARM Branch, Vijayawada Ms. Green Royal Academy of Pharmaceutical Education and Science (GRAPES) - Managed by Ramachandra Educational Society, (GRAPES College), Total Liability: Rs. 2,12,44,918.92 Ps as on 31.01.2026 * interest + other expenses	All that part and parcel of existing 12100 sq.yds land and building (GRAPES college buildings) situated at R.S.No 264/2 in ponguturu Village, Koyyalagudem Mandal, West Godavari Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 34.65 lakhs	Rs. 3.465 lakhs

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: 10.03.2026 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 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 Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Vijayawada, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 8331011695 during office hours on any working day.

* Dues/taxes, if any, known/not known to the Bank are to be borne by the auction purchaser and the same is exclusive of the final bid amount. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.1,00,000/- for reserve price above Rs.100 lacs. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder.

E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider: M/s. PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal: "https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb" (Contact No: 7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/9892219848/8160205051, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

Date: 23-02-2026, Place: Vijayawada Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Administrative Office Campus, Balaji Nagar, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam

Authorised Officer's Details: Name: Mr. Y. Kiran Chand (Chief Manager), Mobile No. 91609 49910, e-mail ID: sbi.10077@sbi.co.in, For Property Inspection: 98660 27578.

E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9(1) (SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002).

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken over constructive possession of the following property u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. Public at large is informed that e-Auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged property mentioned below for realisation of Bank's dues will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" BASIS and on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

Borrower(s): Sri Sanka Harishchandra Prasad S/o Sri Rama Murthy, # 9-153/7, Elurupadu Village, Kalla Mandal, Bhimavaram, W.G. Dist, Pin: 534236. **Sri Mamidi Ratna Babu S/o Sri Mallayya, # 9-97, Gandhi Bazar, Elurupadu Village, Kalla Mandal, Bhimavaram, W.G. Dt.-534236. Demand Notice Date: 09-07-2021**
Outstanding Amount as per Demand Notice: Rs.30,20,324/- as on 09.07.2021 with future interest and expenses thereon.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

Item no.1: All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 55 SqYrds out of full AC. 1.88 cents out of full extent of Ac.5.74 cents (An extent of Ac.3.85 cents of land in R S No. 185/1; an extent of Ac.2.16 cents of land in R.S. No. 185/2, in total of Ac.5.74 cents) and is **Bound by: East:** Site in Item No.2-22", **South:** Compound Wall of Sanka Harishchandra Venkata Prasad -22'-06", **West:** Site of Sanka Hari Satya Naga Venkata Rama Prasad Gupta -22'-00", **North:** Site of Sanka Hari Satya Naga Venkata Rama Prasad Gupta -22'-06".

Item no.2: All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 143 SqYrds out of full AC. 1.88 cents out of full extent of Ac.5.74 cents (An extent of Ac.3.85 cents of land in R S No. 185/1; an extent of Ac.2.16 cents of land in R.S. No. 185/2, in total of Ac.5.74 cents) and is **Bound by: East:** 15 feet width joint way -21'-00", **South:** Compound Wall of Sanka Harishchandra Venkata Prasad -47'-00", **West:** Site in Item No.1 -22'-00", **North:** 20 feet width joint way -45'-06".

Item no.3: All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 192 SqYrds out of full AC. 1.88 cents out of full extent of Ac.5.74 cents (An extent of Ac.3.85 cents of land in R S No. 185/1; an extent of Ac.2.16 cents of land in R.S. No. 185/2, in total of Ac.5.74 cents) and is **Bound by: East:** 15 feet width joint way -147'-00", **South:** Murugubodi -9'-06", **West:** Compound Wall of Sanka Harishchandra Venkata Prasad-147'-00", **North:** Site in Item No.2 -14'-00".

Total extent of items (1 to 3) 90 SqYrds (Vacant site) situated at Akividu SRO Elurupadu Village, Kalla Mandal, West Godavari District registered vide Document no. 1282/2012 in the name of Shri. Sanka Harishchandra Prasad S/o. Srirama Murthy.

Reserve Price:Rs.12,67,000/- EMD: Rs.1,26,700/- Bid Multiplier Amount: Rs.10,000/-

Date of E-auction: 25-03-2026 Time: 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM

Date & Time of Inspection of property: 25-02-2026 to 24-03-2026 From 10.00 A.M to 04.00 P.M.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website www.sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices. For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., visit <https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/x-login> of the service provider: M/s PSB Alliance and M/s. Baanknet, e-Auction Portal: <https://baanknet.com> & Toll free Number: +91 - 8291220220, Mail ID: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

2) The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties/ additional stamp duty/ transfer charges, fee etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc.

Note: Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD through <https://baanknet.com> website of PSB Alliance on or before E-Auction Date.

Date: 18-02-2026, Place: VISAKHAPATNAM Sd/-Authorized Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA

Bank of Baroda
ELURU BRANCH
25-5-116, Near Fire Station, N R Pet, Eluru District

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE "APPENDIX-IV-A (See provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1))

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) / Secured Assets / Dues / Reserve Price / E-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below.

Name & Address of Borrower(s) / Guarantor / Mortgagors	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Outstanding balance as on 19-02-2026	Reserve Price, EMD & BID Incremental	Possession Type Constructive/ Physical
Borrower / M/s. Karthikeya Aqua Feeds and Needs Represented by its proprietor Mr.Gorrela Srinivas Mortgagor(s): Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr. Gorrela Srinivas and Mr. Gorrela Aravind Guarantor: Mrs. Girijala Venkata Satya Sitamahalakshmi Akkamamba	(Mortgagor: Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr.Gorrela Srinivas and Mr.Gorrela Aravind) Item No.1: Equitable mortgage of non-agriculture plot nos.5,6,7 admeasuring 955-98 Sq yards situated at R S No 847/1, 2,3,4, 848/1, 2 at Palakollu Village, Palakollu Mandal, West Godavari District, Palacole SRO, in the name of Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr.Gorrela Srinivas and Mr. Gorrela Aravind. Item No.2: Equitable mortgage of non-agriculture plot nos.13,14,15,16,17 and 18 admeasuring 1228-99 Sq yards situated at R S No 847/1, 2,3,4, 848/1,2 at Palakollu Village, Palakollu Mandal, West Godavari District, Palacole SRO in the name of Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr.Gorrela Srinivas and Mr.Gorrela Aravind.	Rs. 6,40,80,998.32 /- + unapplied interest from 18.02.2026 and other charges there on if any till realization.	Reserve Price : Rs. 10,79,42,000/- EMD : Rs. 1,08,00,000/- BID Incremental Amount : Rs. 25,000/- E-Auction Date & Time : 25-03-2026 between 2.00 PM to 6.00 PM (with 10 min. unlimited auto extensions)	Physical Property Inspection Date & Time Date: 18-03-2026 Time: 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM (with prior appointment only)

Item No.3: Equitable mortgage of non-agriculture plot nos.19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26 and 27 admeasuring 1774-46 Sq yards situated at R S No 847/1, 2,3,4, 848/1, 2 at Palakollu Village, Palakollu Mandal, West Godavari District, Palakollu SRO in the name of Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr.Gorrela Srinivas and Mr.Gorrela Aravind.

Item No.4: Equitable mortgage of non-agriculture plot no.29 admeasuring 324-00 Sq yards situated at R S No 847/1, 2,3,4, 848/1, 2 at Palakollu Village, Palakollu Mandal, West Godavari District, Palakollu SRO in the name of Mr. Gorrela Satyanarayana, Mr.Gorrela Srinivas and Mr.Gorrela Aravind

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://bankofbaroda.com/e-auction> and online auction portal <https://baanknet.com>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Mobile: 8639428262

Place: Eluru, Date: 19-02-2026 Chief Manager & Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: Chola Crest, C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai- 600 032, T. N.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale Through e-bidding Only)

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS ISSUED UNDER RULE 8(6) AND 9(1) 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) indicated in COLUMN (A) that the below described immovable property(ies) described in COLUMN (C) mortgaged / Charged to the secured creditor the POSSESSION of which has been taken as described in COLUMN (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" as per details mentioned below. - Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heir, legal representatives (Whether Known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) & assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) (Since deceased) as the case may be indicated in COLUMN (A) U/s. 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://www.cholamandalam.com> & www.auctionfocus.in

Sr. No.	[A] Loan Account No. / Names Of Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s)	[B] O/S. Dues to be recovered (Secured Debts)	[C] Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset	[D] Type of Possession	[E & F] Reserve Price (In Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	[G] Date of Auction & Time
1.	Mr/Mrs. Koli Veeramma (Known Legal Heir As Well As Co-Borrower And Wife Of Late Shri Koli Venkateswara Rao)	Rs. 20,18,954/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four Only) due as on 25.02.2025	All that part and parcel of property situated at Guntur District, Narasaraopet Revenue District, Sattenapalli Sub-District, Medikonduru Mandal, within the limits of Paladugu Grama Panchayath Area, Paladugu village, Grama Kantam, D.No.128, an extent of 172.1/2 Sq.Yds. of site now Door No. 4-148, with under construction 900 Sq.ft.R.C.Chouse (as per plan) Bound by: East: Site of Gavaraju Rameshramraju and others 23 yards, South: Site of Madamanchi Punnaiah and others 7.1/2 yards, West: Site of Chakravaram Koltrinaam 23 yards, North: Road, 7.1/2 yards With all easement rights	POSSESSION	Rs. 16,20,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) Rs. 1,62,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Only)	16.03.2026 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM. (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document).

INSPECTION DATE & TIME: - 13.03.2026, BETWEEN 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. MINIMUM BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 10,000/-
Last date of submission of Bid/ EMD/ Request letter for participation is 14.03.2026 till 5PM.

* Together with further interest as applicable in terms of loan agreement with, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. Incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation there of.

For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Beeram Gangadharam - 886515656 - gangadharam@chola.murugappa.com, Rajolu Sai Kishore - 9603972369 - rajolusai@chola.murugappa.com official of CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT & FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED to the best of Knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT & FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / secured Assets.

Date: 24.02.2026 Place: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER, For CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

'Hike in ghee price to benefit Heritage'

HANS NEWS SERVICE GUNTUR
MLA Tatiparthi Chandrasekhar launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu saying that the entire "adulterated ghee"

controversy surrounding Tirumala laddu prasadam was orchestrated solely to benefit the Heritage group. Speaking at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli on Tuesday, he said the price of ghee supplied to TTD was increased from

Rs 321 per kg to Rs 658 per kg only to favour Heritage-linked Indapur Dairy. He questioned why Tirumala is purchasing ghee at Rs 658 when the same product is reportedly available in Telangana for around Rs 550, and demanded

an explanation for what he termed an unjustified escalation. The MLA also responded to allegations that YSRCP MLCs committed sacrilege by carrying images of Lord Venkateswara in the

State Legislative Council. He said the members removed their footwear before staging their protest and accused the ruling party and its aligned media of circulating selective and misleading visuals.

97.99% attend senior Inter exam on Day-1

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA
THE Intermediate public examinations for second year students which commenced on Tuesday were conducted smoothly across Andhra Pradesh, recording an impressive overall attendance of 97.99% for Paper-II, according to officials of the Board of Intermediate Education.

Out of a total of 4,99,492 registered students, as many as 4,89,458 appeared for

the examination, while 10,034 were absent. Among general stream candidates, 4,53,250 students attended out of 4,61,617, registering 98.19% attendance, with 8,367 absentees. In the vocational stream, 36,208 students appeared out of 37,875, marking 95.60% attendance, while 1,667 students were absent. Board Secretary Ranjith Basha stated that the examinations are being conducted in a peaceful and orderly manner across all centres.

He noted that no cases of malpractice were reported on the second day as well. The Board has implemented strict monitoring, surveillance, and administrative measures to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations, he added. He expressed satisfaction over the high turnout and disciplined atmosphere, attributing the success to the coordinated efforts of district administrations, invigilation staff, and law enforcement agencies.

CM to lay stone for canal in Markapuram dist today

HANS NEWS SERVICE ONGOLE

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will visit Markapuram district on Wednesday. After attending the Assembly session in the morning, he will depart at 12 noon and arrive at Gantavanipalem in Markapuram district at 12:40 pm. At 12:50 pm, he will lay the foundation stone for the feeder canal.

Later, at 2:10 pm, he will reach Markapuram town. At 2:30 pm, he will address the public meeting to be held at Tarlapadu Road under the Praja Vedika programme. He will return to Amaravati at 5:20 pm.

The formation of Markapuram district has been a long-cherished dream of

the people of the region. As promised to the public before the elections, the government issued a gazette notification in January declaring Markapuram as a district. This will be the first visit of the chief minister after the formation of the district.

The previous government had dedicated the Veligonda Project to the nation without completing critical components such as canals, feeder canal lining, retaining walls, twin tunnels, and rehabilitation measures.

However, the present government is committed to completing the project and ensuring irrigation and drinking water supply to the people of the region. In this context, the chief minister will lay the foundation stone for the feeder canal works to be taken up at a cost of Rs 456 crore.

Collector inspects Inter exam centre

HANS NEWS SERVICE GUNTUR

GUNTUR district collector A Thameem Ansariya inspected the conduct of second-year Intermediate examinations on Tuesday at the Government Women's Junior College in Guntur city. She observed the manner in which students were writing their examinations and reviewed the arrangements made at the examination centre, including the provision of drinking water and medical camps.

She enquired about uninterrupted power supply during the examinations and transportation facilities to ensure students reach the centres on time. She reviewed the implementation of Section 144 at examination centres and the closure of nearby Xerox shops during exam hours.

She instructed officials to keep a close watch on those spreading unnecessary rumours during the examination period. She stated that surveillance is being maintained on social media platforms and inspected the control room set up for monitoring the examinations.

BIE RIO G Sunitha stated that the regular Intermediate examinations will continue until March 24. The exams are being conducted daily from 9 am to 12 noon. She informed that the examinations are being held at 87 centres across the district, with a total of 68,898 students appearing.

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E-AUCTION NOTICE
Short Tender Notice Nos. 100 & 101/CE-C/APIC/2025-Dt. 20.02.2026
Short Tender Notice No. 100:

Providing Integrated Audio-Visual and Digital Communication Ecosystem in the corporate office of the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB), Mangalagiri, Guntur District (2nd Call)

Short Tender Notice No.101: Supply, installation and interior works of Modular Furniture at Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB) Office (5th Floor), Mayuri Tech Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District under deposit contribution work. (2nd call). The details of tender notice and bid documents can be downloaded from www.apereprocurement.gov.in

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LOTUS LANDMARK (22201) BRANCH, Lotus Landmark, Ayodhyanager, Krishna Dist, A.P. PIN: 520003

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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(Borrower(s)/Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s))
Mr. Noor Basha Murthu S/o. S. Meeravali D. No-3-663/1, Sri Padmalayam, Opp. Pragati Enclave, Tadepalli, Undavalli Centre, NTR District, Vijayawada, AP-521401.
Mrs. P.V.S. Lakshmi Priya W/o. Noor Basha Murthu D. No-3-663/1, Sri Padmalayam, Opp. Pragati Enclave, Tadepalli, Undavalli Centre, NTR District, Vijayawada, AP-521401.

Description of Immovable Property
Residential 2BHK flat with UDS of 44 Sq. yds out of total extent of 1200 Sq. yds. near D.No: 4-48, Flat No 403, Third Floor, SAI VARSHITHA RESIDENCY, Padmavathi Nagar Layout, R S No 177/3, 177/4part, 177/4, 177/2B, Plt. No. 9/2007. Plot: 2, Godavaru Road, Kankipadu village & gram panchayat, Kankipadu Mandal, Krishna District, AP -521151 belongs to Mr.Noor Basha Murthu and Mrs. P.V.S. Lakshmi Priya **Boundaries of the Flat: East:** Common Corridor. **West:** Open to Sky. **South:** Open to sky & lift. **North:** Open to Sky. (with Plinth area of 758.00 Sq Ft and Common Area of 150 Sq Ft and Parking Area of 150.00 Sq Ft) **Boundaries of Apartment:** East: Plot no.3,4,5 West Property of others, SRS No 178 North: 40 feet wide road

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 22,85,000/- EMD: Rs.2,28,500/- BID INCREMENT: Rs. 10,000/-

DATE AND TIME OF E AUCTION: 13.03.2026 FROM 12.00PM TO 5.00PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)E-auction website <https://baanknet.com>

List of Encumbrances: Nil
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property/viewauction-property.aspx>.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Dated: 20-02-2026 AUTHORIZED OFFICER FOR UNION BANK OF INDIA
Place: Vijayawada

Union Bank of India
BHRUGUBANDA BRANCH-02431
D. No.2-103, Ward No.5, Main Road, Bhrugubanda, Sattenapalli Mandal, Palnadu Dist., A.P.-522403, Ph: 9010484321, Email id: ubin0802433@unionbankofindia.bank

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DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 13-03-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 5.00 PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)

Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Co-obligant(s): Mr.Tera Shyamson S/o T.Sadhu Sundar Singh, Door No.6-7-26, Srungarapuram, Bapatla Dist., Andhra Pradesh-522101.
The Reserve Price of the Secured Assets and the Earnest amount to be deposited for the property is as mentioned below. Bidder's shall improve their offers in multiples of bid increment as mentioned below. The property would not be sold below the Reserve Price.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
All the part and parcel of residential site along with building constructed thereon in D.Nos.6-10-92/2 (Near), Ward No.15, Locality No.6, having an extent of 177.91 Sq.yds, D.No.989/4, West Bapatla, Bapatla District, Andhra Pradesh-522101 belonging to Mr. Tera Shyamson, S/o T.Sadhu Sundar Singh newly constructed RCC house with in the boundaries mentioned below: **North:** House and site of Uppala Bharathi Rao -45 feet-0 inches. **South:** Plot No.4 Belongs to Ganta Yenu Gopala Rao -45 feet-0 inches, **East:** 12 Feet width Road-35 feet-7 inches. **West:** 12 Feet width Road -35 feet-7 inches.
(Note: The Subject Property is under Symbolic Possession of the Bank)

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.37,90,000/- EMD payable: Rs.3,79,000/- Bid Increment: Rs.37,900/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property/viewauction-property.aspx>. or <https://baanknet.com>.
Place: Bhrugubanda, Date: 24-02-2026 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer, Union Bank of India, Bhrugubanda Branch, Palnadu District.

Union Bank of India
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (79170)
4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, R. R. Apparao Street Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh -520001, E-mail: arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank.in

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DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 13-03-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 5.00 PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)

Borrowers /Mortgagors /Guarantors: 1. Mr Basava Venkata Raju (Borrower) S/o Basava Radha Krishna, Flat No. FOF-3, 4th floor, Sri Lakshmi Krishna residency, Near Kasturi School, Prasadampadu, Vijayawada, Krishna-521108, 2. Mrs Basava Swarajya Kumari W/o. B.Radhakrishna, OLD-Mig - 71/5, HB Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada, Pin 520012, 3. Mr Basava Venkata Raju S/o Basava Radha Krishna, HIG-152, Near Housing Board Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada, Krishna-520012, 4. Mr.Galla Phani Bhushana Rao S/o. G.Venkateswara Rao, D.No. 77-52-2, Prakash Nagar, Pykapuram, Vijayawada-520015.

Contact: Mr. R Nagesh, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8431918194 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka Authorised officer 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.34,98,278.45 (Rs. Thirty-four lakhs ninety-eight thousand two hundred and seventy-eight paise forty-five only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: A-SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of undivided and unspecified Joint share of an extent of 24sq Yrds or 20.06 sq.mtrs. of house site out of larger extent of 290.4 sq. yds or 242.81 sq. mtrs. situated in R S No.78/1, Prasadampadu village and panchayat, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Krishna District, On the file of Sub Registrar, Gunadala and the larger extent of 290.4 sq.yards of site **Being bounded by: East:** Property of Karla Srinivasa Rao and others, **South:** Property of Lavu Sarojini, **West:** Road, **North:** Property of Virella Kamala.

B-SCHEDULE: All that piece and parcel of Flat No. FOF-3, 4th floor, Flat plinth area of 730sq.ft. Common area of 70 sq.ft. Parking area of 100sq.ft. common utilities over water, drainage, Lift, Stairs and common areas etc. at "SRI LAKSHMI KRISHNA RESIDENCY" constructed at larger extent of schedule A Property and flat with in the following boundaries: **East:** Open to Sky, **North:** Open to Sky, **West:** Common Corridor and staircase, **South:** Open to Sky.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs. 18,03,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,80,300/- Bid Increment : Rs.18,030/-

Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://baanknet.com>, and www.unionbankofindia.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings. To the best information and knowledge of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. The interested bidder may contact the AUTHORISED OFFICER/CHIEF MANAGER ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property. Mail ID:arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank Place : Vijayawada, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada. Date : 23-02-2026



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Aishwarya Sakhua on meeting herself without 'filters or performance'
Aishwarya was a Miss India finalist in 2006. From 2010 to 2012, she starred in the TV show 'Saas Bina Sasural'.

The rise and fall of El Mencho
In Milenio Cartel, El Mencho started as a member of the assassin squad that protected the drug lord Armando Valencia Cornelio ('El Maradona'). On 12 August 2003, his boss was arrested by Mexican authorities.

iQOO launches 15R; Co sees good demand in India
iQOO, the specialised mobile brand from Vivo stable, on Tuesday launched iQOO 15R in India as it eyes more young professionals' user base in the country.

What recruiters will truly seek from 2026 data science graduates
Core technical skills remain essential, but expectations have advanced. Python and SQL are baseline requirements rather than differentiators.

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Well-organised 'syndicate' behind ghee scam: Naidu

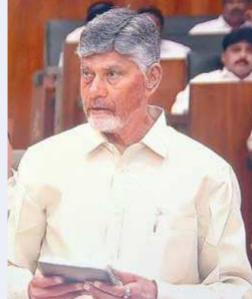
HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday launched a blistering attack in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, alleging that a well-organised "syndicate" operated during the previous government's tenure to supply adulterated ghee to the Tirumala-Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD).

Making a detailed PowerPoint presentation during a short discussion on the Tirumala laddu controversy, Naidu claimed that 59.71 lakh kgs of adulterated ghee was procured at a cost of Rs 234 crore. He alleged that the ghee was used to prepare nearly 20.01 crore Tirumala laddus offered as Srivari prasadam.

He accused those involved of manipulating tender rules, ignoring lab standards and submitting fake quality cer-

- ▶▶ Former PA to the then TTD chairman took Rs 4.5 cr bribe to facilitate contracts
- ▶▶ SIT seized chemicals and documents detailing alleged kickbacks
- ▶▶ Complaints surfaced in 2022; CFTRI report allegedly suppressed by previous board
- ▶▶ CM rejects attempts to link controversy with Heritage Dairy
- ▶▶ This is not just about ghee. It is about faith and sanctity of Tirumala, says CM



tificates. "Sacred Prasadam meant for devotees was compromised," he said. "This is not just corruption. It is an assault on faith," he added.

Naidu alleged that a former personal assistant to the then TTD chairman accepted a Rs 4.5 crore bribe to facilitate contracts. He claimed the Special Investigation Team (SIT) seized chemicals such as monoglycerides and acetic acid, along with documents

detailing alleged kickbacks.

According to the Chief Minister, complaints about ghee quality surfaced as early as 2022. He said a report by the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) that flagged adulteration was suppressed at the time. After his government assumed office, fresh samples were tested. A July 23, 2024, report from the National Dairy Development Board

controversy with Heritage Dairy, a company promoted by his family. "No government department has purchased ghee from Heritage," he asserted. He clarified that Indapur Dairy in Pune, which does co-manufacturing for multiple brands, has no connection with the alleged supply to TTD.

Expanding the attack, Naidu accused the previous regime of weakening temple governance, altering tender norms between 2020 and 2022, and failing to act on repeated complaints. He alleged that over 2,000 temples faced attacks between 2019 and 2024 and claimed that several incidents went uninvestigated.

He also defended Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's remarks on protecting Hindu traditions and said places of worship must respect established customs.

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PM Modi's 2nd visit to Israel set to upgrade strategic ties

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will undertake a two-day visit to Israel beginning Wednesday to shore up bilateral defence and trade cooperation amid the ongoing tensions in the Middle-east including deteriorating ties between the US and Iran. Modi's engagements will include his address to Israel's parliament, wide-ranging talks with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu and a meeting with President Isaac Herzog. "This visit will reaffirm the deep and long-standing strategic partnership between the two countries and will present an opportunity to review the common challenges as well as realign efforts towards achieving their shared vision for a robust partnership between two resilient democracies," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. It is learnt that boosting overall defence and security cooperation will be a major area of discussions during delegation level talks between the two prime ministers on Thursday.

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Cabinet raises raw jute MSP to ₹5,925

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved a Rs 275 per quintal increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of raw jute for the 2026-27 marketing season, reinforcing income support for jute farmers. The MSP for raw jute (TD-3 grade) has been fixed at Rs 5,925 per quintal, ensuring a margin of 61.8 per cent over the all-India weighted average cost of production. The pricing decision remains aligned with the government's policy of fixing MSP at a minimum of 1.5 times the cost of production, as outlined in Budget 2018-19.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL
Not a 'naked protester'... A Dalit Street player

40% TARIFF DROP Indian exporters set to gain as US customs rolls out 10% global tariff

It's lower than Trump's threatened 15% levy

WASHINGTON/NEW DELHI

INDIA products clearing US customs from Tuesday onwards will be subject to 10% duties instead of 50% when the contracts were negotiated, opening doors for some kind of a relief even for cargoes on seas.

While immediate windfall will be for the importer who would have to pay 40% less tariffs, some of it may be passed on to Indian sellers. "Many exporters had an understanding with the buyers

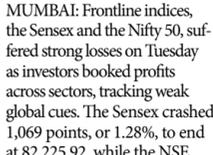


while negotiating contracts at very thin margin or even loss that benefit from change in duties would be shared with them too," CEO and Director General of Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) Ajay Sahai said.

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STOCK MARKET CRASH Investors lose ₹3L cr as Sensex plunges 1,069 points

MUMBAI: Frontline indices, the Sensex and the Nifty 50, suffered strong losses on Tuesday as investors booked profits across sectors, tracking weak global cues. The Sensex crashed 1,069 points, or 1.28%, to end at 82,225.92, while the NSE counterpart Nifty 50 fell 1.12% to close at 25,424.65. The mid- and small-cap indices also ended in the negative territory, but they still outperformed the benchmarks.



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AP Cabinet clears ₹2,387-cr chip project Nod for AP Sick and Stressed MSME Revival Policy (4.0) 2026-31



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu holding a Cabinet meeting in the Secretariat on Tuesday

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

IN a sweeping set of decisions aimed at repositioning Andhra Pradesh as an investment-led growth hub, the state Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday approved a broad package of industrial, energy and governance reforms spanning semiconductor, renewable power, tourism infrastructure and MSME revival.

At its meeting held at the Secretariat, the Cabinet cleared proposals spanning semiconductor manufacturing, renewable energy, AI-driven data centres, tourism infrastructure and MSME revival, while ratifying decisions taken by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB).

A key decision was the approval of a Rs 2,387.81-crore

outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility in Visakhapatnam district. The project, expected to generate around 1,000 direct jobs, was cleared under the AP Semiconductor & Display Fab Policy 4.0 (2024-29), marking the state's first semiconductor manufacturing initiative under India's semiconductor mission framework. The Cabinet also approved proposals related to a 1,000 MW AI-focused data centre project by the Adani Group in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli districts.

Under the AP Integrated Clean Energy Policy 2024, multiple renewable energy projects received the green signal, including 160 MW wind projects in Anantapur district and wind-solar hybrid projects in Kurnool.

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Kerala is now Keralam Union Cabinet okays renaming the state

NEW DELHI

THE Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a proposal to alter the name of the state of Kerala to 'Keralam' and initiated the constitutional process required to amend the First Schedule of the Constitution for renaming the state.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Following the



approval, the President of India will now refer the proposed Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the Kerala Legislative Assembly to seek its views under Article 3 of the Constitution.

The change has its origins in a unanimous resolution passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly on June 24, 2024, requesting the Union government to modify the State's name from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam', the matter being the name used in the State's native language, Malayalam.

Under Article 3 of the Constitution, parliament has the power to alter the name of an existing State by law. Continued on Page 7

MAKING WATER FROM AIR

A Nobel laureate makes Modi's vision a reality

NEW DELHI

IN October 2020, during a virtual interaction with Danish wind energy giant Vestas, Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that wind turbines could suck moisture from the air to generate clean drinking water.

Fast-forward to February 2026, and science has achieved that very goal through the work of a Nobel laureate.

As first reported by The Guardian, the Nobel laureate has unveiled an industrial machine that harvests

water from the driest air on Earth.

Professor Omar Yaghi, the 2025 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, has turned the tide with his company Atoco, a California-based deep-tech firm specialising in atmospheric water harvesting and carbon capture using atomic-scale precision.

Put simply, Yaghi has built a company that creates molecular traps to grab water and carbon directly from the sky with extreme accuracy. By using a breakthrough called reticular



Nobel laureate Prof Omar Yaghi, the pioneer of reticular chemistry, whose invention harvests clean water from the world's driest air

chemistry, the Nobel laureate is transforming what was once a subject of political mockery into a vital

line for a thirsty planet. The heart of this breakthrough lies in reticular chemistry, a discipline that involves

stitching together molecular building blocks into expansive, crystalline structures known as Metal Organic Frameworks (MOFs).

Think of these as the world's most advanced molecular sponges, but instead of cleaning a kitchen counter, they are designed to soak up invisible gases and moisture from the air.

Their internal architecture is so intricate that a single gram of the material, which is hardly the weight of a paperclip, possesses an internal surface area large enough to cover several

football fields.

These are nano-engineered materials, which means scientists have designed them at a scale 1,00,000 times smaller than the width of human hair. At this microscopic level, they can build custom-made chemical pockets that act like tiny rooms specifically sized to fit water molecules.

Unlike traditional atmospheric water generators (AWGs) that rely on energy-intensive cooling to reach the dew point, Yaghi's materials use adsorption.

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Data of Andhra University students, staff on dark web

Over 46,000 records have allegedly been breached and leaked online



NARESH NANDAM VIJAYAWADA

IN a major cybersecurity concern, the personal data of 46,160 individuals associated with Andhra University has allegedly been compromised and leaked online. The breach reportedly came to light after a user on a dark web cybercrime forum claimed to have posted a database containing sensitive information belonging to students and staff of the university.

According to details shared on the forum, the leaked dataset includes a wide range of personal and academic information.

The exposed records allegedly contain full names, dates of birth, phone numbers, email addresses, enrollment

numbers, programme names, father's names, residential addresses, batch details, and academic validity periods. In addition, links to student photographs and digital signatures were also reportedly part of the data dump, raising serious concerns about identity theft and misuse.

Cybersecurity observers noted that the breach was publicly exposed online on Tuesday, although preliminary indications suggest that the actual compromise may have occurred last month. The delay between the suspected breach and its public disclosure has heightened concerns about the potential misuse of the data during the intervening period. Continued on Page 7



Screen shot of the post on a cybercrime forum

SHIRTLESS PROTEST IYC chief arrested

NEW DELHI: Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib was arrested on Tuesday after questioning in connection with T-shirt protest at the 'India AI Impact Summit', immediately inviting criticism from the Congress with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi calling the police action "proof of dictatorial tendencies and cowardice". The Youth Congress leader, who the police claimed was the 'main conspirator and mastermind', was picked up for questioning on Monday af-



ternoon for the second time in connection with the protest at Bharat Mandapam on the last day of the AI summit. Police have already arrested seven Youth Congress activists, including three from Gwalior on Monday in the case.

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Iran set to buy Chinese anti-ship cruise missiles

Iran is close to a deal with China to purchase anti-ship cruise missiles, according to six people with knowledge of the negotiations, just as the United States deploys a vast naval force near the Iranian coast ahead of possible strikes on the Islamic Republic.

South Zone T-20 cricket tourney

Puducherry crowned champions

- Andaman & Nicobar Islands finish runners-up
- A total of 10 teams participated in the tournament, showcasing exceptional talent

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AMARAVATI

The 2nd All India Police South Zone T-20 Cricket Tournament 2025-26 concluded on a grand note on Tuesday, with Puducherry emerging as champions and



DGP Harish Kumar Gupta presenting the trophy to the winners of 2nd All India Police South Zone T-20 Cricket Tournament 2025-26 at Mulapadu cricket stadium in NTR district on Tuesday

Andaman & Nicobar Islands finishing as runners-up. The

prestigious five-day tournament, held from February 20 to 24 at the ACA Grounds in Mulapadu, was organised by the All India Police Sports Control Board, New Delhi, under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Police Department.

A total of 10 teams participated in the tournament, showcasing exceptional talent, discipline, and sportsmanship. In the semifinals, Puducherry defeated Tamil Nadu, while Andaman & Nicobar Islands overcame Telangana to set up a thrilling final clash between the two Union Territory teams.

In the high-voltage final, Puducherry Police defeated Andaman & Nicobar Islands Police by 43 runs to lift the trophy. After winning the toss, Andaman opted to bat. Batting first, Puducherry posted a formidable total of 192 runs in the loss of 9 wickets in 20 overs. Raju top-scored with an impressive 51 runs, anchoring

the innings. For Andaman, Yashwanth Rao delivered an outstanding spell, claiming 4 wickets for 51 runs in his 4 overs, while CP Yadav bowled economically, taking 2 wickets for 26 runs.

Chasing a target of 193, Andaman & Nicobar Islands were bowled out for 158 runs in 18.3 overs. Despite a promising start by the openers, the middle order failed to capitalise, leading to their defeat. Puducherry's B Prabh delivered a match-winning performance, taking 4 wickets for just 18 runs, including a remarkable hat-trick. He was adjudged both "Man of the Match" and "Man of the Series" for his outstanding all-round performance throughout the tournament.

Raghava Rahul of Andhra Pradesh was named Best Batsman, KP Yadav of Andaman received the Best Bowler award, and Mohammed Hasan of Andaman was declared Best Fielder.

'City development ahead of Greater Vijayawada plan'

- Mp kesineni sivanath reviews urban development works at the vijayawada municipal corporation

- Dpr prioritises construction of an extensive stormwater drainage network to prevent flooding during the monsoon

- Special master plan is being prepared for vijayawada in view of its proximity to amaravati and future urban expansion



MP Kesineni Sivanath with Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner HM Dhyanchandra reviewing developmental works at VMC headquarters on Tuesday

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VIJAYAWADA

EMPHASISING that "Vijayawada's development is our primary goal," Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni said a comprehensive plan has been drawn up to modernise the city and resolve long-pending civic issues even before the proposed formation of Greater Vijayawada.

Reviewing urban development works at the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) headquarters on Tuesday, the MP said a Detailed Project Report (DPR) covering stormwater drains, underground drainage, drinking water supply and city beautification has been prepared. The meeting was attended by VMC Commissioner HM Dhyanchandra, engineering officials and

public representatives.

The MP said the DPR prioritises construction of an extensive stormwater drainage network to prevent flooding during the monsoon. The existing Panta Kalva drain, currently about 2.5 metres wide, would be expanded to 8 metres to ensure smooth flow of rainwater and avoid waterlogging, he said. Special focus would also be given to complet-

ing unfinished drains and addressing runoff issues in hilly areas of the city, he said. He said that a special master plan is being prepared for Vijayawada in view of its proximity to Amaravati and future urban expansion. He said that the DPR also addresses shortcomings in earlier drainage works and proposes corrective measures to ensure long-term solutions. He said coordination meetings would be held with Railways, National Highways, Roads & Buildings Department and municipal authorities for the construction of proposed Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road Under Bridges (RUBs) at key locations.

As part of city beautification, the MP said plans are underway to develop three major canals, besides setting up mini sewage treatment plants at points where underground drainage flows into canals.

Kumbhabhishekam at Durga temple from March 6

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VIJAYAWADA

THE grand Kumbhabhishekam of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeladri in Vijayawada will be performed from March 6 to 8 with traditional rituals and spiritual splendour, said Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni.

In this connection, along with NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshimisha, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu, Temple Trust Board Chairman

Borra Radhakrishna, and Executive Officer VK Seena Naik, he inspected the arrangements on Tuesday.

Addressing the media, the MP said that the Kumbhabhishekam, held once every 12 years as per Agama Shastra to rejuvenate the divine energy of the temple, would be conducted with elaborate arrangements and meticulous planning to ensure the smooth participation of devotees.

Further, he said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan are expected to attend the ceremony on March 8.



MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), collector Dr G Lakshimisha, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhar Babu, Kanaka Durga Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna, Executive Officer VK Seena Naik, and Trust Board members addressing a press conference in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Attack on Ambati's house condemned

GUNTUR :Former minister Dharmana Krishnadas strongly condemned the attack on "ideal political leader" Ambati Rambabu's house. He visited the latter's house in Guntur city on Tuesday and consoled him.

Speaking to the media, he said people across the state are condemning the attack on Rambabu. He criticised that since the coalition government came to power in the state, an unethical "Red Book Constitution" is being implemented. He said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh are acting against the Constitution. He termed Ambati Rambabu as an efficient and capable leader and an inspiration to the leaders of the YSR Congress Party.

He said, "We will stand by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy with renewed enthusiasm. Ambati Rambabu has shown what true leadership means. The YSR Congress Party stands firmly with Ambati Rambabu's family. It is unclear what message Chief Minister Chandrababu is trying to send to the people of the state."

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Vocal concert of Alekha

Music festival begins

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LaNkaS, a music-based organisation dedicated to the promotion of classical music in Vijayawada and its surrounding regions, inaugurated its three-day musical festival on Monday evening at Velidanda Hanumantharaya Grand-halayam Hall.

The festival commenced with a vocal concert by K Subrahmanya Raju, who was ably accompanied by BVSS Krishna on the violin and K Karthikeya Adinarayana Sarma on the mridangam. Raju opened his recital with a vibrant Darbar Varnam, setting a classical tone for the evening. He then rendered Muthuswami Dikshitar's "Swaminatha"

in Nata raga, followed by Patnam Subramania Iyer's "Paridanamichite" in Bilahari. The concert gained further depth with Tyagaraja's "Paralokasadhana" in Poorvikalyani and the ever-popular "Sobhillu Saptaswara" in Jagamohini.

The second half of the inaugural evening featured a vocal concert by A Alekha, with M Sri Rama on the violin and T Krishna Vamsi on the mridangam providing excellent accompaniment. Alekha began her recital in the traditional manner with "Sri Vignarajam Bhaje" in Sri Ranjani raga and went on to present "Meenakshi Me Mudam" in Poorvi Kalyani. Lanka Bala Subrahmanya and Madhavi conducted the programme.

Workshop on heat transfer begins

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BHIMAVARAM

THE world will soon look towards India for technological advancements and cutting-edge research, said Dr Senthil Kumar Natarajan, Professor at National Institute of Technology Puducherry, while inaugurating a two-day national-level workshop in Bhimavaram on Tuesday.

The workshop, on "Innovation in Sustainable Heat Transfer and Solar Thermal

Energy Systems," is being organised by the Institution of Engineers (IEI), Bhimavaram local centre, at Sagi Rama Krishnam Raju Engineering College. The event was convened by Dr T Tarun Kumar.

Addressing the participants, Dr Natarajan emphasised that research must be pursued responsibly without causing harm to the environment. He urged researchers to focus on sustainable innovations that contribute to global

progress while preserving ecological balance. College in-charge Principal Dr BhVS Ramakrishnam Raju observed that with the rapid establishment of data centres, the world is increasingly turning towards India. Intelligence (AI).

Dr N Gopalakrishnamurthy, chairman of IEI Bhimavaram local centre and head of the Technology Centre, stated that the Central Government is giving high priority to research in solar and thermal energy.



Krishna University Vice-Chancellor Prof K Ramji addressing students in Machilipatnam on Tuesday

Youth urged to think innovatively

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VIJAYAWADA

VICE-CHANCELLOR of Krishna University Acharya K Ramji called upon students and youth to move forward with innovative thinking to achieve success in life. He was speaking as the chief guest at the Leadership Excellence Achievement Programme organised at the university campus in Machilipatnam on Tuesday with the support of the Sathya Sai Seva Samithi.

Addressing the gathering, he advised students to follow the "789 Formula" for a balanced lifestyle — seven hours of sleep, eight hours of study, and nine

hours for other productive activities.

University Rector Prof MV Basaveswara Rao urged students to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda, who showcased India's greatness on the global stage, and to strive for excellence with confidence and dedication.

The programme was presided over by Pharmacy College Principal Dr Rambabu. Registrar Prof N Usha, Engineering College Principal Dr Vijayakumari, Machilipatnam Sathya Sai Seva Samithi Convener Anjaneya Kumar, Saubhagya Lakshmi, Sakrishna Chaitanya and others also spoke on the occasion.

Demand for separate ministry to protect tenant farmers

- Association State Vice-President V Srinivasa Rao says that the govt must recognise the crucial role played by tenant farmers
- More than 32 lakh tenant farmers are cultivating land across the State
- Removal of the landowner signature requirement and the issuance of official identity cards to tenant farmers demanded



Andhra Pradesh Tenant Farmers' Association State Vice-President V Srinivasa Rao addressing the protesting tenant farmers in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Srinivasa Rao said that the government must recognise the crucial role played by tenant farmers and act immediately to safeguard their rights.

He said that more than 32 lakh tenant farmers are cultivating land across the State. Nearly one crore people depend directly or indirectly on tenant farming for their livelihood. Despite cultivating crops and contributing significantly to food grain production for

the entire population, tenant farmers continue to face severe financial insecurity, lack of legal protection, and exclusion from welfare benefits. Srinivasa Rao demanded that the government immediately release Rs 20,000 to tenant farmers under the "Annadata Sukhibhava" scheme. He recalled that during the elections, coalition leaders had promised to extend Rs 20,000 financial assistance to every tenant farmer, irrespective

of caste. However, after coming to power, the government has remained silent on fulfilling this assurance. He criticised the previous government for providing only Rs 13,500 as support and allegedly excluding OC tenant farmers from the benefit. He further alleged that the earlier administration had imposed an unjust condition requiring the landowner's signature to obtain a tenant farmer card, which denied many farmers

access to official recognition and welfare schemes.

The association has demanded the removal of the landowner signature requirement and the issuance of official identity cards to tenant farmers. It also called for tenant farmers to be included in e-crop registration, crop insurance schemes, and compensation for crop losses. Srinivasa Rao stated that although the coalition government had promised to enact a comprehensive and acceptable law to protect tenant farmers, no concrete action has been taken so far. Even though a draft bill was reportedly prepared, he alleged that the government has failed to move forward decisively.

AP Rythu Sangham State president V Krishnappa and KVPs State Secretary Andhra Malyadri also addressed the protest, expressing solidarity. Several district-level leaders and farmer representatives from Krishna and NTR districts participated in the demonstrations.

Visweswara Swamy temple Brahmotsavams from March 1

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THE annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Kashi Visweswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam at Nunna will be held from March 1 to 3, Trust Board Chairman Bhimavarapu Shankar Reddy and Endowments Department Grade-I Executive Officer (EO) S Hemalatha

Devi said. Along with temple Chief Priest Dr Mamillapalli Phani Kumar, they released the invitation brochure for the Brahmotsavams and the annual Kalyanotsavam at the temple premises on Tuesday, in the presence of trust board members.

Addressing the media, they said the three-day festival would be conducted in accordance

with Shaiva Agama traditions under the leadership of the pontiff of the Lalitha Tripura Sundari Peetham, Munindra Maharaj, in the presence of Shivacharya Guduru Gopikrishna.

They said that the temple would be closed at 11 am due to a lunar eclipse and will reopen on March 4 for Deepotsavam and other rituals.



Trust Board Chairman Bhimavarapu Shankar Reddy and Endowments Department Grade-I Executive Officer S Hemalatha Devi releasing brochure for the annual Brahmotsavams and Kalyanotsavam at Nunna on Tuesday

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THE Andhra Pradesh Tenant Farmers' Association has demanded the establishment of a separate ministry dedicated exclusively to the protection and welfare of tenant farmers in the State. Addressing the ongoing 30-hour protest demonstrations being held across Andhra Pradesh, Association State Vice-President V

Library building donor Subbamma remembered

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RICH tributes were paid to Bhagavatula Venkata Subbamma, who donated her own building to Hanumantharaya Grandhalayam for the benefit of the readers, on her 41st death anniversary at a programme held at Velidandla Hanumantharaya Library on Tuesday. Speakers recalled her noble gesture of donating her own building to the library nearly 45 years ago, describing it as an extraordinary act of generosity that continues to benefit the community and promote reading habits. Floral tributes were offered



Office-bearers of Hanumantharaya Grandhalayam paying tributes to Bhagavatula Venkata Subbamma

by Honorary President Dogiparthi Shankara Rao, President Donepudi Shankar, General Secretary CA Gaddam Satyanarayana, and committee members.

Former leaders who played a key role in

persuading Subbamma to make the donation were also remembered. An Annadanam (community meal) programme was organised later, said President Donepudi Shankar.

Six held, stolen property recovered

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GUNTUR

GUNTUR district police have arrested six accused involved in a major theft that took place at the residence of Dhulipalla Prameela Devi, mother of Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra on Tuesday.

According to SP Vakul Jindal, the prime accused, Sattenapalli Rakesh, along with five others, was apprehended by Ponnur police. The accused conducted a recce on February 16 and later broke into the locked house at midnight, committing the theft.

The accused stole 42 sovereigns of gold, 10 kg of silver, and Rs 1 lakh in cash. The total value of the recovered property is approximately Rs 69.25 lakh. Rakesh, a native of Pedapadu village in Eluru district, was involved in 34 theft cases. Due to intensified police surveillance in Eluru district, he shifted his operations to neighbouring districts.

Police have recovered the stolen gold, silver, and cash from the accused. The car and two-wheeler used for committing the offence have been seized. The police took up the investigation.

'AI POWERFUL WHEN GROUNDED IN PHYSICS'

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AMARAVATI

"ARTIFICIAL intelligence is powerful not because it replaces science, but because when grounded in physical principles it allows us to ask deeper questions, move faster, and validate discoveries with greater confidence," said Prof Stefano Sanvito while delivering the University Distinguished Lecture-23 at SRM University-AP here on Tuesday.

Prof Sanvito, Chair of Condensed Matter Theory at the School of Physics, Trinity College Dublin, and Director of CRANN (Centre for Research on Adaptive Nanostructures and



Vice-Chancellor Prof Ch Satish Kumar, Registrar Dr Prem Kumar, and Dean-Research Prof Ranjit Thapa felicitating Prof Stefano Sanvito at SRM University-AP on Tuesday

Nanodevices), spoke on "Is AI Really Useful for Materials Science?" His lecture critically examined whether artificial intelligence truly meets the rigorous standards of physical sciences, where precision, reproducibility,

and experimental validation are essential.

He said that although AI has become widespread in text generation and automation, its application in high-stakes scientific research must be carefully evaluated.

OPERATION LUNGS 3.0

Campaign targets clearing cellar parking, ease parking flow

- The civic body officials have decided to shed the spotlight on illegal cellar encroachments in commercial units and buildings
- The civic authorities largely focused on clearing footpath encroachments and regulating small traders operating along busy roads
- GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg orders a special enforcement drive under the banner of 'Operation Lungs 3.0'

VASU POTNURU
VISAKHAPATNAM



GVMC officials clearing an encroached cellar as part of Operation LUNGS 3.0 in Visakhapatnam

AS traffic congestion continues to swell across the city, the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) decided to step up its encroachment-free drive through 'Operation LUNGS 3.0'.

After clearing footpaths and roadside vendors encroaching most part of the roads, the civic body officials have decided to shed the spotlight on illegal cellar encroachments in commercial units and buildings.

Until now, the civic authorities largely focused on clearing footpath encroachments and regulating small traders operating along the busy roads. However, recognising that the misuse of cellars has emerged as a major contribu-

tor to parking chaos, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg has ordered a special enforcement drive under the banner of 'Operation Lungs 3.0'.

Acting swiftly on public complaints that cellar encroachments were worsening traffic bottlenecks, town planning officials launched the drive. As part of it, unauthorised structures from cellars, meant exclusively for vehicle parking, are being removed.

The civic chief made it clear that cellars are officially designated zones meant for parking purposes and using them commercially would not be tolerated.

"As people continue to face severe parking challenges for a long time,

commercial building owners should volunteer to clear the encroachments in the cellars by themselves," opined the GVMC Commissioner.

As part of the operation, shutters and walls were dismantled from cellar portions of commercial buildings in key locations, including Dabagardens, MVP Colony Sector-1, Butchirajupalem Main Road, and shopping complexes along Gajuwaka Main Road.

The operation was carried out under the leadership of City Central Police (CCP) A Prabhakar Rao, who confirmed that the drive to reclaim cellar parking spaces will continue in the coming days. Even as officials

acknowledge that similar attempts were made in the past by previous municipal and police commissioners, sustained political pressure often forced such initiatives to be discontinued midway.

With over 90 percent of commercial buildings in Visakhapatnam lacking adequate parking facilities, cellar spaces have increasingly been converted into shops and rented out for hefty profits which directly impacts road safety and restricts traffic movement.

Even now, sources in the administration wing admit that resistance is expected, particularly from influential business owners and political intermediaries. However,

GVMC officials emphasise that a fair and uniform approach is essential to deal with the challenge.

Meanwhile, selective enforcement targeting smaller establishments while sparing large commercial units is likely to attract strong public criticism.

To ensure a lasting solution to the city's parking woes, GVMC and the city police have resolved to continue 'Operation Lungs 3.0' as a joint, sustained effort.

Officials stress that resisting undue pressure and maintaining consistency in enforcement will be key to restoring order on the city's roads and improving the overall urban environment.

Incentive-linked regulatory facilitation is set to accelerate GreenCo adoption

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VISAKHAPATNAM

ABOUT 1300-1400 tonnes of poultry waste are generated in the state every day and there is an opportunity to create valuable by-products by scientifically managing it, said Swachhendra Corporation chairman Kommareddy Pattabhiram. Emphasising the importance of industrial participation in resource circularity at the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB)-Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Andhra Pradesh conference that focused on 'circular economy and green industry: strategies for sustainable growth and resource efficiency' held in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, the chairman of Swachh Andhra Corporation said, "In addition to 11 categories suggested by the Centre, the processing of animal waste has been added as the 12th category for AP. It was announced that animal waste processing plants with a capacity of 100 tonnes per day will be set up in Visakhapatnam and Guntur. Pattabhiram informed that a special real-time dashboard is being created in the next few months to ensure that there is no shortage of raw materials for recycling industries." Further, he stated that the circular economy cannot be achieved without active industry participation and recognition-linked facilitation sends a strong signal

that sustainability leadership will be institutionally supported. As part of the conference, the APPCB introduced a structured incentive framework to encourage industry participation in the GreenCo Rating System. Under this, units holding valid GreenCo ratings become eligible for a one-year extension of consent to operate (CTO), subject to the absence of reported non-compliance during the consent period. In addition, rated companies were provided enhanced visibility through exclusive mentions on the official websites of APPCB and CII GreenCo, highlighting their sustainability achievements and environmental performance. Under the APPCB-IGBC facilitation framework, building projects in AP pursuing or achieving IGBC certification were made eligible for a range of incentives, including streamlined and fast-tracked processing of consent to establish (CTE) and consent to operate (CTO), prioritised regulatory clearances to minimise procedural delays, and a one-year extension of CTO for eligible IGBC-certified hotels, hospitals (red category), and large township/area development projects. Addressing the gathering, P Krishnaiah, chairman of APPCB, outlined the board's intent to differentiate and incentivise environmentally responsible industries. "Industries that

achieve GreenCo ratings and demonstrate measurable excellence in energy efficiency, water stewardship, waste reduction and circular practices will receive recognition-based incentives and regulatory facilitation from the board." Highlighting the technical robustness of the framework, N Muthusezhiyan, Deputy Executive Director, CII Green Business Centre, noted that the GreenCo rating system provided a comprehensive metrics-based pathway for industries to improve across critical sustainability parameters. "GreenCo enables industries to benchmark and enhance performance across energy productivity, renewable energy adoption, water efficiency, waste management, material conservation and green supply chains. APPCB's incentive-linked approach creates a powerful multiplier effect by aligning regulatory facilitation with measurable sustainability outcomes," he stressed. The incentive framework announced by the APPCB included regulatory facilitation for higher-rated GreenCo industries, enhanced visibility and formal recognition and structured engagement mechanisms to promote best practice replication across industrial clusters. The measures were designed to reduce procedural uncertainties, reward transparent environmental performance, and foster healthy competition among industries.

NMP 2.0 is a bold step; it can unlock resources for reinvestment

THE government has done well to set a target of Rs 16.7 lakh crore for National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) 2.0. The objective is to monetise assets of more than 2,000 projects in 12 sectors till 2029-30. The Prime Minister-headed NITI Aayog, after consultation with infrastructure ministries, has developed NMP 2.0, which Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched on Monday. A NITI Aayog paper said in 2021, "Asset monetisation, based on the philosophy of 'Creation through Monetisation', will tap institutional investment and long-term patient capital into stable mature assets, in turn generating financial resources for new infrastructure asset creation. This will enable economic growth, generating employment opportunities and better prospects for the

country's growth." At the launch, the Finance Minister complimented all ministries and departments and NITI Aayog for meeting nearly 90 per cent of the target of Rs 6 lakh crore, which was set for four years in the implementation of NMP 1.0. On the face of it, praise for falling short of the target seems awkward. However, if the polarised political situation and the perverted public discourse (which equates processes like privatisation and asset monetisation as cheaply selling off national treasure) are considered, we find that her comments are not off the mark.

Highlighting the significance of asset monetisation, she rightly pointed out that NMP enables recycling of productive public assets, thereby unlocking resources for reinvestment in new projects and

capital expenditure. She noted that this approach facilitates efficient mobilisation of funds for capex in public assets while minimising the budgetary outgo of the government. While the Centre has the courage to go ahead with the programme, it must ensure that it doesn't result in corruption and monopolies. Six points need to be considered regarding this. First, the government must ensure transparency in valuation. Public assets must be priced realistically and competitively. Independent advisors, transparent bidding processes, and robust disclosure norms are essential. All contracts should be made public, barring commercially sensitive details, so that citizens and oversight bodies can scrutinise them. The credibility of NMP 2.0 will rest on the perception that assets are neither under-

valued nor selectively awarded. Second, competitive bidding must be genuine, not cosmetic. If a handful of large conglomerates dominate most sectors, the risk of concentration increases. This can lead to a situation where the state replaces a public monopoly with a private one. Third, the contract design must balance investor incentives with public interest safeguards. Concession agreements should include performance benchmarks, service quality standards, and penalty clauses for non-compliance. For instance, toll road operators must adhere to maintenance and safety norms; power transmission operators must ensure reliability; airport operators must maintain passenger service standards. Regulatory oversight cannot be lax once assets are monetised. The objec-

tive is efficiency, not abdication. Fourth, revenue-sharing and user charges need careful calibration. While private operators must earn a fair return, excessive user fees can generate public resentment and fuel political backlash. Transparent tariff-setting mechanisms, ideally overseen by independent regulators, can mitigate such risks. Fifth, strong audit and accountability mechanisms are indispensable. Institutions such as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and parliamentary committees should periodically review monetisation outcomes. And, finally, the government must effectively explain the difference between monetisation and privatisation, emphasising that ownership remains public and that funds raised are earmarked for new infrastructure.

LETTERS

'Keralam' was long overdue

REchristening of Kerala as Keralam following an unanimous resolution to that extent by the State Assembly and Centre's approval is a cause for great rejoicing. It is only a matter of time before it gets parliamentary approval. It is an emphatic reaffirmation of the State's distinct cultural and linguistic identity. In fact, it restores the original name found in Malayalam and its literature. Literally, Keralam means the 'land of coconuts'. Etymologically, Keralam could have been a derivative of 'Chera-alam', meaning 'land of the Cheras'. According to Dr Herman Gundert, "keram" is the Canarese (Kannada) form of "cheram" and Cheram. Keralam extended from Gokarna to Kanyakumari. The move is unlikely to pay electoral dividends to any political party as the demand for a change of name has been made by all parties. It is hoped that north Indians will now stop referring to the state as "Keral" and start calling it "Keralam".

G David Milton, Maruthancode (TN)

MPs, MLAs must work for people's welfare

THE Sri Lankan government presently in financial dol-drum has found a way out, by way of regulating the salaries and perks of its MPs and MLAs. This is a welcome move whereas Indian MPs and MLAs continue to seek enhanced pensions reflecting the purpose for which the individuals have entered the 'political arena' - not to serve, but to be served, to ensure that their lives are safeguarded by way of unhindered pensions and perks. The lawmakers must understand the responsibilities for which they are elected. It is imperative to bring legislation in this direction. The 'will' of the people, must not merely end after casting of the vote, but go in for course correction, when the lawmakers err in their duty.

Sakunthala KR, Hyderabad

India should emulate the Lankan example

THIS has reference to your editorial 'Sri Lankan Parliament shows the way for India'. It is time India implements the Sri Lankan model about salaries and perks of MPs and MLAs. In fact, this is an issue dominating the minds of the people of the country for a long time. The lawmakers unabashedly and unilaterally attempt to enhance their perks and salaries, forgetting the purpose for which they have been elected. The situation assumes significance when these elected members have no compunctions to stall the proceedings in the Parliament for no reason at all - except to score brownie points. The Sri Lankan model can infuse a sense of responsibility and purpose in the minds of Indian lawmakers, once it is implemented.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

TSSPDCL's chatbot is a timely move

THE Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL) has done well by launching its own WhatsApp chatbot, which is aimed at providing faster, more convenient, and accessible power-related services to consumers. Through this platform, users can easily register complaints, check billing details, and obtain power supply information on 8712441912. This initiative reflects a thoughtful adoption of modern technology to enhance customer service. The chatbot reduces the need to make countless calls or office visits. Such forward-thinking measures highlight TSSPDCL's commitment to efficiency, transparency, and the digital transformation of public utility services in the state. This development is not only a practical improvement for everyday users but also a significant step toward building a more user-friendly, technology-driven public service ecosystem.

Dr Krishna Kumar Vepakomma, Hyderabad-45

Adulterated milk is the new killer

It is quite ironic that incidents of adulterated milk have become light even as there are unending debates over adulterated Tirumala laddu. It is reported that 106 families from Rajamahendravaram, who get milk from a private dairy located in Narasapuram, have developed 'anuria' (absence of urine). In an unfortunate development, four persons died and several others are undergoing treatment in various hospitals. It is a known fact that milk is wholesome food and so it is one of the staple items in the plate in various forms. Presently, private dairies are resorting to different ways to adulterate the milk to capitalise on the demand. At the same time, monitoring by agencies like FSSAI has been inactive and, as such, there is no quality check. The government must toughen its stand and ensure uncontaminated milk, which is ever in demand and by almost all households.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

K'taka CM blames BJP as Dharwad protests intensify

BENGALURU: As protests by government job aspirants intensified in Dharwad, with many taken into preventive custody, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday blamed the previous BJP regime for the large backlog of vacant posts. According to protesters, who staged a massive demonstration in Dharwad earlier in the day, around 2.8 lakh posts remain vacant across various government departments in Karnataka, while fewer than 5,000 recruitments have been made in the last three years. In a press statement, Siddaramaiah said that when the Congress assumed office in 2023, over 2.64 lakh government posts were vacant. He said the backlog was the result of "prolonged inaction under the previous BJP government, which failed to initiate timely recruitment or create a structured roadmap to fill vacancies." "It is deeply unfortunate that BJP leaders are choosing to mislead innocent students even now to serve their narrow political interests," the CM said. He alleged that, instead of encouraging aspirants to stay focused on their preparation and future, opposition leaders were "attempting to instigate unrest." The chief minister said the current situation was largely due to recruitment irregularities and alleged corruption during the BJP regime between 2019 and 2023, which eroded trust in the system and led to a significant backlog.

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Rich brats cause fatal accidents but go scot-free

DR HYMA MOORTY

A rich 'brat' in Pune, son of a construction tycoon, killed two young IT professionals snatching away their promising careers. Another rich 'brat' was arrested from Virar, Mumbai, after mercilessly and consciously murdering a mother of two young children, while a third killed two promising young boys. In the recent Lamborghini hit and run case in Kanpur, the spoilt brat at the wheel brought the car driver to the driving seat. It was the presence of mind of the socially conscious by-passers that ensured that the rich guy responsible for the accident was booked. In Delhi's Dwaraka locality, a juvenile boy was speeding a Scorpio without a license, and his sister was filming a social-media 'reel' and the vehicle killed a 23-year-old and severely injured a cab driver. His mother, a single parent, was devastated.

Looking back, one finds that such reckless incidents are happening too often, especially with young drivers hungry for social media fame. All these 'killers' brazenly wear up their sleeve tattooed inscriptions like 'Mera baap amir hai'. These are offspring of stinking rich parents, who drive high-end cars and question the law by flaunting the clout of their

father. The list is long and endless. Justice hinges on courts where cases are overly delayed. The system is in cahoots to help relieve the accused of any punishment.

It is a harsh reminder of how money and power can call the shots, leaving the victims powerless. It's a serious issue and needs more awareness and stricter enforcement.

But public outcry and media pressure often push authorities to act, collective vigilance matters. It is not easy to cope with the sudden loss of a family member.

These recent cases of drunk driving involving youngsters and unlicensed juvenile drivers, often referred to as 'rich brats' by the media and society, have been alarming. It highlights the pressing issue of underage drinking and its fatal consequences. Drivers aged between 21 and 24 years, under the influence of alcohol, account for most fatal accidents.

This trend calls for strict enforcement of laws and public awareness campaigns on responsible drinking. It's a common concern that wealth and influence can lead to unequal treatment under the law, with ordinary citizens facing harsher consequences for similar of-

PARENTS MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE



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fences. Cases like the Lamborghini one in Kanpur often spark public outcry and intense calls for justice highlighting the need for unbiased accountability in investigation.

Let us analyze the reasons why many of these rich 'brats' fall and flash their 'borrowed' riches. The most important reason is to have the privilege of growing up in affluent surroundings. This leads to reckless behaviour, including excessive drinking and reckless driving unmindful of the consequences.

The social circles they move around normalises excessive drinking and un-

heeding conduct, be it at home or on road, creating an environment where such actions are seen as acceptable or even as status symbols. They experience a high-stress environment despite external perceptions of luxury; the pressures and expectations placed on wealthy individuals can lead to stress and coping mechanisms that lead them to substance abuse. Lack of responsibility towards themselves, family and society and personal accountability add to the intoxication. Parents are to be held accountable and answerable to varying extents for accidents and killings caused by their juveniles

and addict children. If they fail to spend some time and educate their children about the damage of drinking and driving, they are morally and ethically responsible. They are supposed to supervise their children, especially when they are underage and not legally allowed to drink or drive. If they are aware of their child's brash and erratic behaviour but fail to take any timely action, they should be held liable for the consequences. Parents have a significant role in shaping their children's behaviour.

Most of the accidents in our country are caused by human error, carelessness and being casual at the wheel. It is necessary to be cautious and sincerely obey traffic rules, irrespective of who and what you are.

Meanwhile, some accidents are caused even if one is careful, especially at choked traffic interjections like Ameerpet junction in Hyderabad, where the bikers squeeze to cross and hit the waiting vehicle. While driving, distraction is the worst thing to happen and nowadays everyone is super pleased with their distracted driving, which has been on the rise for the last 15 years or so. The worst distractions include being under the influence of drugs or alcohol

and conversing on the mobile.

The rich have money to pay the penalties. They can afford highly specialized counsel and top-tier expert witnesses, independent crime scene investigators and many skilled attorneys. A few wealthy people have high influence, and it becomes difficult for individuals to come forward and testify against them. As a result, prosecution cannot build a strong case. Witnesses and victims of crimes can all be paid to not testify or change the narrative totally.

After all, money can 'fix' almost everything these days. Power always twists, and when money becomes absolute, it smothers conscience. Compassion, pity, help, fear and support get buried deep while ego, pride and wealth surface and dominate. No rules and regulations can resolve such problems. The mentality of the public needs to change. Better sense should prevail. We start acting human again when we notice this shift and choose humility over greed, restoring empathy before it's completely erased.

Drinking and driving doesn't just take your life; it shatters the lives of those who love you. It will be good if every youngster and the elders remember this and change their mindset accordingly.

THE RISE AND FALL OF EL MENCHO

B V KUMAR

NEMESIO Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho", died on Sunday while being taken to the capital Mexico City, after being seriously injured in clashes between his supporters and the Mexican army. Four CJNG members were killed in the town of Tapalpa, the central-western Jalisco state. Three army personnel were also injured. The US had given Mexico tactical Intelligence that assisted the operation.

Over the past year, Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo, President of Mexico has come under intense pressure from US President Donald Trump, who threatened military intervention and higher import tariffs if Mexico fails to demonstrate concrete gains in curbing drug trafficking. However, Sheinbaum has rejected the notion of US strikes in Mexico, characterizing them as a violation of Mexico's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

According to its 2023 Annual Threat Assessment, the US intelligence community cited Mexico-based Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) as the dominant producers and suppliers of various illicit drugs destined for the domestic U.S. market. Mexican TCOs, particularly the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG) remain the most predominant and sophisticated groups overseeing the transportation and distribution routes from Mexico to the United States.

Both groups have consolidated control over drug corridors from Mexico and are heavily involved in trafficking of fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and marijuana. Both have a history of establishing drug trafficking hubs, strong criminal partnerships, and using violence and corruption to gain control over the territory where they operate.

The Sinaloa and Jalisco Cartels pose the greatest criminal drug threat the United States has ever faced. These ruthless, violent, criminal organizations have associates, facilitators, and brokers in all 50 states in the United States, as well as in more than 100 countries around the world. The Sinaloa Cartel, the Jalisco Cartel, and their affiliates



'EL MENCHO,' THE LEADER OF ONE OF MEXICO'S MOST POWERFUL CARTELS, DEAD AFTER MILITARY OPERATION

control most of the fentanyl global supply chain, from manufacture to distribution.

The Jalisco Cartel maintains illicit drug distribution hubs in Los Angeles, Seattle, Charlotte, Chicago, and Atlanta. Internationally, the Jalisco Cartel has a presence and influence through associates, facilitators, and brokers on every continent, except Antarctica.

In Milenio Cartel, El Mencho started as a member of the assassin squad that protected the drug lord Armando Valencia Cornelio ("El Maradona"). On 12 August 2003, his boss was arrested by Mexican authorities. Around the same time, a rival criminal group known as Los Zetas, with the backing of the Gulf Cartel, carried out an armed offensive against the Milenio Cartel in Michoacán. The attack forced the Valencia family to exile in Jalisco.

El Mencho relocated to the state capital, Guadalajara, with his father-in-law José Luis González Valencia (alias "El Quini") and Román Caballero Valencia. In Jalisco, El Mencho and the Milenio Cartel formed an alliance with the Sinaloa Cartel subgroup headed by Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, a high-ranking drug lord and ally of Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán. Under Coronel, El Mencho and his group managed the Sinaloa Cartel's drug operations, finances, and murder activities in the states of Colima and Jalisco.

The Milenio Cartel split into two. One

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side was known as La Resistencia (The Resistance), the other was Los Mata Zetas (The Zeta Killers), headed by El Mencho. La Resistencia accused Los Mata Zetas of turning in Oscar Orlando to the authorities. A war ensued, and the two groups fought for the drug smuggling turf in Jalisco.

As leader of the CJNG, El Mencho consolidated his position and strengthened his organization through territorial expansion and established himself as one of Mexico's most-wanted criminals. His rise to fame was due to several factors, including the aggressive and sensationalist displays of public violence by CJNG. The direct attacks of the CJNG against Mexico's security forces earned El Mencho a reputation among authorities as "principal enemy" of the state and as a dangerous criminal. In addition, the fall of Mexico's former top crime bosses cleared the way for El Mencho to gain visibility and status.

He consolidated his operations in Jalisco and its adjacent states by fighting off incursions from criminal groups like Los Zetas and the Knights Templar Cartel. According

to government sources, he was responsible for overseeing the CJNG's entire drug trafficking operations in the states of Jalisco, Colima, and Guanajuato, where he created a bastion for methamphetamine production and trade.

Between 2014 and 2016, the only region in the country where the CJNG lost its territorial presence was in Mexico City. Internationally, the CJNG reportedly has ties with criminal groups in the U.S., the rest of Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. On an international scale, CJNG is mainly focused on trafficking cocaine and methamphetamine.

The government estimated that El Mencho's group has about \$50 billion in total assets. Part of El Mencho's success in the drug trade had to do with his ability to strategize market and consumer changes. Initially, the CJNG produced methamphetamine, but then he moved to heroin production when the consumer demand changed.

In a series of highly coordinated tactics to prevent El Mencho's arrest, the CJNG blocked several highways and roads across the Guadalajara Metropolitan Area by setting at least 37 vehicles on fire. The purpose was to place them as blockades to impede the security forces from traveling across Jalisco's capital and giving El Mencho ample time to escape. The blockades were placed in strategic routes to prevent police reinforcements from coming in or leaving Guadalajara. After the attacks were over, the government confirmed that El Mencho was in the area and had evaded capture. The US government announced US\$ 10 million as reward to capture El Mencho, which was increased to US\$ 15 million.

Sheinbaum has pursued a direct approach to combating organized crime by increasing cooperation with the US security agencies. In a major operation launched by the Mexican Army the most wanted man and the leader of the feared Jalisco New Generation (CJNG) drug cartel have been killed during a security operation to arrest him, the Defence Ministry has said.

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ECI holds first nat'l roundtable in 27 years

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday convened a National Roundtable Conference with State Election Commissioners at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, marking the first such meeting in 27 years.

The previous conference of this kind was held in 1999. The day-long conference is being chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

State Election Commissioners (SECs) from all States and Union Territories are participating in the deliberations along with their legal and technical experts. Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) from all 36 States and Union Territories are also in attendance.

According to the ECI, the primary objective of the conference is to foster greater synergy between the Commission and State Election Commissions in managing electoral processes and logistics within their respective legal frameworks.

Enthusiasm marks legislators' sports meet

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

THE Andhra Pradesh Legislators' Sports and Games 2026, titled 'Aatavidupu', commenced on a grand note on Tuesday at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation (IGMC) Stadium in Vijayawada.

A total of 156 legislators, including MLAs and MLCs — among them several women representatives — are participating in athletics, indoor games and team sports. The competitions are designed to foster fitness, camaraderie and unity among elected members. Residents of Vijayawada turned up in good numbers to witness their representatives showcase sporting talent beyond the legislative arena.

The games will continue until February 26 at the IGMC Stadium and the Dandamudi Rajagopal Rao Municipal Corporation Indoor Stadium.



Assembly Speaker Ch Ayyanna Patrudu, Deputy Speaker K Raghurama Krishna Raju, Council Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju and others inaugurating the AP State Legislature Sports Meet-2026 at IGMC stadium in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Photo: Ch Venkata Mastan

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu, Legislative Council Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju, Deputy Speaker K Raghurama Krishna Raju, chief whips G V Anjaneyulu and Panchumarthi Anuradha, Saap chairman A Ravi Naidu, vice-chair-

man and managing director S Bharani, and Legislative Secretary Prasanna Kumar, among others.

Vijayawada East MLA Gadde Rammoan Rao and MLC Kavali Greeshma carried the sports torch into the stadium. The dignitaries unveiled the 'Kreedha Jyoti' and declared the games

open, while senior legislator Gorantla Butchaiah Chowdary administered the sports pledge.

The opening tug-of-war contest set an energetic tone. Ayyanna Patrudu said the event helps legislators relieve stress, recalling it was first introduced by former Chief Minister NT Rama Rao.

Atchanna flays YSRCP, vows veterinary revival

- Minister alleges YSRCP left animal husbandry in collapse, with hospitals lacking medicines, equipment, and staff
- Says 3,176 centres became ineffective; 485 new buildings built under coalition, but 826 institutions still in poor condition
- Govt plans phased Rs 302.5 cr programme (2026-29) to rebuild veterinary infrastructure for farmers and livestock-rearers

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AGRICULTURE and animal husbandry minister K Atchannaidu on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the previous YSRCP government, alleging that all departments were virtually "locked up" during its five-year rule, pushing the state into administrative disorder.

Replying to questions raised by MLAs in the Assembly regarding the lack of facilities and appointments in veterinary hospitals, the minister said the animal husbandry department was systematically weakened under the previous regime.

He stated that essential infrastructure for farmers and

livestock rearers was neglected, with veterinary hospitals reduced to mere namesake institutions. "There were no medicines, no modern equipment, buildings were in dilapidated condition, and staff shortages were rampant," he said.

Although 3,176 centres function under the animal husbandry department across the state, many became ineffective due to alleged negligence. Even buildings constructed through farmers' contributions were not maintained, he added.

The minister asserted that revival efforts began only after the coalition government assumed office. He revealed that 485 new buildings have been constructed so far with



Agriculture minister K Atchannaidu answering a question in the Assembly in Amaravati on Tuesday

assistance from RIDF-NABARD and ESVD funds. However, 826 institutions still remain in poor condition. Of these, 400 require new buildings at an estimated cost of ₹265.10 crore, while 426 need urgent repairs costing Rs 37.40 crore.

He said the government has prepared a phased plan under the RIDF-NABARD budget from 2026-27 to 2028-29 to strengthen veterinary infrastructure. The coalition government's goal, he emphasised, is to rebuild the department to genuinely serve farmers and livestock rearers.

Kerala is now Keralam

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However, any such Bill can be introduced in parliament only after it is referred by the President to the concerned State legislature for its views. Once the Assembly's views are received, the Union government may proceed to obtain the President's recommendation and introduce the Bill in parliament.

The Cabinet approval marks the first formal step toward the proposed constitutional amendment.

In its 2024 resolution, the Kerala Assembly noted that the State was formed on linguistic lines on November 1, 1956, and that the name "Keralam" has long been used in Malayalam and during the independence movement to refer to a unified Malayalam-speaking region.

The Assembly unanimously urged the Central government to take steps to modify the First Schedule to the Con-

stitution to reflect the name "Keralam". Following the resolution, the Kerala government formally requested the Union government to initiate the constitutional process. The Ministry of Home Affairs examined the proposal after which the draft cabinet note was circulated to the Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice. Both departments concurred with the proposal.

Indian exporters set to gain as US customs rolls out 10% global tariff

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The transit time for the US ports ranges from 45-60 days. So, at any given point of time one-eighth of annual exports to the US of \$10-12 billion are on seas so the benefit could be considerable if importers share the benefit of lower duties, he added.

Tariffs on India remained at 50% from last week of August 2025 to February 6 this year. Both sides issued a joint statement that removed 25% tariffs related to Russian oil purchases and agreed to bring down

reciprocal tariffs to 18% from 25%. Before the order of Indian reciprocal tariffs came, the US Supreme Court struck down all country-specific tariffs.

The US Customs and Border Protection notified 10% additional duties on imported articles from all countries for a period of 150 days under the Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 just hours before the news came into force at 12:01 am eastern standard time on Tuesday (February 24).

IYC chief arrested

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Police also claimed that Chib's associates raised "anti-national slogans" and "tried to incite riot-like situations" at the venue. They also claimed Chib did not cooperate with the probe and did not disclose names of other co-accused and the source of printing T-shirts used in the protest.

Chib, who was not present at the venue during the protest last Friday, was produced before a court here, which sent him to four days police custody after rejecting his counsel's argument that he had cooperated with the probe and was not on the run. Police argued that the conspiracy went beyond printing the T-shirts with slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Well-organised 'syndicate' behind ghee scam: Naidu

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Naidu also referred to past controversies, including allegations about a "pink diamond" and claims of religious propaganda on RTC bus tickets to Tirumala. He said these were part of attempts to defame both TTD and his government. "This is not just about adulterated ghee," he said. "It is about faith, governance, and the sanctity of Tirumala."

AMID US STRIKE FEARS...

Iran set to buy Chinese anti-ship cruise missiles

TEHRAN

IRAN is close to a deal with China to purchase anti-ship cruise missiles, according to six people with knowledge of the negotiations, just as the United States deploys a vast naval force near the Iranian coast ahead of possible strikes on the Islamic Republic.

The deal for the Chinese-made CM302 missiles is near completion, though no delivery date has been agreed, the people said. The super-sonic missiles have a range of about 290 kilometres and are

designed to evade shipborne defenses by flying low and fast. Their deployment would significantly enhance Iran's strike capabilities and pose a threat to US naval forces in the region, two weapons experts said.

Negotiations with China to buy the missile weapons systems, which began at least two years ago, accelerated sharply after the 12-day war between Israel and Iran in June, according to the six people with knowledge of the talks, including three officials who were briefed by the Iranian government as

well as three security officials. As talks entered their final stages last summer, senior Iranian military and government officials travelled to China, including Massoud Oraei, Iran's deputy defence minister, according to two of the security officials. Oraei's visit has not been previously reported.

"It's a complete game-changer if Iran has super-sonic capability to attack ships in the area," said Danny Citrinowicz, a former Israeli intelligence officer and now senior Iran researcher at Israel's Institute for National

Security Studies think tank. "These missiles are very difficult to intercept."

Reuters could not determine how many missiles were involved in the potential deal, how much Iran had agreed to pay, or whether China would go through with the agreement now given heightened tensions in the region. "Iran has military and security agreements with its allies and now is an appropriate time to make use of these agreements," an Iranian foreign ministry official told Reuters.

The Chinese delegation to

the United Nations directed Reuters to seek comment from the Foreign Ministry in Beijing. The foreign and defense ministries did not respond to requests for comment.

The White House did not directly address the negotiations between Iran and China over the missile system when asked by Reuters. US President Donald Trump has been clear that "either we will make a deal or we will have to do something very tough like last time," a White House official said, referring to the current standoff with Iran.

Data of Andhra University students, staff on dark web

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The leaked information is believed to have originated from the Edusphere Platform, which is understood to be a technology partner providing digital services to Andhra University. Investigators and cybersecurity analysts pointed to the alleged vulnerability of the platform's website, edusphere.in, whose SSL certificate had reportedly expired some time ago. An expired SSL certificate can make a website more susceptible to cyberattacks, data interception, and

unauthorised access if not promptly renewed.

If confirmed, the breach could have serious implications for thousands of students, alumni, and staff members. Experts warn that exposed personal and academic data can be exploited for phishing scams, financial fraud, impersonation, and other forms of cybercrime.

As of now, there has been no detailed official statement confirming the extent of the breach or clarifying the immediate steps being taken to secure affected systems.

Cybersecurity professionals emphasise the need for a thorough forensic audit, immediate containment measures, password resets, and enhanced data protection protocols.

The incident underscores the growing vulnerability of educational institutions to cyber threats and highlights the urgent need for robust digital infrastructure, regular security audits, and strict compliance with data protection standards to safeguard sensitive academic records.

A Nobel laureate makes Modi's vision a reality

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Most machines use the dew point, which is the exact temperature where air gets so cold that it can no longer hold moisture, forcing it to turn into liquid droplets, much like the fog we see on a cold window or a chilled soda can. This takes a massive amount of electricity.

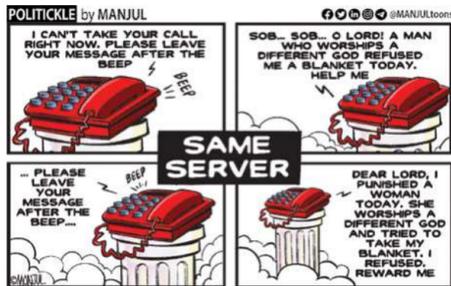
Adsorption, however, is a much more natural and elegant process. Instead of forcing the air to get cold, the water molecules are simply glued to the surface of a material because they are chemically attracted to it.

This shift in approach is the secret to the efficiency of Yaghi's technology. By removing the need to refrigerate massive amounts of air, the system avoids the huge energy bills and heavy, noisy machinery that make old-

school water harvesters impractical.

Instead, these molecular sponges do the work for free, using their natural hunger to pull in water even when the air feels bone dry. It turns a forced, high-energy mechanical struggle into a quiet, natural chemical process.

The true struggle of previous atmospheric water generators has been their dependence on high humidity. Most fail when relative humidity drops below 45 per cent, leaving desert communities stranded. However, Atoco has designed its technology to be resilient, functioning efficiently even in environments with less than 20 per cent humidity. This means it can produce water in places where it almost never rains and where the air feels like a furnace.



Offsite mock drill to enhance industry safety standards



HANS NEWS SERVICE VISAKHAPATNAM

WITH an aim to further strengthen the safety standards of industries and enhance the ability to respond in a coordinated manner in emergency situations, a level-3 Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan offsite mock drill was carried out at Narava village.

Jointly conducted by HPCL-Visakh Refinery, Visakhapatnam Dispatch Station, the mock drill included real-time situations.

As part of it, response measures were demonstrated by simulating situations like fire and product leakage technically. Immediate identification of incident information and implementation of alert system, control of the affected area, fire control measures, evacuation of personnel and local people to safe areas were coordinated.

Fire services, district administration, police



An Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan offsite mock drill carried out at Narava village in Visakhapatnam

department, medical department, industrial safety teams and other emergency services departments coordinated in the drill, showcasing their response capacity.

Providing first aid to the injured, testing the effectiveness of communication systems and further improving coordination between various departments were demonstrated at the site. Speaking on the occasion,

officials said that level-3 offsite mock drills will enhance the preparedness of organisations to effectively deal with emergencies and strengthen coordination between departments.

HPCL chief general manager L.V. Nageswara Rao, HPCL deputy general manager Vikram Singh, Joint Chief Inspector of Factories J. Shiva Shankar, deputy chief inspector of factories B Suresh and other staff participated.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (b) 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 possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor-Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 13-03-2026, for recovery of below mentioned outstanding due to Secured Creditor, Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch from the below mentioned Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as follows.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 13-03-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 5.00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)

1. BORROWER: 1. Mr. Manepalli Satish Kumar, D.No.13-26-11, Ramchandrarao peta, Near St. Jones School, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534102, 2. Mrs. Manepalli Swathi Aruna Kumari, W/o Manepalli Satish Kumar, D.No.13-26-11, Ramchandrarao peta, Near St. Jones School, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534102. Contact: Mr. B.Dheeraj, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8197549630 & Mr. Gopi Krishna B, Authorised Officer, 8074945928. Amount Outstanding: Rs.25,63,192.21 (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs Sixty Three thousand One Hundred and Ninety Two and paise Twenty One Only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest and other expenses due to Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: First item of the Property : An extent of 244.65 sq yards of site as plot no 26 in an extent of Ac 0-20 2/3 cents and another land which is divided into plots and approved by the Kunchanapalli Panchayat as B.L.R No.1134114886 dated 13.02.2020 in R S No 380/1 as "V L Constructions" in the Ground Floor, Southern side of the same with Easter face of 900 sq feet (with Common area) i.e flat No G-1 which is constructing as double bed room flat and undivided right of 40 sq yards of site situated in Kunchanapalli village, Tadepalli Mandal, Tadepalli Sub-Registry, West Godavari District is bounded by: Boundaries of the Apartment: East: Vacant site in layout Plot No. 27-69, South: Vacant site in layout Plot No. 28-30, West: Vacant site of others-66-6 fts, North: 30 feet wide Road-35 fts. Within the said boundaries an extent of 244.65 sq yards of site approved by the Kunchanapalli Panchayat as B L R No.1134114886 dated 13.02.2020 in R S No 380/1 as "V L Constructions" in the ground floor, Southern side of the same with Easter face of 900 sq feet (with common area) i.e Flat No G-1 which is Constructing as double bed room flat and undivided right of 40 sq yards of site and all therein Along with all the existing easementary rights including all the other appurtenances attached there to

Second item of the Property : An extent of 900 sq feet of site and Double bed room flat no. G1 in the ground floor, southern side of the same with Easter face of 900 sq feet (with common area) which is construction under name and style as "V L Constructions" as approved by the Kunchanapalli panchayati as BLR file no 11634114886 and is bounded by: Boundaries of the Flat: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Common corridor, stair case and lift. With in the said boundaries an extent of 900 sq feet of site and double bed room flat No G1 in the ground floor, southern side of the same with Easter face of 900 sq feet (with common area) Document no : 8824/2021 dtd 16-11-2021 at SRO Gannavaram.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.15,56,100/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,55,610/- Bid Increment : Rs.15,561/-

2. BORROWER: 1.Three Seasons Aquatech Private Limited, Flat No.201A, Green Grace apartments, Khajaguda, Manikonda, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad - 500032. 2.Mr. Sai Raj Jampana, Flat No.302, D. No.4-2-293/82/A/594, Plot No.594, Road No.29, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500033. 3.Mrs. Usha Gandhi Jampana, D. No. A-2-293/82/A/594, Flat No.302, Plot No.594, Road No.29, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad - 500033. 4.Mr. Sai Raj Jampana, M/s. Three Seasons Aquatech Pvt Ltd., D.No.2-62-8, Peddiredy Vari Veedhi, Santhi Nagar, Kakinada 533003. 5.Ms. KVR Associates, rep. by its managing partner Mr. Mr. Sai Raj Jampana, RS.No.1352, D.No.1-414, Present D.No.1-385, Dhuppapaludi Village, Peerayi Ramachandrapuram Panchayat Limits, Anaparthi Mandal, East Godavari District, 6.Mrs. Usha Gandhi Jampana, D/o Jampana Bala Gandhi Raju, D.No.65-9-1C, Opposite Govt Polytechnic Training Centre, Mehar Nagar, Kakinada - 533 004. GUARANTOR: 1.Mr. Sai Raj Jampana, S.F.No.2/4,5/3/1,2,3, Pothukuru Village, Anavallam Mandal, East Godavari District - 533577. 2. Mrs. Usha Gandhi Jampana, S.F.No.2/4,5/3/1,2,3, Pothukuru Village, Anavallam Mandal, East Godavari District - 533 577. 3.Mrs. Usha Gandhi Jampana, M/s. Three Seasons Aquatech Pvt Ltd., D.No.2-62-8, Peddiredy Vari Veedhi, Santhi Nagar, Kakinada 533003. 4.Ms. K V R Associates, rep. by its managing partner Mr. Mr. Sai Raj Jampana, D.No.59A-9-7/2, Sai Baba Temple Street, RTC Colony, Vijayawada-520010. 5. Mr. Sai Raj Jampana (Guarantor), S/o Jampana Bala Gandhi Raju, D.No.65-9-1/c, Opposite Govt Polytechnic Training Centre, Mehar Nagar, Kakinada - 533 004. Contact: Mr. B.Dheeraj, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8197549630 & Mr. Gopi Krishna B, Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.19,67,69,348.36 (Rupees Nineteen Crore Sixty Seven lakh Sixty Nine thousand Three hundred Forty Eight and paise Thirty six only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Land and Godown buildings situated in an extent of Ac.452 cents or 21876.80 Sq. Yds with two RCC sheds at R.S.No.1352, D.No.1-414, Assessment No.412, Duppapaludi village, Peerayi Ramachandrapuram Gram Panchayat, Anaparthi Mandal, East Godavari District in the name of M/s. KVR Associates (Regd No.5/2010) represented by its Managing Partner Mr. Jampana Sai Raj, Boundaries of Site: East: Road leading from Anaparthi to Rajanagar, South: Land of Chitkena Nagamani, Matte Anantha lakshmi, Kovvuri Ramakrishna Reddy and others, West: Land of Nallamilli Vanama Reddy and others, North: Thirupathi Venkateswara Rice Mill some part & Land of Nallamilli Satyanarayana Reddy and other some part. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.7,74,90,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.77,49,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.7,74,900/-

3. BORROWER: 1.M/s Usha Sreed Enterprises, D.No.4-107, Nagendra Colony, Venkatapuram Panchayat, Eluru, Eluru District. 2.Mr. Prasad Sankaraiyah, S/o Prasad Musalihal, H.No.12-22/2, Nallapocharam Vada Yadagirigutta, Yadadi Bhuvanagiri Dist- 508115. 3.Mrs. Prasadama Usha Devi, W/o Prasad Sankaraiyah, H.No.12-22/2, Nallapocharam Vada, Yadagirigutta, Yadadi Bhuvanagiri Dist- 508115. 4.Mrs. Prasadama Sri Devi, W/o Prasad Sankaraiyah, H.No.12-22/2, Nallapocharam Vada, Yadagirigutta, Yadadi Bhuvanagiri Dist- 508115. 5.Mr. Prasadama Sambasiva Rao, W/o Prasad Raghaviah, H.No.12-22/2, Nallapocharam Vada Yadagirigutta, Yadadi Bhuvanagiri Dist- 508115. 6.Mr. Kamudula Kaleswara Rao, S/o Kamudula Venkateswarulu, 5-365, Chenchula Colony, Near St. Johns Public School, Venkatapuram Panchayathi, Eluru-534001, 7.Mr. Kamudula Sivaji, S/o Kamudula Venkateswarulu, 134/1, Kalavathula Colony, Venkatapuram Panchayathi, Eluru-534001, 8.Mrs. Prasadama Kaleswari, W/o Prasad Srinivasa Rao, 9-88-2, Munnangari Palem, Tundur, Guntur Dist-522318. 9.Mrs. Bojja Chaudeswari, W/o Bojja Srinivasa Rao, H.No.1-36/b, Kuravi Village & Mandal, Warangal Dist-506105. Contact: Mr. B.Dheeraj, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8197549630 & Mr. Gopi Krishna B, Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.1,64,30,346.53 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four lakh Thirty thousand Three hundred Forty Six and paise Fifty Three only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property No.1: Residential Building site admeasuring Ac.0.10 Cent in RS No 1014, and Ac.0.1% Cent in RS No 1013, together admeasuring Ac.0.11 % or 566.60 Square Yards, Door no 9-130, Block 3, Madepalli Road, Near Indira Colony, Venkatapuram Area, Eluru Mandal & District Mr. Prasadama Sankaraiyah S/o Musalihal and bounded by: East: House site of Burma Sugunavathi and other, South: Compound wall of Vannemreddy Nagamani, West: Eluru to Kalkuru Road side Porambotaku Panta Kalva, North: Plots assigned by Government. (As per Registered Sale Deed no 39542010 dated 26-05-2010) RESERVE PRICE : Rs.57,48,300/- EMD Payable: Rs.5,74,830/- Bid Increment : Rs.57,483/-

Property No.2: Residential site and RCC ground floor and semi finished first floor building in an extent of 250 square yards, situated in RS No 811, Plot no 3 part 4 and part, Old door no 9-89, New Door no 6-85, Block No 2, Venkatapuram Panchayati Eluru- 534001 owned by Mr. Prasadama Samba Siva Rao S/o Raghavulu and bounded by: East: Land sold by Chidaraboyina Ramulu and Others, South: Land of Akkula Sri Ram Kumar, West: Panchayati Road, North: Remaining land in Plot no 3. (As per Registered Sale Deed no 7012/2010 dated 09.09.2010). RESERVE PRICE : Rs.41,17,500/- EMD Payable: Rs.4,11,750/- Bid Increment : Rs.41,175/-

4. BORROWER: 1.M/s Farm to home Innovative Solutions, Unit: D.No.4-21-53/12, Sai Baba Road, Vishnu Nagar, Vidya Nagar Extension, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522077. Partners: 2. Mr.Mandru Hari Krishna, S/o Mundru Kotaiah, 1-332, ramalayam, Rompicharla Gogulapadu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522671. 3. Mr.Cherrydy Srinivasa Rao, S/o Peraiiah, D.No.18-217, 9th line, DS Nagar, Etukuru Road, Near Ramalayam, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522003. 4. Mr.Koka Ramakrishna, S/o Rama Lakshmaiah, Yerrapalem, Voppicherla, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh -522614. 5. Mr.Chirumamilla Hari Krishna, S/o Kantharao, Dharmavaram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522012. 6. Mrs.Cherrydy Kalyani, W/o Cherrydy Srinivasa Rao, D.No.18-217, 9th line, DS Nagar, Etukuru Road, Near Ramalayam, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522003. Guarantor: 7. Mrs.Cherrydy Pitchamma, W/o Cherrydy Peraiiah, D.No.20-18-217, DS Nagar Etukuru road, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522003. Contact: Mr. M Manohar, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8106596598 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka , Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.41,20,050.45 (Rupees Forty One lakh Twenty thousand Fifty and paise Forty Five only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Vacant Site at Guntur District, Guntur Sub-District, in Guntur Municipal corporation Area, R. Agraharam, D.No.714/B an extent of 212.29 Sq. Yds. Boundaries of property: East: Nalluri Koteswara Rao and others sold and Regd. An extent of 109.10 Sqyds of site in the name of Cherrydy Pitchamma-71 Ft. South: 30 Ft. width Road- 26-11 Ft. (In this joint nadava Yenuganti Nagaiah, Cherrydy Ramanaiyah, Cherrydy Peraiiah, Cherrydy Potaiyah, Cherrydy Suseela, Yenuganti Musalihal, Cherrydy Pitchamma, Cherrydy Subba Rao, Cherrydy Lakshmi are only having right). West: The site an extent of 321.50 Sq. yds belong to Cherrydy Ramanaiyah who had a gift from this donor-71 Ft. North: The Site belongs to others-26-11 Ft. (Regd. Sale Deed No.6439/2015 Dated:25.06.2015, SRO Guntur). RESERVE PRICE : Rs.20,48,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.2,04,800/- Bid Increment : Rs.20,480/-

5. BORROWER: M/s. Pagadala Subrahmanyam Excell Communications, Prop: Mr. Pagadala Subrahmanyam, Door No. 2-67, Bellam vari Street, Auto Nagar Road, Ramavaram, Vijayawada-521108, 2. Mr. Pagadala Subrahmanyam, S/o P Venkata Ratnam, Door No. 2-67, Bellam vari Street Auto Nagar Road, Ramavaram, Vijayawada-521108. Guarantor: Mrs. Pagadala Radha Devi, W/o. Mr. Pagadala Subrahmanyam, Door No. 2-67, Bellam vari Street, Auto Nagar Road, Ramavaram, Vijayawada-521108. Contact: Mr. M Manohar, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8106596598 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka , Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.28,40,177.75 (Rupees Twenty Eight lakh Forty thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and paise Seventy Five only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of undivided and un-ascerted share of land in an extent of 22.68 Sq. Yds. out of larger extent of 272.22 Sq. Yds. in D.No. 4-108/8, S.No.3356, situated in RS No.127/3, Ramavaram Village and Panchayat, Vijayawada Rural, within in following boundaries: East: Road, South: Property of Kallepalli Bapiraju sold to others, West: Road, North: Property of Pallempalli Lakshmi Tayaramma and others. Schedule-B: All that piece and parcel of Flat No. T-2, in third Floor with a plinth area of 600 Sq.Ft. (including common area) Scooter parking area of 30 Sq.Ft. with common utilities and enjoyment over water, drainage, stairs and passages etc. at Sahithi Residency at larger extent of Schedule-A Property and the Flat is being bounded by: East: Staircase and Corridor, South: Joint Wall between this flat and Flat No.1, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.14,15,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,41,500/- Bid Increment : Rs.14,150/-

6. Applicant: M/s. Sun Star Polymers, Block No. B-05, Plot No. 73, Survey No. 62, New Auto Nagar, Kanuru, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District-521212. Co-ApPLICANT: Mrs. Chilikuri Srivalli, W/o Ch. Venkata Ramana Reddy, H. No. 12-69, Velagapalli Pragadavaram, Chintalapudi Mandal, West Godavari District. 534461.2. Mr. B Michael Raj, T-142, SDA Colony, Ajayayapeta, Nuzvid, Sidharthanagar, Krishna-521201. Guarantor: 3. Mrs. Chilikuri Srivalli, W/o Ch. Venkata Ramana Reddy, H. No. 12-69, Velagapalli Pragadavaram, Chintalapudi Mandal, West Godavari Dist. - 534461. 4. Mrs. Nekanti Nagamani, D.No. 18-197-1, Tummalahuri Street, Near Siddhartha Pharmacy College, Ammaravathinagar, Nuzvid-521201, Estate of the deceased Bodetti Mohan Rao (Guarantor), represented by: 1. Mr. Bodetti Merlyn, T-142, SDA Colony, Ajayayapeta, Sidharthanagar, Nuzvid, Krishna-521201, 2. Mr. B Michael Raj, T-142, SDA Colony, Ajayayapeta, Sidharthanagar, Nuzvid, Krishna-521201, 3. Mr. Bodetti Melvin, T-142, SDA Colony, Ajayayapeta, Sidharthanagar, Nuzvid, Krishna-521201, 4. Mr. Bodetti Messah, T-142, SDA Colony, Ajayayapeta, Sidharthanagar, Nuzvid, Krishna-521201.. Contact: Mr. M Manohar, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8106596598 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka , Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: Rs.5,68,36,374.11 (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four and Eleven Paise Only) as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of undivided and un-ascerted share of land in an extent of 1103 Square Yards out of total 1600 Square yards, situated in RS No 700, Door No 2-142, Rellypet Road, SDA School Area, Near Nuzvid-Mylavaram, Nuzvid Sub Registry, Nuzvid Village, Krishna District owned by Late Bodetti Mohan Rao and bounded by: East: Property of Yadia Neelaiyah, South: Property belongs to Muktevi Venkata Chalaphathi Rao & others, West: Mylavaram Road and side canal, North: Joint Road. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.72,00,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.7,20,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.72,000/-

7. Borrower(s)/ Co-Obligor(s)/ Mortgagee(s)/ Guarantor(s): 1. M/s Vamsadhara Ginning & Pressing Industries Rep. by its Managing Partner and Guarantor Mr. Sontineni Venkateswara Rao, Sy. No. 665/1B, 668/1, Adjacent to Addanki - Narketpalli Interstate Highway, Kameppalli (V), Piduguralla (M), Guntur Dist. A.P. 2. Mr. Sontineni Venkateswara Rao, S/o Peraiiah, D.No.7-213/A, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 3. Mr. Chintalapudi Purnachandra Rao (Partner & Guarantor), S/o Peraiiah, D. No. 7-294, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist. AP. 4. Mr. Sontineni Naveen Chowdhary (Partner & Guarantor), S/o Venkateswara Rao D.No.7-213/A, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 5. Mrs. Gude Rajeswari (Partner & Guarantor), W/o Sambasiva Rao, D. No. 7-294, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 6. Mrs. Yarlagedda Sri Devi (Partner & Guarantor) W/o Yarlagedda Anil Kumar, D. No. 7-294, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 8. Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt (Partner & Guarantor), S/o Ravi Bhagat Dutt, D. No. 11-3-53, Kailash Bhavan Road, Chenchupet, Tenali, Guntur Dist., A.P. 9. Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt, S/o R Hyma Rao, D. No. 11-3-53, Kailash Bhavan Road, Chenchupet, Tenali, Guntur Dist., A.P. 10. Mr. Yarlagedda Anil Kumar, S/o Dasaradha Ramaiah, D. No. 7-294, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 11. Mrs. Chintalapudi Mangamma, W/o Purnachandra Rao, D. No. 7-294, Piduguralla, Guntur Dist, AP. 12. M/s Vamsadhara Rice Industries, Rep. by its Managing partner & Guarantor: Mr. Sontineni Venkateswara Rao, Sy.No.788/1,817/1,812-2,816/1, Janapadu (V), Piduguralla (M), Guntur Dist. A.P., 13. M/s Vamsadhara Cotton Industries, Represented by its Managing Partner : Mr. Sontineni Venkateswara Rao, Sy No : 787 , Opp: BSL Micro Wave System, Piduguralla, Karampudi road, Janapadu (V), Piduguralla (M), Guntur Dist. AP. Contact: Mr. M Manohar, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8106596598 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka , Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: 1. M/s. Vamsadhara Cotton Ginning & Pressing Industries P Ltd for recovery of Rs.25,97,33,313.34 as on 31-12-2025 2. M/s Vamsadhara Rice Industries for recovery of Rs.8,89,51,018.41 as on 31-12-2025 plus further interest, costs and charges due to the Union Bank of India.

SA 62/2025 & 353/2025 at DRT VISAKHAPATNAM (SALE IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF OUTCOME OF SA)

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS TO BE SOLD: PROPERTY 1: Semi Urban Residential Land at D.No.501/1, Plot No.44, Noor Door No: 27-14-12/1, Near Municipal compost yard, Bursampalem Road, Tenali, Guntur Dist. 522201, Extent: 992.22 Sq.Yds. Belongs to Mr. Ravi Jitendra Dutt. Bounded by: East: 103 Ft Site in plot No.45. South: 80 Ft. Road, Width 40 Ft. West: 100 Ft. site in Plot Nos.42, 43. North: 80 Ft Site by Ravi Pravas Dutt and Bhagat Dutt and Others. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.74,10,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.7,41,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.74,100/-

PROPERTY 2: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.201 (Block 2), located in the First Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1010 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky & Stair case & Common Corridor.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.16,80,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,68,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.16,800/-

PROPERTY 4: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.202 (Block 2), located in the First Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1012 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky & Stair case & Common Corridor.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.16,50,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,65,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.16,500/-

PROPERTY 6: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.301 (Block 2), located in the Second Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1010 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky & Stair case & Common Corridor.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.12,45,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,24,500/- Bid Increment : Rs.12,450/-

PROPERTY 7: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.302 (Block 2), located in the First Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1012 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky & Stair case & Common Corridor.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.12,45,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,24,500/- Bid Increment : Rs.12,450/-

PROPERTY 8: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.508 (Block 1), located in the Fourth Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1425 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Common Corridor, South: Common Corridor, West: Common Corridor, North: Open to Sky.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.17,20,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,72,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.17,200/-

PROPERTY 11: Schedule A: Guntur District, Tenali SRO, Tenali Municipality Limits, A Residential building with still, Ground, First, Second, Third, and Fourth Floors under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills", Situated in an extent of 4689.44 Sq.Yds in D.No.501/1 of Tenali Rev Village and Bounded by: East: 183.6 Ft. Site in Plot Nos.98.7. South: 230 Ft. Site of Vemuri Seshagiri Rao. West: 183.6 Ft. Site in plot No.13. North: 230Ft. Road, Width 40Ft. Schedule B: An undivided and unspecified share, admeasuring 45.43 Sq. Yds in total extent of 4689.44 Sq Yds along with a flat therein, bearing No.512 (Block 1), located in the Fourth Floor of the residential apartment under the name and Style as "Srinivasam Hills(A Schedule), with plinth area of 1054 Sq. Ft. including Common area, easement rights and covered Car Parking area, With a plinth area of 100 Sq. Ft. which is allotted in the still floor of "A" Schedule, belongs to Mr. Ravi Bhagat Dutt and bounded by: East: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, Stair Case & Common Corridor, North: Open to Sky.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.12,80,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.1,28,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.12,800/-

PROPERTY 12: EMD of Semi-urban Residential Land & Building at D.No. 416/A, Bearing D.No.7-213/A, Old Assessment No. 3318, Present Assessment No. 1132001847, Revenue Ward No. 7, Back-side of Jayalakshmi Theatre, Piduguralla-522413. Total Extent 275.30 Sq. Yards Bounded by: East: Property of Vudhatha Umamaheswara Rao, South: Property of A Guruvulu & CH Malleswari, West: Property of V Venkata Subba Rao, North: Bazar. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.60,50,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.6,05,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.60,500/-

PROPERTY 13: EMD of residential house consists of Ground Floor & First Floor situated at D.No. 7-294, Gas Office Road extent of 428.74 (net extent considered for valuation is 375.41 Sq. Yards) Piduguralla, Guntur-522413, belonging to Ch. Purma Chandra Rao, Ch. Mangamma, Y. Sri Devi, G. Rajeswari. Bounded by: East: 7 Links wide bazar, South: Road, West: Property of Ravipati venkateswara, North: Property of Potla Padmavathi. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.1,01,10,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.10,11,000/- Bid Increment : Rs.1,01,100/-

8. Borrower(s): 1. M/s. Vijayalakshmi Trading Company, Mg. Partner: Mr. Bhimavarapu Subba Rao, S.No. 461/A1, Pothavaram Village - 534176, Chikalakurup Mandal, GUNTUR District. 2. M/s. Sri Dhanalakshmi Granites, Mg. Partner: Mrs. Bhimavarapu Dhanalakshmi, S.No. 461/A1, Pothavaram Village - 534176, Chikalakurup Mandal, Guntur District. 3. Mr. Bhimavarapu Subba Rao, H.No. 2-404, Sambasiva Nagar, Chikalakurup - 522616, Guntur District. 4. Ms. Bhimavarapu Sumathi, D/o. Mr. Bhimavarapu Subba Rao, H.No. 2-404, Sambasiva Nagar, Chikalakurup - 522616, Guntur District. Guarantor(s): 1. Mrs. Bhimavarapu Dhanalakshmi, W/o. Mr. Bhimavarapu Subba Rao, H.No. 2-404, Sambasiva Nagar, Chikalakurup - 522616, Guntur District. 2. Mrs. Bhimavarapu Venkayamma, W/o. Sri Sambaiah, D.No. 5-47, Anikattavarpalem, Janakavaram, Punguluru - 523261, Prakasam District. Contact: Mr. M Manohar, Dealing officer, Mobile : 8106596598 & Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka , Authorised Officer, 8074945928.

Amount Outstanding: M/s Vijayalakshmi Trading Company - Rs.7,02,02,245.91 /- and M/s Sri Dhanalakshmi granites - Rs.95,35,031.20 /- as on 31.12.2025 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses due to the union bank of india.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS TO BE SOLD: PROPERTY 1: Item No. 1: EMD of Non-Agricultural Land of extent Ac.0.61 cts situated within the limits of Narasaraopeta Registration District, Chikalakurup Sub Registration district, Ganapavaram Village in Sy. No. 543/A belonging to Mr.Bhimavarapu Subbarao S/o. Sri Sambaiah (Regd. Doc. No. 4191/2014 dt. 28/07/2014) : Boundaries: East: Donka, South: Property belonging to Mrs. Gali Nirmala, West: 2nd item of land, North: Property belonging to Tulam Atchiai and other's land.

Item No. 2: EMD of Non-Agricultural Land of extent Ac.0.74 cts situated within the limits of Narasaraopeta Registration District, Chikalakurup Sub Registration district, Ganapavaram Village in Sy. No. 543/A belonging to Mr.Bhimavarapu Subbarao S/o. Sri Sambaiah (Regd. Doc. No. 4191/2014 dt. 28/07/2014) Boundaries: East: Tulam Satyanarayana's land, South: Property belonging to Mrs. Gali Nirmala, West: Dhanalakshmi company's land, North: Property of Anisetty Subba Rao and other's land, Again East: Tulam Atchiai's land. RESERVE PRICE : Rs.51,11,000/- EMD Payable: Rs.5,11,100/- Bid Increment : Rs.51,110/-

PROPERTY 2: Item No.1: Factory Land admeasuring Ac.1.00 cts including factory shed, godown situated at Sy. No. 461/A1 situated at Pothavaram village, Chikalakurup Mandal belonging to M/s. Sri Dhanalakshmi Granites rep. by its Managing Partner: Mrs. Bhimavarapu Dhanalakshmi (Regd. Doc. No. 7049/2014 dt. 10/11/2014) : Boundaries: East: Land of Chandra Audinarayana, South: Land of Malempati Adinarayana, West: Polimera Road, North: Property of M/s. Vijayalakshmi Trading Company.

TIRUMALA GHEE ROW

Pawan Kalyan targets Jagan, questions silence on TTD Board

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

DEPUTY Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday sharpened the attack on former chief minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy during a short discussion in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on the alleged use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of Tirumala laddu prasadam.

Pawan questioned why Jagan was "shielding" members of the then Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board.

"It would have been enough if he had said an investigation should be conducted and action taken," Pawan said. "If you are holding them back, then are you not involved?"

He accused the YSRCP of misleading the public by claiming there were no chemicals in the ghee used for Srivari laddu prasadam.

- Cites SIT, NDDB reports; says contracts were relaxed
- 'If you shield them, are you not involved' he asks former CM

"That is why they are now forced to give explanations," he said.

The Deputy CM alleged that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) had concluded there was a conspiracy behind the supply of adulterated ghee. He claimed tender rules were relaxed to award contracts to favoured firms and said the then TTD governing body failed to discharge its responsibility. "We are not accusing blindly. The lapse occurred during the tenure of the board appointed then," he said.

Referring to investigation findings, Pawan said the NDDB report indicated the presence of animal-



related substances in the ghee. He also cited the CBI-monitored SIT probe, stating that the report concluded the product supplied was not genuine ghee.

He alleged that laddus were prepared using the adulterated ghee and claimed that about one

lakh such laddus were sent to Ayodhya. "Only Srivari knows what was mixed in that ghee," he said, adding that anyone found guilty must face strict punishment. "If something like this had happened to any other religion, the entire country would have reacted strongly," he said.

Council witnesses clash over crime and women's safety

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VIJAYAWADA

A heated debate unfolded in the Legislative Council on Tuesday during a short discussion on law and order, with the treasury and opposition benches trading sharp charges over women's safety, crime statistics and the alleged spread of drugs.

Home minister V Anitha told the House that crimes against women have fallen by 4.4 per cent since the formation of the NDA coalition government. She asserted that the government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards crimes against girl children.

According to her, overall crime in the state has declined by 6.6 per cent in the past 20 months due to measures initiated by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. She said POCSO cases dropped by 8 per cent, murders of women fell by 45 per cent and gang rape cases declined by 64 per cent.

- Home minister Anitha claims overall crime fell 6.6% in 20 months, citing sharp drops in POCSO, murders of women, and gang rape cases
- Accuses the previous YSRCP gov't of law-and-order failure, highlighting lost Central funds and pledging one lakh CCTV cameras plus anti-drug drives
- Opposition MLC Kalyani counters with data showing harassment cases and rising NDPS cases, linking violent crimes to drugs and illicit liquor



Anitha blamed the previous YSRCP government for what she described as a breakdown of law and order. She alleged that industries and investments retreated during that period and claimed there was a time when families feared for the safety of women stepping out of their homes.

The minister also alleged that Rs 180 crore in central

funds was lost earlier due to the absence of a proper action plan. She said the present government plans to install one lakh CCTV cameras across the state to strengthen surveillance. Under a special anti-drug drive, 96,940 kg of marijuana has been seized so far, she added.

Anitha further stated that SC and ST atrocity cases have come down by

25 per cent and accused the previous regime of politicising such cases. She also referred to the arrest of a village sarpanch belonging to YSRCP in a theft case at the residence of a TDP MLA.

However, YSRCP MLC Varudu Kalyani contested the government's claims. Citing official data, she said 16,288 women were reportedly subjected to harassment and alleged that crimes against women had increased in 10 districts, including Guntur, Nellore, Vizianagaram and Tirupati.

She linked violent crimes to ganja, drugs and illicit liquor, and pointed to a recent case in Madanapalle involving the rape and murder of a minor girl. Kalyani also claimed NDPS cases had risen sharply in districts such as Srikakulam and Nellore.

As the debate grew heated, the Chairman repeatedly urged members to maintain decorum and stick to the subject.

₹6,000-cr scam alleged in 'Housing for All' under YSRCP rule

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VIJAYAWADA

REVENUE minister Anagani Satya Prasad on Tuesday alleged in the Assembly that massive irregularities amounting to nearly Rs 6,000 crore took place during the previous YSRCP government under the 'Housing for All' scheme.

Responding to a question raised by TDP MLA Maddipati Venkata Raju, the minister said that although the previous government claimed to have distributed 22 lakh house site pattas, nearly seven lakh beneficiaries did not even take conveyance deeds. He alleged that lands unfit for habitation — including low-lying areas, burial grounds, remote locations far from villages, and flood-prone lands — were acquired at two to three times the market price for distribution under the scheme.

Due to the non-habitable nature of these lands, nearly 2.5 lakh beneficiaries reportedly refused to accept house site pattas, he said. The minister further stated that upon inquiry by the present coalition government, 43,948



Revenue minister Anagani Satya Prasad speaking on housing in the Assembly on Tuesday

- Revenue minister Satya Prasad says nearly Rs 6,000 cr irregularities took place under the previous YSRCP regime with unfit lands being acquired at inflated prices and seven lakh beneficiaries did not take conveyance deeds

ineligible beneficiaries were identified in the distribution process. Additionally, another 1,11,037 beneficiaries are still under verification.

After assuming office, the coalition government decided to allot three cents of land in rural areas and two cents in urban areas under the housing scheme, he said, pointing out that the previous government had allotted only 1.5 cents or even one cent in some cases.

Satya Prasad revealed that

a total of 4,08,876 fresh applications have been received for house site pattas. Of these, 1,03,494 applications have been approved, 1,41,928 rejected, and 1,56,454 are currently under scrutiny.

He asserted that the present government is committed to ensuring transparency and providing genuinely eligible poor families with proper, habitable land for housing, unlike the alleged irregularities during the previous regime.

SYNTHETIC MILK THREAT PROMPTS TIGHT CHECKS

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUPATI

THE suspected link between adulterated milk and the recent deaths of four persons in Rajamahendravaram has triggered a wave of caution across AP's dairy-rich Rayalaseema region, with officials tightening checks in Tirupati and Chittoor districts.

Authorities say the tragedy has raised fresh concerns about synthetic milk entering regular supply chains, particularly through informal and cross-border routes. Tirupati and Chittoor, known for their strong dairy base after agriculture, witness heavy milk procurement for both domestic consumption and bulk supply to chilling centres and private dairies. The steady movement of milk across the Andhra Pradesh-Karnataka border has further heightened vigilance.

The alert follows recent enforcement action near Ballagiri in Karnataka, close to the Kuppam border, where officials reportedly uncovered a synthetic milk preparation unit. Three in-

- Inspections are underway in key dairy producing districts with large-scale milk movement in Tirupati and Chittoor districts



dividuals — two from Santhipuram mandal and one from Ramakuppam mandal in Chittoor district — were allegedly found producing artificial milk by blending expired milk powder with palm oil, urea and water. Investigators said the mixture was designed to imitate the thickness and fat content of genuine milk before being circulated in local markets.

Food safety officials explained that adulteration often involves adding substances such as urea, starch, detergents, maltodextrin and vegetable fats to enhance whiteness and density.

Preservatives and neutralisers may also be used to prolong shelf life. In extreme cases, officers said, a single litre of pure milk can be stretched into two litres of synthetic product, significantly boosting illegal profits. Authorities also flagged the

sumers to be alert to basic warning signs. Nearly 90 percent of locally produced milk in the region is cow milk, which typically carries a slight yellowish tinge, whereas buffalo milk appears whiter.

If milk sold as cow milk looks unusually white or excessively thick, adulteration should be suspected. Changes in taste, smell or fat consistency are also considered red flags. Simple household tests, such as adding iodine drops to check for maltodextrin or observing the texture of heated milk when rubbed between fingers, may provide preliminary indications of tampering.

Testing facilities are available at the College of Dairy Technology in Tirupati, where milk samples can be examined scientifically. Officials have advised dairies, bulk purchasers and consumers to utilise these services and promptly report suspicious supplies, stressing that public cooperation will be vital to safeguarding the integrity of the dairy sector in the wake of the Rajamahendravaram incident.

Officials have urged con-

Pensions to be distributed on February 28

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VIJAYAWADA

THE state government will distribute NTR Bharosa pensions on February 28, a day in advance, as March 1 falls on a Sunday, minister for MSMEs, SERP and NRI empowerment and relations Kondapalli Srinivas said in a statement on Tuesday.

The government will disburse Rs 2,725.79 crore to a total of 62,76,322 pensioners across various categories. The amount will be delivered at the doorsteps of beneficiaries by Swarna Gramam and Swarna Ward staff.

Of the total beneficiaries, 8,977 are newly sanctioned widow (spouse) pensioners, for whom Rs 3.59 crore has been released. The minister stated that pensions will be distributed on February 28, and any remaining payments will be completed on March 2, 2026, with Secretariat staff ensuring doorstep delivery.

He further said that since the coalition government assumed office, a total of Rs 57,808.68 crore has been spent on pensions, reflecting the State government's commitment to social security and welfare.

CPI criticises 'laddu' obsession in Assembly session



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VIJAYAWADA/NEW DELHI

CPI national secretary K Ramakrishna strongly criticised the Andhra Pradesh Assembly and Legislative Council budget session, stating that they have been reduced to endless debates over the 'laddu controversy' instead of meaningful discussions on the Rs 3 lakh crore state budget.

Addressing the media in the national capital on Tuesday, he expressed concern that both ruling and opposition parties — including TDP, Jana Sena, BJP, and YSRCP members — spent hours debating the laddu issue while ignoring pressing matters such as welfare schemes, development projects, and public grievances. Ramakrishna noted that allegations of adulteration and corruption in laddu distribution are widely known. He insisted that if corruption is proven, those responsible must face strict legal action and imprisonment. "Only then will people appreciate the government's seriousness," he said.

AP pushes green investments with ₹408 cr energy projects

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VIJAYAWADA

APGENCO In-charge managing director (MD) and chief executive officer of the AP State Energy Conservation Mission (APSECM), P Pulla Reddy, emphasised that timely action is crucial for sustainable growth. He urged industries and financial institutions to actively mobilise public and private capital for energy-efficiency projects.

Addressing an Investment Bazar Workshop held at Hotel Murali Fortune in Vijayawada on Tuesday, he called upon stakeholders to convert the state's identified technical potential into bankable, time-bound investments that would enhance industrial competitiveness while advancing climate and energy-efficiency goals.

The workshop brought together senior officials, representatives from industries and MSMEs, financial institutions, and technology providers to accelerate green investments across the state. Among those present were NREDCAP vice-chairman and Managing Director M Kamalakar Babu and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE),



AP State Energy Conservation Mission CEO P Pulla Reddy addressing the Investment Bazar Workshop on energy-efficiency projects in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Government of India, Director P Shyam Sunder. Around 50 industries and banking institutions participated in the workshop.

Pulla Reddy said the state has already identified over Rs 408 crore worth of viable energy-efficiency projects through five earlier Investment Bazar events and stressed the need for swift financial closure and implementation. Referring to the State Energy Efficiency Policy 2024-2028, he noted that compliance with the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017 has been mandated across 123 Urban Local Bodies, with more than 1,800 ECBC-compliant

buildings already approved. He also encouraged industries to utilise the ADEETIE scheme, which offers interest subvention of 5% for micro and small enterprises and 3% for medium enterprises across 14 key sectors, including fisheries and glass and refractory clusters in East and West Godavari districts. Stating that this was the sixth Investment Bazar event under BEE's Energy Efficiency Financing Platform initiative, he said the State has achieved energy savings of 1.356 million tonnes of oil equivalent across 59 industries under the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) mechanism up to Cycle VI.

He said that the APSECM has also formed a Financial Institutions Committee comprising 11 banks and two NBFCs to facilitate project financing. He added that Andhra Pradesh recently received the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 (First Prize) for the fourth consecutive time. He said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Energy minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar and chief secretary K Vijayanand are committed to maintaining the state's leadership in energy efficiency through coordinated and result-oriented efforts.

BEE Director P Shyam Sunder interacted with MSME representatives and explained the benefits of the ADEETIE scheme, including interest subvention, technical support from audit to implementation, and facilitation through a nodal bank and project management unit. NREDCAP VC & MD Kamalakar Babu highlighted the synergy between renewable energy and energy efficiency, outlining plans to develop green industrial clusters powered by clean energy and modern efficient systems.

Illegal dairy unit sealed after fatal milk adulteration incident

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

THE adulterated milk tragedy in Rajamahendravaram has escalated, with police registering murder charges against trader Addala Ganeswara Rao after five deaths and 16 cases of severe kidney complications. Investigations linked the crisis in Chowdeswari Nagar and Swaroop Nagar to contaminated milk supplied by his Varalakshmi Dairy, which was sealed for operating without mandatory permissions.

DSP Devakumar said preliminary findings revealed adulteration with urea, detergent powder, and oil to thicken milk, compounded

by coolant oil leakage from a refrigerator. Officials believe financial distress and profit motives drove the practice.

Health authorities reported a surge in acute renal failure cases among residents consuming milk from the Korukonda dairy chain. A contaminated batch is suspected to have caused widespread toxicity. Three victims — Radhakrishnamurthy, N. Seshagiri Rao, and Tadi Ramani — died on Monday, raising the toll to five. Controversy surrounds the exclusion of B Kanakarathnam, whose family insists her death was linked to the incident.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu ordered a comprehensive inquiry, directing district collec-

tor Kirthi Chakuri and SP Narasimha Kishore to probe thoroughly. Eluru range IGP Ashok Kumar confirmed severe charges, elevating the case from food safety violation to criminal act.

Health commissioner Veerapandian announced government coverage of treatment expenses and urged residents with symptoms to seek immediate care. Forensic analysis of seized samples is underway, while citizens demand stricter monitoring of dairy operations to safeguard public health.

Meanwhile, district collector Kirthi Chakuri along with MLA Adireddy Srinivas handed over cheques of Rs 10 lakh each to the bereaved families.



District collector Kirthi Chakuri along with MLA A Srinivas distributes cheques to bereaved families in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday

"Giving Sachin Tendulkar out leg before wicket, and it's a matter of knowing that it was a mistake, but until this day, every day, people talk about it. "Why did I give him out? Was he out and so on? But then in life, mistakes happen. I have accepted that it was a mistake, and life goes on,"

-Steve Bucknor, legendary umpire

Bucknor regrets wrong LBW call against Tendulkar after 22 years

NEW DELHI

MORE than two decades after making what was then widely seen as a "dreadful" decision against Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, legendary umpire Steve Bucknor has finally expressed regrets and accepted that "it was a mistake."

2009, was one of the most respected umpires in world cricket for over two decades. However, he did a make a few contentious calls involving Tendulkar, the most shocking being an LBW dismissal during an India-Australia Test match at Brisbane's Gabba 22 years ago.



Association, when Bucknor was asked about one of the

most difficult decisions he had to live with as an umpire, he said, "Giving Sachin Tendulkar out leg before wicket, and it's a matter of knowing that it was a mistake, but until this day, every day, people talk about it. "Why did I give him out? Was he out and so on? But then in life, mistakes happen. I have accepted that it was a mistake, and life goes

on." In that match at Gabba in the 2003-04 series, Tendulkar was given out LBW by Bucknor following a loud appeal from Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie and his teammates. Batting on 3, Tendulkar had attempted to leave the ball, which struck him high on the pads, but Bucknor was convinced by the Australian appeal. Television replays

later confirmed the ball was clearly going over the stumps. In the commentary box, the late Tony Greig had referred to it as "a dreadful" decision and he was not the only one who thought that way at the time. The match, the first of a four-match series and in which India skipper Sourav Ganguly struck a fluent 144, ended in a draw. That was

not the only instance when Bucknor gave Tendulkar out wrongly. In a match against Pakistan at Eden Gardens in 2005, the Jamaican adjudged Tendulkar caught behind off Abdul Razzaq despite a half-hearted appeal. Replays, however, showed a wide gap between the bat and the ball.

During an interactive session with fans in 2024, Tendulkar was asked about his relationship with Bucknor, and in lighter vein, he had said, "When I am batting, give him boxing gloves to wear (so he can't raise his finger)." Bucknor, 79, officiated in 128 Test matches between 1989 and 2009 and also holds the record for standing in five consecutive World Cup finals from 1992 to 2007.

T20 WC Super 8s India pushed to brink after WI's win rock Group 1

NEW DELHI: India's Super 8 campaign at the T20 World Cup 2026 has hit turbulence early, leaving them with no room for missteps in the matches to come. A crushing 76-run loss to South Africa in Ahmedabad on Sunday has pushed them onto the back foot in Group 1, where they are competing alongside South Africa, the West Indies and Zimbabwe.



Sunday has pushed them onto the back foot in Group 1, where they are competing alongside South Africa, the West Indies and Zimbabwe. The chase never gathered traction. Wickets fell at regular intervals, partnerships failed to materialise, and scoreboard pressure mounted quickly. Marco Jansen's four-wicket burst dismantled the middle order, sealing India's collapse for 111.

Beyond the loss of two points, the damage to their Net Run Rate, now a troubling -3.800, could prove decisive. With two fixtures left in the Super 8 stage, India's equation is starkly simple: they must win both to stay alive. Two wins: Victories over the West Indies and Zimbabwe would take India to four points. If South Africa also win their remaining games, both sides would progress. However, if South Africa drop one match, three teams could be locked on four points, pushing qualification down to Net Run Rate.

TEAM	P	W	L	PT	NRR
GROUP 1					
WI	1	1	0	2	+5.350
RSA	1	1	0	2	+3.800
IND	1	0	1	0	-3.800
ZIM	1	0	1	0	-5.350
GROUP B					
ENG	1	1	0	2	+2.550
PAK	1	0	0	1	0.000
NZ	1	0	0	1	0.000
SL	1	0	1	0	-2.550

Lanka eye turnaround in must-win clash vs NZ

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka will need to improve their batting against slower bowlers when they take on New Zealand in a must-win Super Eight game of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.



The home team batters failed to chase a below par 147 against England on a slow turner in Pallekele. The pitches in Sri Lanka have been tougher for batting compared to co-hosts India and the trend is likely to continue at the Premadasa where bigger boundaries make six-hitting difficult. Some of the shot selection was questioned following the heavy loss in the Super Eight opener and Sri Lanka will need to learn from their mistakes.

"It's a T20 game, so obviously you come into a game, so you are looking to score as many runs as you can. So when the ball is not coming on to the bat, it's easier said than done," Sri Lanka's Indian batting coach Vikram Rathour reflected on the side's poor performance. "Are there better options? Yes, definitely could have been taken. I thought on a wicket where the ball is stopping, so pushing is not a great idea. A couple of our wickets lost out on guys pushing for a single. I don't think that was a great option in these conditions," he added.

Semis, final tickets to go live amid venue uncertainty

NEW DELHI: The tickets for the semi-finals and final of the T20 World Cup 2026 will go live at 7 pm IST on Tuesday, as announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in a release.

Cricket fans can book seats for the first semi-final on March 4, the second semi-final on March 5 and the highly anticipated final on March 8 through the official booking sites. However, the venue for Semi-final 1 remains subject to a floating arrangement. The match will be held either at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo or at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata. While Semi-final 2 is confirmed to take place at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

As per tournament guidelines, if the Pakistan cricket team qualify for the semi-finals, they will play semi-final 1 in Colombo on March 4. If Pakistan fail to qualify but the Sri Lanka team reach the super 4 and are not drawn against India, then the match will be played in Colombo.

Australia outplay India in opening Women's ODI

BRISBANE: Australia produced a clinical all-round performance to defeat India by six wickets in the opening ODI at Allan Border Field on Tuesday, chasing down a modest target of 215 with authority to take a 1-0 lead in the three-game ODI series and also level the overall multifarmat series' tally to 4-4.

After bowling India out for 214, the hosts made light work of the chase, riding on half-centuries from captain Alyssa Healy and the ever-reliable Beth Mooney. India had promised more at different stages, but ultimately fell short on a surface that offered seam movement early and grip for the spinners as the innings progressed.

TG PECET-2026 notification to be released today

HYDERABAD: The Telangana Physical Education Common Entrance Test-2026 (TG PECET-2026) notification for admissions into Bachelor of Physical Education (B.PED) and Diploma in Physical Education (D.PED) courses will be released on February 25, 2026. The entrance test is being conducted by Satavahana University under the aegis of the Telangana Council of Higher Education for the academic year 2026-27.

According to the schedule, online registration and submission of application forms will commence from March 2, 2026. The last date to submit applications without a late fee is May 5, 2026. The Physical Efficiency and Skill Tests, which form part of the entrance examination, will be conducted at Satavahana University, Karimnagar, from May 31 to June 3, 2026.

Candidates aspiring to pursue professional courses in physical education are advised to go through the detailed notification carefully and adhere to the timelines. Authorities have appealed to the media to give wide publicity to the TG PECET-2026 schedule to ensure maximum reach among eligible students across Telangana.

Kanpur, Prayagraj at risk of severe damage if quake strikes: IIT study

Buildings can tilt or sink, roads and railway tracks may crack, and underground utilities can rupture. Riverbank and low-lying areas are particularly vulnerable: Dr Nihar Ranjan Patra

KANPUR

A 17-year study by the Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur (IIT-K) has warned that parts of Kanpur and Prayagraj could face severe damage if an earthquake of magnitude 6.5 or higher strikes the region. The research led by Dr Nihar Ranjan Patra, a

professor at IIT-K's civil engineering department, highlights the high liquefaction potential of the alluvial soil along the Ganga river belt -- a factor that can sharply amplify ground shaking and destabilise buildings.

The IIT-K research team analysed soil samples collected over nearly two decades

from Gujarat, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. Samples were taken from 43 locations, with boreholes drilled up to 30 to 40 metres and 80 metres deep at two locations in Kanpur and Prayagraj in select areas - far deeper than the usual 10-30 metres used elsewhere. In several parts of Kanpur and Prayagraj,

the top 8-10 metres of soil is loose, sandy and water-saturated - conditions highly prone to liquefaction during strong tremors.

The findings are concerning as in some pockets, the effect could extend as deep as 30-40 metres. Liquefaction occurs when intense shaking causes waterlogged soil

to temporarily lose strength and behave like a liquid, Patra told PTL. Buildings can tilt or sink, roads and railway tracks may crack, and underground utilities can rupture. Riverbank and low-lying areas are particularly vulnerable, he added.

Localities identified for detailed soil analysis include

Bithoor, Mandhana, Panki, Barra, Chakeri, Ratanlal Nagar, Naramao and areas around IIT-K, among others. Parts of Varanasi were also found to have similar soil behaviour. According to India's seismic zoning map, sections of Kanpur and Prayagraj fall under Zones III and IV - denoting moderate to high risk.



Copter carrying 7 crashes into sea, all rescued

SRI VIJAYA PURAM

A Pawan Hans helicopter carrying seven people, including two crew members, crashed into the sea just 300 metres away from its scheduled landing at Mayabunder helipad in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Tuesday, and all of them were rescued, officials said. The crash occurred around 9.30 am, after the chopper took off from Rangat in the North and Middle Andaman district, they said.



Did plane carrying 7 pax crash due to bad weather?

RANCHI: Authorities are looking into the main factors, including weather conditions, that could have led to the fatal crash of an air ambulance that killed seven people in Jharkhand on Monday evening, according to officials. Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd's Beechcraft C90 aircraft VT-AJV enroute from Ranchi to Delhi crashed soon after takeoff. There were five people and two crew members onboard. One of the officials said a conclusion on what could have led to the crash is yet to be reached and from initial inputs, and the weather conditions at the time of the crash would also be looked into.

ther to Mayabunder. "The helicopter landed at Rangat helipad around 9.05 am. It further took off from Rangat to Mayabunder at around 9.10 am. The helicopter ditched about 300 metres short of

Mayabunder helipad in the sea (shallow water) at around 9.30 am," Pawan Hans Ltd, a central public sector undertaking based in Noida, said on X. Five passengers and two crew members were on board, it said.

Meat shops near schools promote violence: Bihar Dy CM

PATNA: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha has vowed



to clamp down on shops selling meat, fish and poultry in the vicinity of religious and educational institutions, claiming that these offend "purity of sentiments" and promoted "violent tendencies" among children. The senior BJP leader, who holds the urban development portfolio in the Nitish Kumar government, made a statement to this effect a couple of days ago when his views were sought on a recent circular issued by the department. "We are making a new Bihar and this is being reflected in all the steps we take. I issued directions to strictly implement the rules in a recent departmental meeting, which have been framed to ensure proper hygiene and social harmony," he said. "We are not against people's right to have food of their choice. But, selling such items in the open, especially in the vicinity of religious institutions, adversely affects the purity of our sentiments. Similarly, these need to be kept away from educational institutions to prevent violent tendencies among children," Sinha said.

U'KHAND EDN DIRECTOR ASSAULTED EMPLOYEES DEMAND BJP MLA'S ARREST

'Employees closed education department offices across the state, except for the Uttarakhand Board of School Education in Ramnagar'

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EMPLOYEE organisations, insisting on the arrest of BJP MLA Umesh Sharma Kau in connection with the assault on Uttarakhand Director of Elementary Education Ajay Naudiyal, have issued an ultimatum to close all state offices from Wednesday if their demands are not met.

On Monday, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed the chief secretary to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the safety of employees. Meanwhile, police arrested four accused, including a

history-sheeter, involved in the vandalism and assault incident at the Directorate of Elementary Education on Saturday.

Members of a joint front formed to protest the assault on Naudiyal met CM Dhami on Monday and demanded that SOPs be established for their safety and police deployment in the offices. Following this, Dhami directed Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan to prepare the SOP and DGP Deepam Seth to ensure adequate security arrangements in government offices.

Meanwhile, as per the Morcha's previously announced programme, employees closed education department offices across the state, except for the Uttarakhand Board of School Education in Ramnagar. "Like today, education department officials and employees will continue their work boycott on Tuesday, and if no solution is found to our demand by Tuesday, all offices across the state will be closed from Wednesday," said Sanjay Bhaskar, front's media in-charge. Bhaskar alleged that the MLA had brought a history-sheeter with him to the director's office.



Seer moves All HC seeking anticipatory bail in POCSO case

PRAYAGRAJ: Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati on Tuesday moved the Allahabad



High Court seeking anticipatory bail after being booked for alleged sexual harassment of minor children and other offences. A notice has been sent to the office of the government advocate in this regard, before filing the application in court, sources said. The FIR was lodged at the Jhansi police station in Prayagraj against Saraswati and his disciple Mukundanand Brahmachari over allegations of sexual abuse of two persons, including a minor, over the past year.

According to the FIR, the complainants included Ashutosh Brahmachari Maharaj and two other persons, one of them a minor, who alleged sexual abuse by the accused at a gurukul and during religious congregations, including the recently concluded Magh Mela in Prayagraj. The action on Saturday followed an order passed by the special judge (POCSO Act), Prayagraj, directing that a case be registered on the application moved by Ashutosh Brahmachari and others.

ICRA has maintained a Stable outlook for the Indian aviation industry, supported by expectations of modest growth in domestic air passenger traffic and a gradually improving operating environment, despite near term challenges

-Kinjal Shah, Senior VP and Co Group Head, ICRA

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CSMVS' initiative

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) unveiled 'Networks of the Past: A Study Gallery of India and the Ancient World' in Mumbai. Over 300 archaeological objects from more than 15 leading Indian and global museums will be showcased for three years until 2028. According to CSMVS: "These tell stories from the ancient cultures of India, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, Persia, and China, alongside treasures from undivided India."

Nikon unveils new product

Nikon India Pvt. Ltd., has announced the release of the NIKKOR Z 70-200mm f/2.8 VR S II, a fast telephoto zoom lens compatible with full-frame/FX-format mirrorless cameras. The first NIKKOR lens to support the use of Arca-Swiss tripod heads, for smoother tripod mounting and dismounting. The tripod collar of this lens can be attached to Arca-Swiss screw-type quick-release clamps. However, please avoid using lever-type clamps, as they may not fix the lens firmly in place.

Projects Today launches platform

Projects Today introduced AI-Driven business opportunity platform to strengthen India's project ecosystem. The new positioning brings project lifecycle context, tenders and L1/order updates, and stakeholder intelligence into one convenient workflow - helping organisations engage the right projects at the right time. The upgraded platform introduces an AI-enabled evolution focused on practical outcomes, including BOQ search, sub-project tracking, tender-to-order journey visibility, bidder and participation insights, opportunity estimation tools, credibility and analytics dashboards, and richer stakeholder relationship mapping.

Harpic rolls out new product

Harpic, a home hygiene solutions provider has announced the launch of its latest product - New Harpic Bathroom Ultra Cleaner. The company also onboarded Bollywood Film-maker Rohit Shetty as brand ambassador. Rohit Shetty said, "I know what it's like when people associate you with a certain style, it means they trust you to deliver every single time. And that trust pushes you to do more, do better and to raise the bar."

Policybazaar logs milestone

Since 2018, Policybazaar has facilitated over ₹2,069 crore in term insurance claims across 2,660 cases. This milestone strengthens consumer confidence in an underpenetrated market often hindered by claim concerns. By leveraging a digital-first model, the platform ensures speed and transparency, partnering with insurers to transform the stressful claims experience into a seamless, empathetic, and guided process for nominees during their most critical time of need.

iQOO launches 15R; Co sees good demand in India

It has been six years for iQOO in India and the company has been launching flagship products

Flagship Features

- Slimmest smartphone with a 7600 mAh battery
- Powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5
- Has SuperComputing Chip Q2 with the 144 FPS gaming

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Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO



speed and efficiency. iQOO 15R is India's slimmest smartphone with a 7600 mAh battery. It also used the company's proprietary SuperComputing Chip Q2 with the 144 FPS gaming. It is also equipped with a Sony LYT-700V OIS camera, a 1.5K 144Hz AMOLED EyeCare Display, along with IP68 & IP69 dust and water resistance, the company said.

"The new launch is the second one in the iQOO 15 series. We already have the flagship product iQOO 15, which has received good response. Given the kind of features in the new phone and the pricing, we believe

that the new variant is also going to get a very good response," Nipun Marya, CEO of iQOO told the BizzBuzz on the sidelines of the launch event. "This is fastest smartphone in the market. It has a Snapdragon 8 Gen 5 processor. So, it is very fast and powerful. On the battery side, this is India's slimmest phone with 7600 mAh battery. It means, you can use your phone all day, do heavy tasks the whole day and there will be no issues with the phone at all. All of this, along with the camera, we believe that the price range of ₹40,000 to ₹45,000 for iQOO 15R is an amazing offer for our Indian users," Marya added.

Markets in red as tariff fears rattle IT stocks

Infotech stocks plunge nearly 5% as renewed US tariff concerns dent risk appetite

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EQUITY benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled more than 1 per cent on Tuesday, dragged down by heavy losses in IT stocks amid concerns over artificial intelligence-led disruption and renewed trade-related uncertainties. Rising global crude prices amid escalating US-Iran tensions and sluggish global cues also hit investor sentiment, traders said. Snapping its two-session rally, the 30-share BSE Sensex plummeted 1,068.74 points, or 1.28 per cent, to settle at 82,225.92. During the day, the benchmark plunged 1,359.93 points, or 1.63 per cent, to hit an intraday low of 81,934.73. A total of 2,802 stocks declined, while 1,422 advanced and 143 remained unchanged on the BSE.

The 50-share NSE Nifty fell 288.35 points, or 1.12 per cent, to close at 25,424.65. In the intraday session, it



depreciated by 385.4 points, or 1.49 per cent, to hit a low of 25,327.60. As many as 32 of its components ended in the red while 18 settled in the green territory. "Investor sentiment weakened amid renewed concerns over global trade developments and rising geopolitical tensions, which kept crude oil prices elevated. Moreover, continued pressure on global technology stocks and fears of AI-led disruption further dragged domestic IT shares, amplifying the decline in the benchmark indices," Ajit

Mishra SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. Tech Mahindra emerged as the biggest laggard, declining by 6.6 per cent, followed by HCL Technologies, Eternal, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Larsen & Toubro, Trent, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, Bharat Electronics Ltd and ICICI Bank. On the other hand, NTPC, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Steel, PowerGrid, Titan, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank, and Sun Pharmaceuticals were among the gainers. "Domestic markets registered a sharp decline, led

by significant weakness in IT stocks amid renewed global concerns over AI-driven disruption and margin pressures for traditional service providers. Global trade and tariff worries resurfaced as well, with additional pressure arising from Trump's warnings on trade deals and reports of possible national-security tariffs. "Meanwhile, escalating US-Iran tensions, marked by embassy staff evacuations and Iran's warnings of wider regional escalation, intensifying risk aversion. Overall, markets remain highly sensitive to geopolitical risks and sector-specific pressures, driving investors toward defensive, domestically focused segments," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. Broader indices also ended in the negative territory, with the BSE Smallcap Select Index falling 0.68 per cent, while the Mid-cap Select Index slipped 0.54 per cent.

Cabinet enhances equity investment limit of Powergrid to ₹7,500 cr per subsidiary

The approval will enable the Maharatna to expand its investment in its core business and support the evacuation of renewable energy capacity

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved enhanced delegation to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), enhancing the permissible equity investment limit of the company from the current threshold of Rs 5,000 crore per subsidiary to Rs 7,500 crore per subsidiary -- while retaining the existing cap of 15 per cent of the company's net worth.

The approval came under the extant guidelines dated February 4, 2010, of the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) on the delegation of powers applicable to Maharatna CPSEs.

According to an official statement, the approval will enable POWERGRID, the largest and most experienced transmission service provider in the country, to expand its investment in its core business and support the evacuation of renewable energy capacity, helping achieve the target of 500 GW from non-fossil-based sources.

The statement further said that POWERGRID can now participate in the bids for capital-intensive transmission projects, such as Ultra High Voltage Alternating Current (UHVAC) and High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission networks.

Additionally, it will broaden competition in the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) for the selection of bidders for critical trans-



mission projects. "This ensures better price discovery, and ultimately leads to the availability of affordable and clean energy for consumers," the CCEA said.

The POWERGRID, the central transmission utility, recently announced its unaudited financial results for the third quarter of this fiscal. The public sector company reported robust growth in profitability.

Standalone profit after tax (PAT) stood at Rs 4,160.17 crore -- a 6.8 per cent increase from Rs 3,894.09 crore in Q3 FY25. Standalone revenue from operations was Rs 11,005.28 crore, up year-on-year from Rs 10,120.72 crore.

The Board of Directors approved several significant proposals, including a second interim dividend of Rs 3.25 per equity share (32.5 per cent on the face value of Rs 10) for FY 2025-26. The dividend will be paid on February 27, 2026.

Clean Max's ₹3K-cr IPO subscribed 45% on day 2

NEW DELHI: The initial public offering (IPO) of Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions, a commercial and industrial renewable energy provider, received 45 per cent subscription on the second day of share sale on Tuesday. The company's IPO got bids for more than 97 lakh (97,59,106) shares against over 218 lakh (2,18,23,329) shares on offer, according to the NSE data. The qualified institutional buyers' category was subscribed 1.21 times, while the quota for non-institutional investors was booked 41 per cent. Retail Individual Investors part fetched a 4 per cent subscription. Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions raised Rs 921 crore from anchor investors on Friday. The public issue will close on February 25. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 1,000-1,053 per share, valuing it at Rs 12,325 crore at the upper end. The proposed issue comprises a fresh issue of shares worth up to Rs 1,200 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of shares valued at Rs 1,900 crore by promoters and an investor shareholder.

World shares trade mixed after heavy selling in AI scrips hit Wall Street

BANGKOK: World shares were mixed on Tuesday after US stocks slumped on heavy selling of shares in companies that could be losers in the artificial-intelligence boom. A report by Citirini Research, a New York-based financial services company, that outlined a future scenario in which AI's dominance caused the "human-centric consumer economy," to wither away with dire consequences for employment, was the latest hit to confidence for companies that might be displaced by fast expanding use of the technology. "Policy response has always lagged economic reality, but lack of a comprehensive plan is now threatening to accelerate a deflationary spiral," the report says. Still, Tuesday brought gains for computer-chip makers and other companies that profit from development of AI.

In early European trading, Germany's DAX edged 0.2 per cent lower to 24,952.11 and in Paris the CAC 40 was down less than 0.1 per cent at 8,491.94. Britain's FTSE 100 also lost less than 0.1 per cent, to 10,673.99. The



futures for the S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average were up less than 0.1 per cent.

In Asian trading, Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index surged 0.9 per cent to 57,321.09. Chip testing equipment maker Advantest rose 4.5 per cent, while machinery maker Disco Corp. added 2.1 per cent. Markets in mainland China advanced as they reopened following a weeklong holiday, but Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell as traders locked in profits from recent gains, slipping 1.8 per cent to 26,590.32. The Shanghai Composite index rose 0.9 per cent to 4,117.41. In South Korea, the Kospi picked up 2.1 per cent to 5,969.64, setting fresh records on gains for memory chipmaker Samsung Electronics, which jumped 3.6 per cent. SK Hynix, another chipmaker, closed 5.7 per cent higher.

India's CV industry clocks robust sales in Jan

NEW DELHI: THE Indian commercial vehicle (CV) wholesale volumes reported a robust 27 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth to 99,544 units in January, along with a sequential growth of 1.9 per cent over 97,682 units recorded in December 2025, a report showed on Tuesday.

The year-on-year growth was primarily driven by the reduction in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate to 18 per cent from 28 per cent, effective September 22, 2025 and was further supported by increased freight activity in the goods segment, according to ICRA.

Retail volumes in the medium and heavy commercial vehicle segment (M&HCV) witnessed a healthy growth of 15.4 per cent on a YoY basis in January while recording a sequential growth of 22.1 per cent.

The retail volume growth in the M&HCV segment during the 10 months of FY26 stood at 6.3 per cent, indicating improving volume momentum following the implementation of GST rate cuts.

Moreover, according to the report, retail volumes in the light commercial vehicle



(LCV) segment grew by 14.9 per cent YoY in January.

The YoY growth in retail volumes of the LCV segment during 10 months of FY26 stood at 11.1 per cent.

Overall, the domestic CV wholesale volumes grew by 11.3 per cent (on-year) "during 10M FY2026, while retail volumes registered an 8.5 per cent growth during the same period", said the report.

The domestic CV industry is expected to register a moderate YoY growth of 7-9 per cent in wholesale volumes in FY26. Domestic CV wholesale volumes are further projected to register a moderate YoY growth of 4-6 per cent in FY2027.

The M&HCV (trucks) and LCV (trucks) segments are expected to witness YoY volume growth of 7-9 per cent and 9-11 per cent, respectively.

The buses segment is likely to see an 8-10 per cent YoY growth during the fiscal, said the report.

Gold rises ₹400; silver stays flat

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose by Rs 400 to Rs 1,63,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday amid persistent buying by stockists and a weaker rupee, according to the local marketmen. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,62,800 per 10 grams on Monday. However, silver prices remained unchanged at Rs 2,72,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). Traders said increased offtake by local jewellers and stockists supported gold prices in the domestic market, even as international precious metal rates declined. In the international markets, spot gold was trading 1.35 per cent lower at USD 5,157.16 per ounce, while silver traded flat at USD 88.19 per ounce. Analysts said weakness in the rupee made gold costlier for holders of other currencies, offsetting the impact of a decline in global prices.



Cos should be cautious on AI usage claims: Sebi whole-time member

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SEBI'S whole-time member Amarjeet Singh cautioned against 'artificial washing', or the use of exaggerated claims as a marketing tactic, warning that such instances can erode the public's trust in the markets.

"We have seen instances of market participants making overstated claims about using AI to deliver exceptional returns," Singh said, addressing an event jointly organised by IIMK and NSE here.

Asking companies to be mindful of how they communicate claims on usage of AI, Singh warned, "exaggerated claims, or selective disclosures, the so-called AI washing can mislead markets and erode trust". He acknowledged that AI is a powerful tool for education, research and accessibility, but advised for certain care to be taken as adoption of AI grows because of its ability to generate "convincing misinformation at scale".

"Can we confidently say that today's true and fair reports truly reflect economic reality?" he asked, adding that such questions are more relevant in the current times.



Amarjeet Singh says such claims can erode the public's trust in the markets

There are newer forms of a shift to "narrative-led communication including purpose-washing and green-washing", Singh said, pointing out that the aspirational language used in such efforts can sometimes run ahead of "verifiable action and measurable outcomes".

There is a historic capital shift from "financial to intellectual capital" as seen in the explosive growth in the stock prices of seven tech giants in the US, he said, underlining that the intangibles are driving market value.

Singh rued that our reporting systems have not

kept pace and underlined the need for reviewing the ways in which the reporting captures the intangible aspects of value creation, including advantages of algorithm usage, human capital prowess and societal impact. "Until we do, we are navigating the future with yesterday's map," Singh said.

No one should be systematically disadvantaged by opacity, manipulation, hidden conflict or engineered confusion, Singh said, adding that there is a possibility for information acting as a bridge between households and capital markets, and savings and productive investments if we get it right. "At stake is not just market efficiency, but public trust in finance as a force for good," he concluded.

ADB commits \$108 mn to Aavas Financiers

NEW DELHI: Asian Development Bank on Tuesday said it has signed a senior secured debt financing package of up to \$108 million (about Rs 983 crore) with NBFC Aavas Financiers to expand access to affordable housing loans for lower-income households and business loans for MSMEs in underserved states across India. The package includes concessional debt financing of \$8 million (in Indian rupee equivalent) through the Canadian Climate and Nature Fund for the Private Sector in Asia (CANPA), Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in a statement.

The financing will support housing loans for self-built and green-certified homes, promoting climate-resilient and energy-efficient housing solutions for lower-middle-income borrowers, it added. The transaction is also supported by up to \$1,50,000 in technical assistance to build institutional capacity and boost market awareness of green housing solutions, it said.



Mahesh Babu heads to Georgia for next schedule of SS Rajamouli's 'Varanasi'

Superstar Mahesh Babu's next ambitious project Varanasi is shaping up as one of the biggest pan-world ventures in Indian cinema. Mounted on a monumental scale, the film is being directed by global blockbuster filmmaker S. S. Rajamouli, best known for Baahubali and RRR.

Mahesh Babu was spotted leaving Hyderabad from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport earlier today, heading to Georgia for the next major shooting schedule. This is a work trip, as the actor is set to join the upcoming international schedule of the film. Reports suggest that Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran are

also expected to join the Georgia leg of the shoot, making this schedule one of the most crucial phases of production.

Music maestro M. M. Keeravani recently revealed that background score work will begin in September, after the entire shoot wraps up in June. The film also features Prakash Raj in key role. Produced by K. L. Narayana and S. S. Karthikeya, the massive pan-world action-adventure is being made on a grand budget and scale. Varanasi is officially slated for a worldwide theatrical release on April 7, 2027, and is already being positioned as one of the most ambitious Indian films ever made.

What is your beef?

'Kerala Story' released in 2023 and claimed many things that were wrong with Kerala, including the theory of "Love Jihad." The state largely looked away. The film is back in the news as the makers release a trailer for Part 2; this time they have targeted beef curry. And now Kerala refuses to take the misrepresentation lying low, crying foul at what it sees as an attempt to fracture the secular fabric of society

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'Kerala Story 2' and the politics and propaganda around it, along with the hilarious reels mocking the beef scene in the trailer, take me back to my recent visit to Kochi. The port city—with its art, architecture, layered history, and melting pot of cultures—leaves an indelible mark. The sea, the fish, and most importantly the warmth of its people stay with you.

Our quest for authentic Kerala parota with some help from an auto driver led us to a simple but bustling hotel in Mattancherry. The owner sat



at the counter while we shared a table with two students waiting for their meal. First came pathimukham—the special Kerala root boiled water served hot. We were spoilt for choice: the menu included appam, stew, kadala curry, square parota, even Indian Chinese. The clientele was a mixed bag—foreign tourists, local businessmen, executives, college students, families. People of all classes and creeds sat together, united by love for food. And guess what was the most ordered dish—Beef Roast.

Beef is today in the news thanks to the recently released trailer of the film 'The Kerala Story 2'.

In the trailer, a jihadi is shown force-feeding a girl beef curry. The scene appears conceptualized with little understanding of local culture or culinary habits, seemingly

to shock and provoke. Instead, it led to widespread indignation, with Malayalees across religions proclaiming their love for beef curry. The internet is filled with memes and reels mocking what many see as a scene created in poor taste and poorer research.

The story of 'The Kerala Story' goes back to 2023 when Part 1 was released. It was widely accused of being propaganda, given its premise. The film tells the story of a Malayalee Hindu girl lured into conversion by her lover, married, and taken to a terrorist camp. It suggests that "Love Jihad" is widely prevalent in Kerala, quoting unverified numbers to substantiate the claim. In a technically weak film, several scenes present conspiracy theories and questionable information as fact.

Kerala did not agree with

'The Kerala Story.' A state that produces some of the finest films considered it too trivial to take seriously. "No one will watch it here," was the general consensus—and they were not wrong. The film failed to make an impact in Kerala, though it provided WhatsApp fodder elsewhere.

Now the team has released the trailer for Part 2. This time, among other things, they have targeted Kerala's most popular dish—beef curry. And that has clearly backfired.

"In Kerala, everyone has 'Left' blood regardless of religion or politics," shared Father Augustine Vattoly, whom I met during the Kerala visit. He was referring to a shared social conscience that reflects in how people respond to issues. You see it in small but telling incidents—like the recent viral video of

an elderly woman stopping a scooter rider from using the sidewalk. A responsible citizen taking a stand.

Augustine is a Catholic priest who supported Sister Ranit, who spoke against a Bishop and faced ostracism and legal battles. He convened "Save Our Sisters" (SOS) to stand by protesting nuns during the 2018 agitation. His experiences reflect Kerala's courage in expressing dissent. Sister Ranit and a few nuns now survive through tailoring and stitching cotton bags, sustained by community support. That solidarity, he says, is heartening.

The 'Me Too' movement from late 2017 and 2018 was an eye-opener across India. But perhaps only in Kerala did it trigger deep introspection in the film industry, leading to the dissolution of AMMA (Association of Malayalam Movie Artists) after the Hema Committee report. The Women in Cinema Collective (WCC), formed after the abduction case involving actor Dileep, continues to grow stronger.

Actor Rima Kallingal, an active WCC member, said at a National Women in Media conference in Thiruvananthapuram that directors and writers sometimes reach out to check if their scripts represent women appropriately. Even occasional instances like these signal a shift in perspective.

The industry and society in the state remain male dominated. But when power is pitted against the powerless, a strong section speaks up for

the wronged.

Popularly known as God's Own Country, Kerala is in many ways People's Own Country—fiercely protective of its collective identity. People are proud of their clean roads, greenery, heritage, culture, and cuisine—and yes, the beef roast and curry enjoyed with parota or puttu.

Today, the response is not just about a beef scene. It reflects awareness of attempts to fracture a secular fabric where shared history takes precedence over divisive narratives. Onam, for instance, is celebrated by all communities. King Mahabali is welcomed with fervour, followed by the Onam sadhya—vegetarian in tradition, though some homes add non-vegetarian variations.

A case has now been filed in a Kerala court against the release of the film. As we await judgment, one wonders if 'The Kerala Story 2' will succeed in polarizing Kerala.

The film is being strategically released ahead of elections. It is worth recalling that on more than one occasion BJP candidates in Kerala have promised better quality beef in their manifestos. Hilarious but true.

Looking back at municipal elections in Thiruvananthapuram, BJP did see some success. Whether beef had a role is debatable—but the irony is unmistakable.

After all, if anything could sway a Kerala voter, it might just be the promise of good quality beef.

'Emi Raa Balaraju' from 'Vishnu Vinyasam' strikes a chord as breakup anthem

Actor Sree Vishnu, known for his effortless comic timing and relatable performances, is gearing up to entertain audiences with his upcoming film Vishnu Vinyasam, an out-and-out entertainer directed by debutant Yadunaath Maruthi Rao. Starring Nayana Sarika as the female lead, the film has already built strong buzz with its first two singles, especially the Valentine's Day release, which became a chartbuster.

Adding to the momentum, the makers have now unveiled the third single, Emi Raa Balaraju, a quirky breakup number that blends heartbreak with humour. Designed as a tribute to love failures who choose laughter over pain, the song opens on a playful note with comedian Satya counting numbers, setting the tone for the protagonist's comic rant on love, heartbreak, and emotional chaos. The



narrative humorously reflects a man's frustration with romance, wrapped in satire and relatable sarcasm, making it instantly connect with younger audiences.

Producer Sumanth Naidu also makes a fun appearance, adding extra humour to the track. Composer Radhan delivers a groovy, punchy composition, while Sarath Santos's vocals bring a smooth flow to the song. Lyricist Ramajogayya Sastry

cleverly transforms the hero's misery into mischievous fun through witty lines. Sree Vishnu's energetic lungi dance steps, choreographed by Bhanu Master, add mass appeal and crowd-pleasing moments. With music creating strong pre-release buzz, Vishnu Vinyasam is set to hit theatres on the 27th of this month, promising a laughter-filled entertainer with fresh flavour and youthful energy.

'D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu' holds grand preview event

The Telugu web series D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu is all set to premiere on ZEE5 from February 27, creating strong buzz ahead of its digital release. The series stars Rajeev Kanakala, Udaya Bhanu, Vasanthika, and Sriram Venkat in prominent roles. Produced by K.V. Sriram under the South India Screens banner and directed by Krishna Poluru, the series recently held a special media preview, followed by a grand launch event attended by the cast and crew.

Rajeev Kanakala described his role as one of the most defining performances of his career, stating that the character demanded emotional depth, modulation, and transformation unlike anything he has done before. He credited director Krishna Poluru for presenting him in a refreshing and intense new space, adding that the narrative maintains gripping tension and emotional engagement till the very end. Director Krishna Poluru revealed that the story evolved over nearly two years, shaped carefully to balance emotional depth with thriller elements. He thanked ZEE5 for supporting the vision and trusting the project's long-form storytelling approach.

Udaya Bhanu shared that she connected deeply with her role, especially the emotional layers, calling the character both strong and vulnerable. Producer K.V. Sriram expressed confidence that the series would resonate strongly with families and fathers, praising Rajeev's immersive performance and the consistent intensity across episodes.

ZEE5 Telugu Senior Vice President Jayanth Raghavan said the series adds emotional depth to the platform's Telugu originals, while the team also highlighted the strong contribution of cinematography by Mahesh and dialogues by Shruti.

Positioned as an emotionally intense thriller, D/O Prasad Rao Kanabadutaledhu promises a layered, suspense-driven narrative that blends family emotions with gripping storytelling.



'Haiku' wraps first schedule, targets September release

Vision Cinema House has officially announced the successful completion of the first shooting schedule of its upcoming film Haiku, marking a confident start to the project's production journey. The opening schedule was wrapped up smoothly and on time, giving the team strong momentum as the film moves forward.

The first phase of filming featured key sequences involving lead actors Aegan and Sridevi, along with impactful performances by Adrichi Arun and Kalaivani Baskar. According to the makers, the cast delivered emotionally layered performances that added depth and authenticity to the narrative right from the opening schedule.



Haiku is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, with additional screenplay contributions from Hariharan Ram. The creative collaboration has resulted in a script that blends sensitivity, realism, and strong cinematic storytelling, raising expectations within industry circles.

The production team has also expressed satisfaction with the visuals

captured so far, particularly praising cinematographer Priyesh Guruswamy for establishing the film's emotional tone and visual mood. The footage from the first schedule is said to have exceeded expectations.

Produced by Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu under the Vision Cinema House banner, the film is progressing as planned. The next shooting schedule will begin shortly in Chennai, where major portions of the story will be filmed.

With strong creative energy and steady production progress, Haiku is slated for a grand worldwide theatrical release in September 2026.

Mrunal Thakur grabs fashion lovers attention

Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur's latest release Do Deewane Seher Me, produced by celebrated filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali and co-starring Siddhant Chaturvedi, has opened to a modest response at the box office. The film reportedly collected around Rs 1 crore on its opening day, followed by a slight growth on day two with earnings of approximately Rs 1.60 crore. Despite the marginal improvement, overall collections remain below industry expectations.

Even as the film faces a slow theatrical run, Mrunal has remained upbeat and focused, choosing to stay positive about her journey rather than dwell on numbers. The actress continues to engage her fans through social media, where she recently shared a set of stunning new pictures that quickly caught attention online. In the latest photos, Mrunal is seen in a chic white one-shoulder top paired with grey wide-leg trousers, creating a modern yet elegant silhouette. The outfit's soft drapes added a graceful touch, while her styling—straight open hair, bold eye makeup, and nude lips—gave her a confident and contemporary look. Keeping her accessories minimal with a statement ring and a sleek bangle, the actress let her outfit take centre stage, earning praise from fans and fashion lovers alike. On the professional front, Mrunal has a promising lineup ahead. She will next be seen in the upcoming film Dacoit, which is scheduled for release on April 10. The film stars Adivi Sesh in the lead role and is already generating buzz among audiences. While Do Deewane Seher Me struggles at the box office, Mrunal Thakur's confidence, consistent screen presence, and upcoming projects continue to keep her firmly in the spotlight.

