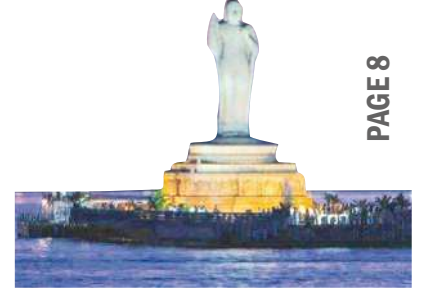




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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New Delhi on Saturday

PM gets WH invite as he talks trade & security with Rubio

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held crucial talks on security and trade with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who in turn extended him an invitation to the White House on behalf of Donald Trump. The three-day visit to India by Rubio comes at a time when ties between India and the US under Trump 2.0 have continued to fluctuate amid trade and energy tensions, which have only deepened amid the Iran conflict. US envoy Sergio Gor, who joined Rubio for the meeting with PM Modi, said the talks

also spanned the Indo-Pacific, where China has sought to assert its strength. India has always been viewed by the US as a counterbalance to China in the crucial region. "We had a productive discussion on ways to deepen US-India cooperation across security, trade, and critical technologies... India is a vital partner to the United States!" Gor tweeted. He also said that PM Modi was invited to the White House in the "near future". In the meeting, Rubio also pitched for US energy products, saying it had the potential to diversify India's energy supply.

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Sanjeevani rollout across state by Aug 15: CM Naidu

Says it's predictive, preventive, and curative healthcare prog

- ▶ Launches the expanded programme in Chittoor district
- ▶ AI-based medical advice, virtual consultations, and doctor follow-up services will be introduced
- ▶ Govt plans to introduce a "family doctor" system for every household in future



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu addressing a public meeting in Yadamarri village in Chittoor district after the launch of Sanjeevani project on Saturday

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI CHITTOOR

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched the expanded Sanjeevani healthcare programme in Kandriga village of Yadamarri mandal in Chittoor district on Saturday, saying the initiative aims to eventually provide comprehensive healthcare services to people across the state. Describing public health as one of the government's

top priorities, Naidu said the programme is being implemented with focus on predictive, preventive, and curative healthcare under the concept of 'Health is Wealth'. Naidu recounted that Sanjeevani was launched as a pilot project in Kuppam last year and has now been extended to the entire Chittoor district. The government plans to implement it across the state before August 15. Under the programme,

every individual will be provided with digital health record. The Chief Minister said the government is making arrangements to conduct 42 types of medical tests at the village level. AI-based medical advice, virtual consultations, and doctor follow-up services will also be introduced as part of the initiative. The government plans to introduce a "family doctor" system for every household in the future.

Naidu said health insurance coverage up to Rs 2.5 lakh is being provided to every citizen. In addition, medical assistance up to Rs 25 lakh would be extended through NTR Vaidya Seva and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for those requiring advanced treatment. The Chief Minister urged people to maintain good health through proper food habits, exercise, yoga, meditation and pranayama.

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Lokesh calls for statewide push for Mahanadu success "STREE SHAKTI MAHANADU" TO BE THEME OF CONCLAVE THIS YEAR



- ▶ TDP to hold hybrid Mahanadu across 1,875 clusters during May 27-28
- ▶ Cadre asked to mobilise women, grassroots level leaders and booth teams
- ▶ Attendance would be monitored through the "My TDP" app

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

MINISTER for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh on Friday called upon Telugu Desam Party cadre to work collectively with zest to ensure the success of the party's Mahanadu, which will be conducted in a hybrid format across 1,875 clusters in Andhra Pradesh during May 27 and 28. Addressing cluster in-

charges during an online review, Lokesh described Mahanadu as a reflection of the TDP's "strength, discipline and organisational spirit" and said the event should be conducted in a festive atmosphere across the state. He said this year's conclave would be organised under the theme "Stree Shakti Mahanadu," with focus on women's participation and empowerment. Lokesh said the party had originally planned to organise Mahanadu physically in Nellore, but switched to a hybrid format in view of energy conservation measures and broader national circumstances following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for austerity and fuel conservation. Lokesh said politiburo members and state-level leaders would participate physically from the party headquarters in Mangalagiri, while cadre and local leaders would join virtually from cluster-level venues across the state.

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US tightens green card rules Applicants may now have to return home to apply



WASHINGTON: IN a major shift in US immigration policy, the administration of President Donald Trump has announced that many foreign nationals seeking permanent residency, or green cards, may now have to leave the United States and apply from their home countries. The new policy, issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), marks one of the biggest changes to the green card process in more than six decades. The move has drawn criticism from immigration lawyers, aid organisations and policy analysts, who warn that it could disrupt the lives of millions of immigrants and their families.

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US & IRAN CLOSE TO EXTENDING CEASEFIRE BY 60 DAYS

TEHRAN: The ceasefire between US and Iran is likely to be extended by two more months, according to reports, citing mediators. The ceasefire has been in place since April 8 and reports of extending the truce comes amid fresh diplomatic push after mediator Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir met top Iranian leadership in Tehran over the weekend.

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Naidu targets YSRCP Says no place for 'axe party' in democracy

Says no place for 'axe party' in democracy

- ▶ Accuses the previous govt of encouraging divisive politics
- ▶ Assures to transform Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub

HANS NEWS SERVICE CHITTOOR

LAUNCHING a blistering attack on the YSRCP, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu accused the Opposition of promoting violence, spreading misinformation and creating social divisions during its tenure in power. Addressing a public meeting at Yadamarri village in



Puthalapattu Constituency in Chittoor district, Naidu alleged that the previous regime had subjected people to fear and insecurity over the last five years. Without directly naming the YSRCP, he repeatedly referred to it as the 'axe party', saying that it has no place in democracy. The Chief Minister said the Opposition was unable to tolerate the

welfare and development programmes being implemented by the NDA coalition government. He claimed frustration within the party had increased as the government's 'Super Six' welfare promises were receiving a positive response from the public. Naidu accused the previous government of encouraging aggressive political conduct and false propaganda. "They speak lies whenever they open their mouths and pretend to be innocent before the media," he remarked, alleging that divisive campaigns were being carried out in the name of caste and religion for political gains.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PUSH PM DISTRIBUTES OVER 51K APPOINTMENT LETTERS

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits at the 19th Rozgar Mela via video conferencing, as part of the government's broader push to boost employment generation. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that since the Rozgar Mela series was initiated by PM Modi on October 22, 2023, the number of



appointments in government jobs has increased, transparency has been brought into the recruitment system, and candidates' confidence has grown. He added that the discipline of timelines and dead-

lines has also increased in the recruitment process, and the merit of candidates appointed through the Rozgar Mela has been superior. Inspired by Modi's initiative, several state governments have also started organising similar job fairs. More than 5.5 to 6 lakh jobs have been created through job fairs in states including Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura.

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Cockroach party website taken down

FOUNDER SLAMS GOVT'S 'DICTATORIAL BEHAVIOUR'

NEW DELHI: The official website of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has been taken down in the recent crackdown against the youth and Gen Z-led online movement after the party's official X handle was withheld.

Petro prices hiked again

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices were increased again on Saturday, marking the third hike in less than 10 days as global crude oil prices continue to surge amid the ongoing West Asia conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz. Petrol prices were raised by up to 87 paise per litre, while diesel prices increased by as much as 91 paise per litre across major cities. In Delhi, petrol now costs Rs 99.51 per litre, up from Rs 98.64, while diesel prices rose from Rs 91.58 to Rs 92.49 per litre. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) prices were also increased by Re 1 per kg, marking the third hike in less than 10 days. With the latest revision coming into effect immediately, CNG in Delhi will now cost Rs 81.09 per kg. Prices in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad have risen to Rs 89.70 per kg, while Gurugram will see CNG priced at Rs 86.12 per kg.

Tulsi Gabbard quits as director of US nat'l intelligence

WASHINGTON: Tulsi Gabbard resigned as President Donald Trump's director of national intelligence on Friday, saying she needed to step away as her husband battles cancer. She is the fourth Cabinet official to depart during Trump's second term. In her resignation letter, which she posted on social media, Gabbard said she told Trump she would leave office on June 30.

CBSE's diktat on 3-language study sparks debate

- ▶ CBSE Class XII results (2026) reveal fewer than 500 students across south India opted for their state languages
- ▶ Kerala leads with 367 Malayalam candidates, while Tamil Nadu, despite its linguistic pride, saw only 52 Tamil examinees
- ▶ Students lament language switching pressures, shifting between Hindi, Tamil, and Sanskrit due to policy reversals
- ▶ Experts warn of a looming threat to south Indian languages, as globalisation and AI and pan-English language skills overshadow mother tongue learning

SRITA VEMURI HYDERABAD

IN the context of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) mandating the three-language formula from this academic year, the latest Class XII results reveal a troubling picture of language learning in south India. While the policy aims to balance national integration with regional identity, the numbers of those making choices among the languages suggest that learning of south Indian languages is being given the go-by not by others but by students themselves. The CBSE Class XII results



show that only three students wrote the Telugu exam, five the Kannada exam, and 52 the Tamil exam. Kerala stands out with 367 students opting for

Malayalam, but even this figure is modest given the hundreds of CBSE-affiliated schools in the region. Altogether, fewer than 500 students across Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry, and Kerala chose to take their state language in the final board exam. For context, the CBSE has made the study of three languages compulsory for students from Class ninth beginning from the first of July this year. In a statement, CBSE said that at least two of the three languages must be native Indian languages, in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023. It was clarified that there will be no board examination for the third

language (R3) in Class tenth and that all assessments for R3 will be entirely school-based and internal. Further, the board said, the performance of students in R3 will be duly reflected in the CBSE certificate. No student will be barred from appearing in the Class tenth Board Examinations due to R3, it added. Students themselves admit that language choice is often strategic. "I am a child of a Telugu-speaking couple who grew up in Hyderabad; so, Hindi was chosen as my second language, and Tamil became my inevitable third," shared one student.

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice	Possession Taken Date
1. Jorjige Subba Rao, S/o Nagaiah, R/o D.No.19-238, Madara Bazar, Vinukonda, Guntur Dist-522647. 2. Jorjige Mallikarjuna Rao, S/o Jorjige Subba Rao, R/o D.No.1-238, Vinukonda, Guntur Dist-522647. 3. Jorjige Rajesh Babu, S/o Subba Rao, R/o D.No.19-238, Big Masjid Street, Vinukonda, Guntur Dist-522647. 4. Jorjige Nagaraju, S/o Late. J.Hanumantha Rao, R/o 18-47, Medara Bazar, Peda Masjid Backside, Vinukonda, Guntur Dist-522647. (LR of Late Hanumantha Rao, signatory of the loan document)	To pay an amount of Rs.32,04,587/- (Thirty Two Lakhs Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven Rupees only) under reference of Loan A/C No:- NARP1TF1312310002 Demand Notice Dated:-03-03-2026	22nd day of May 2026

Description of Property : Mortgage created by Jorjige Subba Rao; Guntur Dist, Narasaraopet Regn-Dt, Vinukonda Sub District, Vinukonda Municipal Area, Vinukonda, D.No.390/1B, Peda Masjid Bazar, an extent of 77 sq.yds or 65.46 sq.mts of house site and a RCC roof residential ground and first floor building constructed therein bearing Door No.19-238 and 19-238-1 and Asst.Nos. 1131009883 and 1131013755 bounded by: East : Gali Bazaar. South : Property of Jorjige Nagaiah, West : Road. North : Property of Jorjige Sankar Rao.

Within the above, an extent of 77 sq.yds or 65.46 sq.mts of house site and a RCC roof residential ground and first floor building constructed therein bearing Door No.19-238 and 19-238-1 and Asst.Nos.1131009883 and 1131013755 only. ((This property corresponds to Doc.No.465/1958 of S.R.O. Vinukonda and Item No.2 of 'D' schedule property of Regd will No.32/Bk.3/1990 of S.R.O. Vinukonda).

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place :Guntur, Date: 22-05-2026 Authorized Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd

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1. Kotha Vara Prasad, S/o Narasimha Rao, D.No.3-15, Vinukonda Post And Mandal, Palnadu District. 2. Thummalaipalli Sai Ram, S/o Satyanarayana, D.No.20-98/2, Gunti Anjaneya Swamy Street, Vinukonda, Palnadu District. 3. Thummalaipalli Malleswari, W/o Sai Ram, Ramula Vari Veedhi, Tripurantakam Post and Mandal Prakasam Dist. 4. Thummalaipalli Subramanyam, S/o Sai Ram, Ramula Vari Veedhi, Tripurantakam Post and Mandal Prakasam Dt.	To pay of Rs.28,05,278/- (Twenty Eight Lakhs Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight Rupees Only) under reference of Loan A/C No:- VNKN3TF1407300005 Demand Notice Dated:-10-12-2025	22nd day of May 2026

Description of Property : Mortgage created by Kotha Vara Prasad; Guntur Dist., Narasaraopet Registration District, Vinukonda Sub Dist., Vitamajupalli Gram Panchayathi Area, Brahmanpalli Village, D.No.165/1, An Extent Of 10.78 Cents and D.No.165/1c, 5.30 Cents as per subsequent Sub Division, D.No.165/1a out of Ac.3.15cents, An Extent of Ac.0.92cents, D.No. 165/1b An Extent of Ac.0.06 Cents, D.No.165/1c out of Ac.1.34 Cents, An Extent of Ac.0.97 Cents and D.No. 165/1e An Extent of Ac.0.45 Cents, In Total A.C.2.40 Out of Which House Site In An Extent of 211.57sq.Yds or 176.894 Sq.Mts of House Site Bearing Plot No. 5 in "Balaji Estates" Along With ARCC Roof Residential Building in a Plinth Area of 930 Sq. Fts. Bounded By: East: Land of M/S Vini Ventures and Constructions.38.2 Ft. West: 33 Ft. Wide Bazaar. 38 Ft. North: Site In Plot No. 6.52 Ft. South: Site In Plot No.4.48 Ft.

Within An Extent Of 211.57sq.Yds Or 176.894 Sq.Mts Of House Site Bearing Plot No. 5 in "Balaji Estates" along with a RCC Roof Residential Building in a Plinth Area of 930 Sq. Fts Only. (This Property Corresponds To Document No.3372/2011 Of S.R.O. Vinukonda)

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Place :Guntur, Date: 22-05-2026 Authorized Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Incorporated under the State Financial Corporation Act, LXIII of 1951)
18-5, 2nd Floor, Beside Swalanthra Petrol Pump, Near Kambala Cheruvu, Rajamahendravaram, 533105.
Phone : 0883-2442766, Mobile No.99493 58513, E-Mail : rajahmundry@apsfc.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

NOTICE FOR SALE U/s. 29 OF SFC'S ACT 1951

In exercise of powers conferred under Sec.29 of State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the borrower(s)/ mortgagors mentioned hereunder, the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their legal heirs/ representatives, as the case may be, are hereby informed that offers are invited by the Senior Branch Manager, Rajamahendravaram Branch, of APSFC for purchase of the properties listed below on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "without recourse" basis on E-auction dated 27.07.2026, for recovery of amount mentioned hereunder due to the aforesaid Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrower/s in the account/s. The details of Reserve Price, EMD for the secured assets will be as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Industrial concern & Location	*Amount Out Standing as on 30.04.2026 (Rs.In Lakhs)	Description of Property	Reserve Price a) Total Assets only (Rs. In lakhs)	EMD b) Machinery only (Rs. In lakhs)	Date of Demand Notice:	Date of Possession Notice:
1.	M/s. Livax Plastics, Rep.by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1D, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344.	1519.01	Land:Ac.0.83 cents or 4017.20 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1D, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building: PEB Factory Shed: 1839.48 Sq.m Machinery: Tape extrusion line, Filament/Tape winder, Air cooled compact air chiller, Dosing unit with mixer body, High Tensile black bobbins, Air Compressor, etc., Line of Activity: Manufacture of HDPE/ PP Tape Rolls for Woven Sacks.	a) 324.29 b) 156.22	a) 20.00 b) 12.02	05.08.2021	19.07.2022
2.	M/s. Villmar Agro Polymers Pvt. Ltd Rep.by Directors : 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1C, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	2026.85	Land:Ac.0.47 cents or 2274.80 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1C, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building: PEB Factory Shed: 1021.93 Sq.m Machinery: Circular Looms, Panel Board etc., available in the same premises. Lamination machine, Bag stitching machines etc. available at M/s Livax Plastics unit premises. Line of Activity: Manufacture of HDPE/ PP Woven Sacks Bags.	a) 295.32 b) 185.02	a) 20.00 b) 14.24	05.08.2021	19.07.2022
3.	M/s. Silaris Rotomacs Rep.by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1B, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	877.92	Land :Ac.0.42 cents or 2032.80 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1B, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building : PEB Factory Shed : 715.35 Sq.m Machinery : Circular Looms, Panel Board etc., available in the same premises. Rotogravure printing machine, Drum type slitter rewinder machine, Coating & Lamination machine, Pouch making machine etc., are available at M/s Livax Plastics unit premises Line of Activity: Rotogravure Printing, Lamination and Pouch making.	a) 140.39 b) 87.79	a) 10.80 b) 6.76	05.08.2021	17.05.2022
4.	M/s Lenira Polymers Rep.by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1A, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	395.03	Land : Ac.0.28 cents or 1355.20 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1A, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building:PEBFactory Shed: 427.35 Sq.m Machinery: Plastic processing extrusion machine along with standard accessories etc., Line of Activity: Mfg. of Multi (Three) Layer Blow Film.	a) 73.98 b) 39.43	a) 5.70 b) 5.00	05.08.2021	17.05.2022

*With further interest and other expenses if any from 01.05.2026.
DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: The e-auction will take place through portal <https://www.bankauctions.in> on 27.07.2026 from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM onwards with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes time.
Tenders will not be accepted for the sale of the machinery of any single unit individually and the tenders shall be invited and accepted only for the combined sale of machinery of all four units.
The interested bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-auction available on the Web Portals: <https://www.apsfc.ap.gov.in> and <https://www.bankauctions.in> before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-auction. Every Tenderer is deemed to have gone through and accepted the Terms and Conditions for sale.
The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account:- 002311011000751, Union Bank of India, Veerabhadrapuram Branch, (IFSC Code: UBIN0806269).
LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER FORM ALONG WITH EMD ON 24.07.2026 ON OR BEFORE 5.00 P.M.
E-auction bid document containing e-auction Tender Form, Declaration, General Terms & Conditions of online auction sale are available in APSFC's website <https://www.apsfc.ap.gov.in> and <https://www.bankauctions.in>. For any further details/clarifications, prospective bidders may contact Branch Manager on Mobile No.9866310581.
Station : Rajamahendravaram Sd/- Senior Branch Manager, APSFC, Rajamahendravaram Branch. Date: 24.05.2026

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
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Borrower & Guarantors Name and Address	AMOUNT DUE AS PER DEMAND NOTICE :
1. Para Adi Narayana, S/o. Subbaiah, aged about 59 years, Hindu, Business, resident of Door No.29-2177/2, Siddhartha Nagar, Vinukonda Town and Mandal, Palnadu District-522615. 2. Para Lakshmi W/o Adi Narayana, aged about 54 years, Hindu, Housewife, resident of Door No.29-2177/2, Siddhartha Nagar, Vinukonda Town and Mandal, Palnadu District-522615. 3. Kota Prabh Dasu, S/o. Gangaiiah, aged about 60 years, Hindu, Business, resident of Door No.3-60, Pothavaram Village, Darsi Mandal, Prakasam Dist. District,-523247.	To pay an amount of Rs. 42,43,197/- (Rupees Forty two Lakhs forty three thousand one hundred ninety seven rupees Only) under reference of Loan A/C No:- VNKN3TF1812240004 Demand Notice Dated:- 22.11.2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Description of Property Para Adi Narayana to you : Palnadu Dist (Previously Guntur District) Narasaraopet Registration District, Vinukonda Sub Dist, Vinukonda Municipal Area, Vinukonda village, D.No. 401-2b1, near Door No.29-2005/5, an extent of 172.5 sq.yds or 144.227 sq.mts of Vacant Site. Bounded by: East : Site of Mahadevu Madhava Raju - 350. Ft.; South : N.S.P.Canal -45.0 ft.; West : Municipal Bazaar -34.0 ft.; North : ACC Shed of Polopalli Ashik Kumar - 45.0 ft. Within the above, an extent of 172.5 sq.yds or 144.227 sq.mts of Vacant Site only. (This property corresponds to Doc.No.930/2018 of S.R.O. Vinukonda).

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Place : Guntur Date : 22-05-2026 Authorized Officer Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower & Guarantors Name and Address	AMOUNT DUE AS PER DEMAND NOTICE :
1. Gangineni Yogeswara Rao S/o Brahma Naidu, Dno.30-359, Nuzendia (po)&md, Guntur Dt-522660. 2. Gangineni Anitha W/o Yogeswara Rao, Dno.30-359, Nuzendia (po)&md, Guntur Dt-522660. 3. Idapalapati Srinivasa Rao S/o Venkateswari, Dno.2/118, Main Bazar, Near Vivekananda School, Vinukonda (po&md), Guntur Dt-522647.	To pay of Rs. 36,60,163/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three only) under reference of Loan A/C No:- VNKN3TF2310310005 Demand Notice Dated:- 13-01-2026

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Description of Property Gangineni Yogeswara Rao to you. Palnadu District, Narasaraopet Registration Dist, Vinukonda Sub District, Vinukonda Municipality, Vinukonda Town, Survey No.905 an extent of Ac. 3.36 cents, out of which an extent of 9724 sq.links or 470.64 Ft. or 395.33 sq.mts of vacant site bearing Plot No.49 in " Siva Sai Nagar-2" being bounded by: Dr.No.4-650 near East : Road leading to Saraswathi Siva Mandir - 56.0 Ft.; South : 25 Ft. Wide Road -47.0 Ft.; West : 30 Ft. Wide Road-95.0 Ft.; North : Site in Plot No.50 - 69.6 Ft. Within the above, an extent of 9724 sq.links or 470.64 sq.yds or 395.33 sq.mts of vacant site bearing Plot No.49 in " Siva Sai Nagar-2" only. (This property corresponds to Doc.No.4565/2012 of S.R.O. Vinukonda).

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place : Guntur Date : 22-05-2026 Authorized Officer Shriram Finance Limited

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TOWN BRANCH (20772), VUYURU, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV (Rule-8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA, Town Branch (20772), Vuyuru, Krishna District, Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 13.03.2026 calling upon the Borrowers: 1.Mrs.Kuppa Indira, W/o. Kuppa Ramu, D.No.54-16-1/32, Plot No.40, 3rd Street, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District 520008. 2.Mrs.Kuppa Indira, W/o.Kuppa Ramu, D.No.12-2-830/38, Zeba Bagh, Lane before Anusha Hospital, Hill Asifnagar, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State 500028 and 1.Sri Kuppa Ramu, S/o.Kuppa Narasimha Sastry, D.No.54-16-1/32, Plot No.40, 3rd Street, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District 520008. 2.Sri Kuppa Ramu, S/o.Kuppa Narasimha Sastry, D.No.12-2-830/38, Zeba Bagh, Lane before Anusha Hospital, Hill Asifnagar, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State 500028 (Home Loan A/C.No's. 33948710894). To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being in Rs.23,40,614/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen only) and inclusive of interest up to 13.03.2026, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 19th day of May 2026.

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

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Town Branch (20772), Vuyuru, Krishna District., for an amount Sum of Rs.23,40,614/- and further interest from 14.03.2026, expenses, costs, etc. thereon. Recoveries made subsequent to serving demand notice will be adjusted.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
An Extent of 1/56th share of 22.66 Sq. yards or 18.94 Sq. meters of unspecified and undivided joint share out of total extent of 1269 Sq. yards or 1060.88 Sq. meters of House site with 850 Sq. feet of plinth area, 170 Sq. feet of Common area & 30 Sq. feet of Two Wheeler Parking area, with flat No.308 in Third Floor of " Lakshmi Residency" With easement rights towards from schedule Property Constructed thereon. Situated at In R.No. 165/1, Nearby bearing Door No.8-62, Door No.8-62/308, Vuyuru revenue Nagara Panchayath & Mandal, Krishna District, belonging to Sri Munnaluri Prasad, S/o. Gandhi, Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 3932/2019, Dated 23.09.2019, Registered at S.R.O. Vuyuru, Krishna District and Bounded by : A Schedule Apartment Boundaries: An Extent of 1269 Sq.yards or 1060.88 Sq.mtrs of site, In R.S.No.165/1, Nearby bearing door.no.8-62, Situated at Vuyuru Nagara Panchayath & Mandal, Krishna district bounded by: East : Bazaar-73'-6", South : Property of Koganti Mallikarjunarao and Pili Manikyalarao.e.t.c.,-162', West : Property of Voora Radhakrishna Murthy-67'-6", North :12 feet width of Bazar and Property of Voora Mohana Rao, Radhakrishnamurthy, e.t.c.,-162'.
B Schedule Flat boundaries: Flat no.308, 3rd Floor of Lakshmi Residency, Bounded by: East : Open to Sky; South : Common Passage, West : Common Passage; North : Common Passage.

Date : 19-05-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Vuyuru STATE BANK OF INDIA

GMC launches 4-week special sanitation drive

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GMC commissioner K Mayur Ashok stated that a ward-wise special action plan has been prepared under "Operation Clean Sweep" to transform Guntur into a clean and hygienic city within four weeks through public participation. As part of the

State Government's directions to improve sanitation, he launched the four-week special sanitation drive, Operation Clean Sweep, at Naz Centre on Saturday, by initiating intensive cleaning activities on six major roads with 50 sanitation workers deployed per road. Special waste bags would be distributed to street vendors, and they were in-

structed to deposit waste in those bags and hand it over only to sanitation workers visiting during morning or evening hours. Later, he formally flagged off Operation Clean Sweep, participated in sweeping activities along the main roads with sanitation workers, and took part in an awareness rally up to Kothapeta.

KAKINADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
e' PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
Roc No. 2424/2026/E2, Dated: 23.05.2026
Tenders invited through an e procurement platform for 68 works with an estimated cost value of Rs.9,63,43,608/- from the eligible contractors. Last date and time for downloading for 08 Works: Dt. 05-06-2026 upto 10-00 AM. Last date and time for downloading for 60 Works: Dt.16-06-2026 upto 10-00 AM. Tender Inviting Authority: Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Kakinada. Mail: kkd_mpcorp@yahoo.com, Call Centre Phone: 0884-2357722. Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement mail place at www.aperecurement.gov.in
Sd/- N.V.V.Satyannarayana, Commissioner (F.A.C), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office : Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Zonal Office: Shriram Enclave, Annapurna Nagar, 5th Lane, Inner Ring Road, Gorantla, Guntur - 522034

POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this day 22nd day of May 2026.

Borrower & Guarantors Name and Address	AMOUNT DUE AS PER DEMAND NOTICE :
1. L. Anusha W/o Venkata Krishna, aged about 26 Yrs, R/o D.No. 3-35, Ramalayam street, Pedakancharla (V), Vinukonda (m), Guntur dt-522649. (Guarantor and LR of the Deceased Borrower Being Wife of deceased Borrower) 2. P.Shankar S/o Jagannadham, aged about 35 Yrs, R/o. D.No. 223A, Jandachettu Bazar, Pedakancharla, Vinukonda, Guntur dt-522649.	To pay an amount of Rs.24,27,030/- (Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Thirty Rupees only) under reference of Loan A/C No:- VNKN3TF1702260001 Demand Notice Dated:- 10-02-2026
3. L. Naga Tejaswini D/o Late Venkata Krishna Linga, aged about 6 Yrs, R/o D.No. 3-35, Ramalayam street, Pedakancharla (V), Vinukonda (m), Guntur dt-522649. (LR of the deceased borrower, being minor she is represented by her natural mother and guardian smt. l.anusha at 4. L. Bhavishya S/o Late Venkata Krishna, aged about 4 Yrs, R/o D.No. 3-35, Ramalayam street, Pedakancharla (V), Vinukonda (m), Guntur dt-522649. (LR of the deceased borrower, being minor he is represented by her natural mother and guardian smt. l.anusha at 5. smt. L. Venkata Ramana W/o L. Anjaneyulu, and mother of Venkata Krishna Linga (deceased borrower), aged about 48 years, R/o.D.No.3-35, Ramalayam street, Pedakancharla (V), Vinukonda (M), Guntur dt-522649. (LR of the deceased borrower being his mother) 6.L.Anjaneyulu S/o Not Known, Father of Venkata Krishna Linga (deceased borrower), aged about 60 years, R/o.D.No.3-35, Ramalayam street, Pedakancharla (V), Vinukonda (m), Guntur dt-522649 (LR of the deceased borrower being his father) (Respondents 1,3 to 6 are the Legal representatives on the deceased borrower L.Venkata Krishna).	

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Description of Property Late L. Venkata Krishna to you : Guntur District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Vinukonda Sub District, Vinukonda Municipal area, Vinukonda D.No.862/1, out of Ac.1.56 cents, near Door No.4-120, an extent of 129.11 sq.yds or 107.948 sq.mts of vacant site bounded by: East : House of Potlapadu Nagur etc. - 14.0 Ft.; West : Bazaar - 14.0 Ft.; North : Site of Gummanampati Mastan Vali - 83.0 Ft.; South : House of Sayyed Rasool - 83.0 Ft. Within the above an extent of 129.11 sq.yds or 107.948 sq.mts of vacant site only. (This Property Corresponds To Doc. No.3838/2016 of S.R.O. Vinukonda).

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place : Guntur Date : 22-05-2026 Authorized Officer Shriram Finance Limited

OSBISTATE BANK OF INDIA
NIDUMOLU BRANCH (15054), NIDUMOLU, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV (Rule-8(1)) (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the STATE BANK OF INDIA, Nidumolu Branch (15054), Nidumolu, Krishna District, Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 13.03.2026 calling upon the Borrowers: 1.Mrs.Kuppa Indira, W/o. Kuppa Ramu, D.No.54-16-1/32, Plot No.40, 3rd Street, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District 520008. 2.Mrs.Kuppa Indira, W/o.Kuppa Ramu, D.No.12-2-830/38, Zeba Bagh, Lane before Anusha Hospital, Hill Asifnagar, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State 500028 and 1.Sri Kuppa Ramu, S/o.Kuppa Narasimha Sastry, D.No.54-16-1/32, Plot No.40, 3rd Street, Veterinary Colony, Vijayawada, NTR District 520008. 2.Sri Kuppa Ramu, S/o.Kuppa Narasimha Sastry, D.No.12-2-830/38, Zeba Bagh, Lane before Anusha Hospital, Hill Asifnagar, Humayun Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana State 500028 (Home Loan A/C.No's. 33948710894). To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being in Rs.28,22,270/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy only) and inclusive of interest up to 13.03.2026, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 19th day of May 2026.

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

The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Nidumolu Branch (15054), Nidumolu, Krishna District., for an amount Sum of Rs.28,22,270/- and further interest from 12.03.2026, expenses, costs, etc. thereon. Recoveries made subsequent to serving demand notice will be adjusted.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
"A" Schedule : An extent of 2171.21 Sq.Yards of site in R.S.No.366/2A, Nearest Door No.48-13-3, Situated at Gunadala, Vijayawada, within the limits of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, within the jurisdiction of Office of the District Registrar East, Vijayawada East Registration District, Krishna District, belongs to 1.Ramu Kuppa, S/o.(Late) Narasimhaswamy, 2.Smt. Indira Kuppa, W/o. Ramu Kuppa, Vide Regd. Sale Deed No.4368/2014, Dated 09.07.2014 being bounded by : East : Municipal Corporation Road, South : Others Property, West : Property of Nalluru Kasi Visweswararao, North : Property of Nalluru Subba Rao.
In between the above four boundaries an extent of 2171.21 Sq.Yards or 1815.413 Sq.Mtrs of site in which undivided and Unspecified Joint Share of 39.36 Sq.Yards or 32.91 Sq.Mtrs., of Site only.
"B" Schedule : In the total site of the above A- Schedule, apartments are being constructed in the name and style of " SAI KARTHIK PARK VIEW" in which flat no.108 in Ground floor and being bounded by: East : Open to Sky, South : Lift and Open to Sky, West : Common corridor, North : Open to Sky. In between the above boundaries flat having a plinth area of 952 Sq.feet, with common area of 245 Sq.feet and One Car parking area and One Scooter parking area of 150 Sq.feet with all fixtures, electrical fittings, along with joint right in common facilities like common areas, staircase, lift, generator, water, drainage along with other Co-owners, together with all rights of easements relating thereto.
Date : 19-05-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Nidumolu STATE BANK OF INDIA

Step towards school is the path to progress: Collector

- NTR collector Dr Lakshmi calls for collective efforts to boost admissions in government schools
- 'Badi Pilusthondi' campaign receives encouraging response in NTR district
- Parents urged to utilise facilities and quality education offered in government schools

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ing awareness among parents to admit their children in government schools.

NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmi has said that the "Badi Pilusthondi" enrolment drive is receiving an enthusiastic response across the district, with officials and field-level staff actively creat-

On Saturday, the Collector, along with District Educational Officer (DEO) L Chandrakala and officials from various departments, visited Bhimavaram and Makkapeta villages in Vatsavai mandal



NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshmi interacts with parents and students during the "Badi Pilusthondi" enrolment drive in Vatsavai mandal on Saturday

and participated in the "Badi Pilusthondi" programme being organised by the Education Department and Samagra Shiksha. During the visit to Bhimavaram, the collector took part in a door-to-door awareness campaign and interacted with parents, explaining the facilities and welfare schemes available in government schools. He congratulated 26 students who shifted from private schools to government schools. Later, he visited the Zilla Parishad High School at Makkapeta and reviewed the student admission process. The officials also identified out-of-school children and facilitated their enrolment.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Lakshmi directed officials and teachers to work in coordination to ensure that every child joins school and receives quality education. He also instructed officials to complete all pending works being taken up under the "Mana Badi Mana

Bhavishyathu" programme before the reopening of schools. Special Officer DMF Vijayakumari, teachers, village elders and officials participated in the programme.

Meanwhile, NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshmi, along with former MLC TD Janardhan, KDCC Bank Chairman Nettem Raghuram, Jaggayyapeta MLA Sriram Rajagopal (Tataiah) and other local leaders, inaugurated a WBM metal road constructed at a cost of Rs 1.19 crore at Lingala village in Vatsavai mandal.

Speaking on the occasion, the collector said the upgraded rural road would improve connectivity between Lingala and Vatsavai and greatly benefit the police team for solving the case efficiently. In the press meet held at the district police office here on Saturday, the SP explained that the complainant, Addepalli Nagesh Babu, of Kothapeta, Chimakurthy, runs the hardware shop on the town's main road. On May 12, when he arrived at his shop at around 8 am, he found the iron latch on the inner room door picked open. On checking, he found that gold ornaments, silver articles, and cash stored in two almira's had been stolen. He lodged a complaint at the Chimakurthy Police Station.

Delay in supply of 'Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra' kit

- Global supply chain disruptions and rising raw material costs delaying delivery of uniforms, bags and shoes
- Govt making efforts to provide textbooks and notebooks before schools reopen on June 12

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Samagra Shiksha State Project Director B Srinivasa Rao

SAMAGRA Shiksha State Project Director B Srinivasa Rao has stated that there would be a slight delay of about one month in the supply of 'Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra' student kits due to adverse international conditions affecting the manufacturing and transportation sectors.

In a statement issued on Saturday, Srinivasa Rao said the government had made elaborate plans to ensure timely distribution of the kits by the reopening of schools. However, the prevailing international war-like situation, shortage of gas and crude oil, and scarcity of raw materials such as fibre have

led to a sharp rise in prices in the global market. He explained that disruptions in transportation and supply chains have affected the production of uniform

cloth, school bags, shoes and other kit materials. As a result, suppliers have sought additional time for delivery.

Despite these challenges, the State government is taking steps to ensure that students do not face any inconvenience in their studies. Srinivasa Rao said all efforts are being made to supply textbooks and notebooks to students before schools reopen on June 12.

He further stated that the remaining items, including school bags, shoes and uniforms, would be distributed by the time of the proposed Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (Mega PTM).

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CHANGE OF SURNAME
MASINA VINOOTHNA CHOWDARY (old name) D/o Yaramati Anand, W/o Vinay, R/o Flat No. 106, Ashritha Heights, Opp VSM College, Ramji Chandrapuram, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District 533255, AP. I have changed my name as YARAMATI VINOOTHNA CHOWDARY (new name) W/o RaviChandra. Here after my name is known as YARAMATI VINOOTHNA CHOWDARY (new name), D/o Anand, W/o RaviChandra. Presently residing at Door No.4-7-1, Bandarupalli (V), Tadikonda (Md), Guntur Dist. AP.

(TH_Krishnapragada)

CHANGE OF NAME
SHEHANA SYED W/o. Mohammad Imran, 4-108, Masjid Street, Vegavaram, Jangaredygodum Mandal, Eluru Dist, A.P. I have changed my name from Mohammad Shehana (Old name) to Shehana Syed (New name). Hence fourth lam being called Shehana Syed W/o. Mohammad for all purpose

(TH_Sivaprasad)

CHANGE OF NAME
KP PRASHAN KUMARI legally wedded spouse of No. 14250607H, Rank HAV (Retd). Name: DANIEL KATEPALLI presently resident of H.No.10-108, Garuvampudi, Vadlamudi, Chemburu Mandal, Guntur Dt, Andhra Pradesh - 522213. do hereby solemnly affirm and state that I have changed my name from KP PRASHAN KUMARI KATTUPALLI PRASANNA. Hereafter all documents & correspondence will be continued with this name KATTUPALLI PRASANNA.

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Police arrest two, recover Rs 37 lakh cash

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ONGOLE

PRAKASAM district Superintendent of Police, V Harshavardhan Raju, announced that they had arrested two persons in connection with a theft of gold, silver, and cash worth Rs 37 lakh from a hardware shop in Chimakurthy town, and congratulated the police team for solving the case efficiently.

In the press meet held at the district police office here on Saturday, the SP explained that the complainant, Addepalli Nagesh Babu, of Kothapeta, Chimakurthy, runs the hardware shop on the town's main road. On May 12, when he arrived at his shop at around 8 am, he found the iron latch on the inner room door picked open. On checking, he found that gold ornaments, silver articles, and cash stored in two almira's had been stolen. He lodged a complaint at the Chimakurthy Police Station.

The SP said that the Clues Team from Ongole collected evidence from the crime scene. Police used CCTV footage and technical intelligence to identify the accused. He said that they arrested two persons in connection with the case, Mirapalli Prasad, 22, of Seetharamapuram village, Nellore district, and Kumbha Sambaiah, 40, of Pedda Palakaluru village, Guntur district, at Nandanamarella village in Kanigiri mandal, on Friday. Police recovered 273 grams of gold, about 1.845 kg of silver, and Rs 5.95 lakh cash from the accused.

The SP announced that Prasad is a habitual offender who climbs buildings and enters shops and houses through rooftops, and is involved in 13 cases across Nellore, Prakasam, and Srikakulam districts.



Prakasam SP V Harshavardhan Raju explaining about the arrest of the accused at a press meet at the District Police Office in Ongole on Saturday

'Praja Darbar' held to resolve land disputes

ONGOLE MLA Damacharla Janardhana Rao inaugurated a Praja Darbar, with a focus on revenue issues, at the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) office here on Saturday. Around 40 Position Certificates were issued on the spot to help landowners who could not construct houses due to missing proper documents. More certificates are being prepared for eligible applicants. All grievances are being entered online, and citizens will get updates through phone calls and SMS.

Speaking at the event, MLA Janardhana Rao said the aim is to provide comprehensive solutions to the public, not just forward grievance letters. The MLA also assured the resolution of D-Patta tax problems.

Programme held on preparation of natural farming seed pellets

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

A programme on the preparation of natural farming seed pellets was organised on Saturday at the Rythu Seva Kendram (RSK) in Nandara-davilla, Rajanagaram Mandal, under the Rajah-mundry division. The initiative was conducted under the auspices of the Rythu Sadhika Samstha (A.P.C.N.F.). District Project Manager Tatarao and NFA Gautam attended the event as chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, DPM Tatarao advised farmers practicing natural farming to adopt the PMDS (Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing) method. He suggested preparing seed pellets using various seeds, including black gram, green gram, cowpeas, sorghum, chickpeas, and dhaincha (green manure).

"Broadcasting these seed pellets in the fields before the early monsoon rains not only ensures healthy germination but also effectively prevents seed-borne diseases," Tatarao explained.

Pemmasani takes part in Rozgar Mela

GUNTUR: Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekar stated that employment generation in government has been an ongoing process, but the Prime Minister's direct monitoring and continuous reforms to ensure transparency and efficiency in recruitment are noteworthy. He addressed newly appointed employees and highlighted the importance of transparent and systematic recruitment in the Central Government. As part of the nationwide Prime Minister's Rozgar Mela programme, he participated as the chief guest at a programme held at the Railway Bhavan here on Saturday. Addressing the nationwide Rozgar Mela virtually, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with newly recruited employees, youth, and citizens across various regions of the country.

Union Bank of India

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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 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) /Co-obligant (s)/ Mortgagee(s) / Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to secured creditor, Union Bank of India, the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer, will be sold through e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 12-06-2026, for recovery of outstanding dues and other expenses due to the Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada from the following Borrowers and Guarantors. EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction. It is advisable to deposit and Link / Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.

E-AUCTION DATE & TIME : 12-06-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 05.00 P.M
(with 10 min unlinked auto extensions)

1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Aplicant / Mortgagees and Guarantor : 1) M/s. Sri Nomula Brothers, Flat No:111, First Floor, Sri Kanyaka Parameswari Enclave, Opp. Sitarama Temple, Etukuru Road, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522003. 2) Mr. Nomula Nagamalleshwara Rao, S/o. Late Suryanarayana, Address: D No-3-20-29/1, Opp to Army Recruitment office, Ravindra Nagar, First Lane, New Pattabhipuram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522005. 3) M/s. Sri Nomula Brothers, Door No: 163/1A, Nallapadu Road, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522006. 4) Mrs. Nomula Sarada Devi, W/o. N Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, Address: Flat no-5-3, floor, Sitamma Gold Apartment, 5/1 Chandra Mouli Nagar, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh - 522007. 5) M/s. Sri Nomula Brothers, Address: Ist Floor, 106, AP Cotton Association, Main Road, Lakshimpuram, Guntur-522007. 6) Mr. N. Madhusudhana Rao, S/o. Late Suryanarayana, Address: D No-9-2-49, Behind Govt. Junior College, Sattenapalli, Andhra Pradesh - 522403. 7) Mr. Nomula Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, S/o. Late Suryanarayana, Address: Flat no-5-3, floor, Sitamma Gold Apartment, 5/1 Chandra Mouli Nagar, Guntur-522007. 8) Mr. N. Lakshmi Prasad, S/o. Late Suryanarayana, Address: MD 3722, Trey CT Newburgh, IN47620, USA.

Amount Outstanding : Rs. 13,59,56,625.50 as on 31.03.2026 (Rupees Thirteen crore fifty nine lakh fifty six thousand six hundred twenty five and Fifty paise) along with subsequent interest and expenses

Description of The Properties : Property-1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site of 432.2/3 Sq. Yards or 363.72 Sq. Meters situated in D No.349/1C1, Nearest Door No.5-14-30, Beside Agricultural Market Yard, Opp. RTG Bus stand, Residential Area, Ward No.1, Sattenapalli Village, Sattenapalli Municipal Area, Sattenapalli Sub District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Palnadu District held in the name of Mr. Nomula Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, Property description as specified in the Registered Partition Deed dated 16.07.2019, Doc.No.6194/2019 at SRO Sattenapalli. (Sale Deed Doc No:1770/1991 dated 09.07.1991) **East :** Alla Koteswara Rao, Tripuramallu Krishna Murthy and others, 24 Feet wide joint road; **South :** Site of Mr. Kakarla Rama Rao; **West :** Land of Agriculture Market Yard; **North :** Site of Mr. Potti Rajeswara Rao. Google Coordinates: 16.394264, 80.156488

Reserve Price (Rs) : 1,35,69,000/- EMD (Rs) : 13,56,900/- Bid Increment : Rs. 1,35,690/-

Property-2: All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site of 185.00 Sq. Yards or 154.68 Sq. Meters situated in D No.205/1, Nearest Door No.4-7-103, Sattenapalli Village, Rallabandivari Street, Ward No.2, Sattenapalli Municipal Area, Sattenapalli Sub District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Palnadu District held in the name of Mr. Nomula Lakshmi Prasad, Property description as specified in the Registered Partition Deed dated 16.07.2019, Doc.No.6194/2019 at SRO Sattenapalli. (Sale Deed Doc No:1483/1988 and 1484/1988 dated 22.06.1988) **East :** Compound wall of Mrs. Sikkhalanu Lakshmi Pavana Kumari; **West :** Compound wall of Mr. Javajji Punnaiah; **North:** Compound wall of Mrs. Shaik Janbea wife of Mr. Shaik Khassim Saheb. Google Coordinates: 16.397916, 80.149971

Reserve Price (Rs) : 35,37,000/- EMD (Rs) : 3,53,700/- Bid Increment : Rs. 35,370/-

Property-3: All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site of 600.00 Sq. Yards of Plot No.77 situated in D No.475/A, located in D.Nos. 489/1, 475/B, 476/3, 474/3, 476/1A, 478/2B, 474/4 and 475/A of KK's Pallavi Gardens, Hamlet of Pothuru Sivaru, Obulanadupalem Grama Panchayat, Pothuru Village, Guntur Municipal Corporation limits, Nallapadu Sub District, Guntur Registration District held in the name of Mr. Nomula Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, Property description as specified in the Registered Sale Deed Doc. No. 2939/2009 dated 27.07.2009 at SRO Nallapadu. **East :** Site of Plot No.66; **South :** 40 Feet Wide Road; **West :** 40 Feet Wide Road; **North:** Site of Plot No.76. Google Coordinates: 16.274348, 80.349415

Reserve Price (Rs) : 27,54,000/- EMD (Rs) : 2,75,400/- Bid Increment : Rs. 27,540/-

Property-4: Item-1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site of 180.00 Sq. Yards situated in D No.356/1, Ward No.1, Nearest Door No.5-9-1/4, Nagarjuna Nagar, Near Narayana Techno School Building, Sattenapalli Village, Sattenapalli Municipal Area, Sattenapalli Sub District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Palnadu District held in the name of Mr. Nomula Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, Property description as specified in the Registered Gift Deed Doc.No.5258/2005 dated 18.11.2005 at SRO Sattenapalli. **East :** Plot No.22, Road; **South :** Vendees Property; **West :** Plot No.39, Road; **North :** Property of Nomula Madhusudhana Rao. Google Coordinates: 16.394724, 80.158853

Item-2: All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Site of 180.00 Sq. Yards situated in D No.356/1, Ward No.1, Nearest Door No.5-9-1/4, Nagarjuna Nagar, Near Narayana Techno School Building, Sattenapalli Village, Sattenapalli Municipal Area, Sattenapalli Sub District, Narasaraopet Registration District, Palnadu District held in the name of Mr. Nomula Chinnu Venkata Subba Rao, Property description as specified in the Registered Sale Deed Doc.No.1664/1986 dated 17.07.1986 at SRO Sattenapalli. **East :** Plot No.22, Road; **South :** Property of Nomula Madhusudhana Rao; **West :** Plot No.39, Road; **North :** Property of Lakshmi Ganapathi Gupta. Google Coordinates: 16.394724, 80.158853. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 2,03,79,000/- EMD (Rs) : 20,37,900/- Bid Increment : Rs. 2,03,790/-

For auction related queries Contact Mr. T. Dheeraj - Mobile +91 9025349714 (Dealing Officer) and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised Officer/Chief Manager, Mobile : +91 73829 94042

Bidders are advised to go through the website: <https://baankest.com> and <https://www.unionbankofindia.bank.in/auction-property-viewer-property.aspx> for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting the 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 Authorized Officer / Chief Manager ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property. Mail ID : arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank.in,
Date: 04-05-2026
Place: Vijayawada

Authorized Officer
Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Zonal Office: Shriram Enclave, Annapurna Nagar, 5th Lane, Inner Ring Road, Gorantla, Guntur-522034.

POSSESSION NOTICE

We, M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union Finance Limited" amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance limited and converted as Shriram Transport Finance Limited as per the orders of NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022) and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as Shriram Finance Ltd (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 and Zonal Office at Shriram Enclave, Annapurna Nagar, 5th Lane, Inner Ring Road, Gorantla, Guntur-522034 under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the under signed has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **22nd day of May' 2026**.

Borrower & Guarantors Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Shaik Karimulla, S/o Shaik Saïda, D No. 27/240, Kothapeta, Vinukonda, Guntur Dt-522647.	To pay an Amount of Rs.29,26,245.53/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Laks and Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five and Fifty Three Paise only) under reference of Loan A/c No. VNKN3TF2212310003 Demand Notice Dated : 10.12.2025
2) Shaik Rajiya Begum, W/o Shaik Karimulla, D No. 27-240, Kothapeta, Vinukonda, Guntur Dt-522647.	
3) Kakarla Anjaiah, S/o Kakarla Narasimharao, D No.1-25, Agnigundala, Guntur Dt-522647.	
4) Pedamala Venkata Lakshmi Reddy, S/o Pedamala Ramanareddy, D No.1-118, Agnigundala, Ipuru, Guntur Dt-522647.	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY KAKARLA ANJAIH OF YOU

Palnadu District (Previously Guntur District), Narasaraopet Reg. District, Vinukonda Sub District, Vinukonda Municipal Area, Vinukonda Village, D.No. 390/1B, an extent of 72.6 sq.yds or 60.7 sq.mts of vacant site situated near Door No. 31-172. **Bounded by:** East: Municipal Bazaar - 16 Ft, South: Property of Jorj Sankara Rao - 40.10 Ft, West: Property of Maogallapu Rama Krishna Prasad - 16 Ft, North: Property of Jorj Sankara Rao - 40.10 Ft. Within the above, an extent of 72.6 sq.yds or 60.7 sq.mts of vacant site only. (This Property corresponds to Doc.No. 2515/2017 of S.R.O Vinukonda).

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 22.05.2026, Place: Guntur Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.
Zonal Office: Shriram Enclave, Annapurna Nagar, 5th Lane, Inner Ring Road, Gorantla, Guntur-522034.

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the under signed has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **22nd day of May' 2026**.

Borrower & Guarantors Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Ch. Subramanyam, S/o Satyanarayana, R/o H.No. 6-45, Near Vivekananda High School, Main Bazaar, Vinukonda, Palnadu Dist-522647.	To pay an Amount of Rs.1,02,60,942/- (One Crore Two Laks Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Two Only) under reference of Loan A/c No.- CFTVKN03000865 & VNKN3TF0740008 & VNKN3TF1207300019 Demand Notice Dated : 03.01.2026
2) B. Padmavathi, D/o B. Krishna Reddy, R/o D.No. 3-98, Lingamguntla, Agraharam, Narasaraopet, Palnadu Dist-522601, OCC : Office Attendat, Dy. Executive Engineer, Vinukonda, Palnadu Dist-522647.	
3) P. Pullaiah, S/o Abraham, D No 19-139, Chinnu Palem, Vinukonda Post And Mandal Palnadu Dist.	
4) N. Sanjeev Kumar, S/o N. Devadaban, Quarter No.U/8, N.S.P. Colony, Vinukonda, Palnadu Dist.	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY CH. SUBRAMANYAM OF YOU

Previously Guntur District, present Palnadu district, Narasaraopet Reg-Dist, Vinukonda Sub-Dist, Brahmanapalli Gram Panchayat Area, Brahmanapalli Village, D.No.304/1 out of Ac.0.64 cents, an extent of Ac.0.47 cents or 2287.4 sq.yds of site **Bounded by:** East : Driver Colony, South : Railway Track, West : Site sold by the applicant to some extent and polimer to some other extent, North : Site of Bhaskara Rao. Within the an extent of Ac.0.47 cents or 2287.4 sq.yds of site only. (This property corresponds to Doc.No.1967/1981 of S.R.O. Vinukonda).

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 22.05.2026, Place: Guntur Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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.

NOTICE TO BORROWER

Sale Notice (By Private Treaty) [Rule 8 (5) and (6) read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002] # [Rule 6 of 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 / Mortgagee(s) / legal heir, legal representatives (Whether Known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) & assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s) (Since deceased) as the case may be indicated in COLUMN (A) U/s. [Rule 8 (5) and (6) read with Rule 9(1) of 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

Sr. No.	[A] Loan Account No. / Names Of Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s) / Gaurantor(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.) Date of Auction
1.	Loan A/C. No(S) : HL05JAE000072536 1. Mr/Mrs. Chitturu Venkatramana 2. Mr/Mrs. Chitturu Sudha Add For Sr. No. 1 & 2 : Door No. 8-26, Chevitala Road, Vastavai, Near Kdccc Bank, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh - 521402 Add For Sr. No. 1 & 2 : Rs No.135/3 / Door No:10-28 Near Kdccc Bank, Vatsavai(V & M),Nir (D) Andhra Pradesh-521190 Vatsavai Jaggaihpeta NTR 521190 Andhra Pradesh Near Kdccc Bank Krishna 521190	Rs. 25,95,762/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Two Only) As on 11/04/2025	Property on land admeasuring Ac.14 cents 500 Sq.links or 701.8 Sq.yards site with R.C.C house, Door No. 10-28 in Survey No. 135/3 situated at Vatsavai Village & Mandal, Jaggaihpeta Sub - Registry, N.T.R District being bounded by: East: House of Kouluri Sivanaga Veerabrahmahariulu, South: Site of Rupaganthi Chandra Pavani, West: House of Shaik Saïda bee, North: House of Vanam Narasimha Rao & wayWith all easement rights.	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	Rs. 32,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Only) 19.06.2026

* 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 thereof.
Date : 23.05.2026
Place : N.T.R, Andhra Pradesh

Sd/-
AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
For CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
 ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (79170), VIJAYAWADA, Located at 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, RR Apparao Street, Vijayawada, A.P. - 520001
 E-mail: arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank.in

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 provisions of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
 Notice is hereby invited to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) /Co-obligant (s)/Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to secured creditor, **Union Bank of India**, the Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer, will be sold through e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 12-06-2026, for recovery of outstanding dues and other expenses due to the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Vijayawada** from the following Borrowers and Guarantors. EMD shall be deposited and Linked/Map the EMD amount with the Property ID before End Time of Auction. It is advisable to deposit and Link /Map the EMD amount with the property ID well in advance to avoid any technical glitch.

E-AUCTION DATE & TIME : 12-06-2026, 12.00 NOON TO 05.00 P.M
 (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)

1) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : Borrowers : 1)M/s Sujatha Paint World, Mushti Sujatha (Proprietor), W/o Mushti Srinivas, D.No: 27-31-3, Palaparthi Street, Govenorpet, Vijayawada-520002. Unit Address: 32-13-55A, Shop no. 405, Boushathi Street, Moghalrajapuram, Vijayawada -520010. Co-applicant / Guarantors : 1) Mrs. Mushti Sujatha (proprietor), W/o Mushti Srinivas, 27-31-3, Palaparthi Street, Govenorpet, Vijayawada-520002. 2) Mushti Srinivas (Guarantor), Door no: 27-31-3, Palaparthi Street, Govenorpet/Vijayawada - 520002.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 1,84,47,427.40/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven and Forty Paise Only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Residential Duplex House situated in 136.54 sq. yards of site at NTS no. 395, T5 No. 2485 and 2485 NW no. 23, ward no. 10, D. No. 27-31-3, at palaparthi street old post office street, Govenorpet Vijayawada. **Boundaries :** East: Site of Nallapaneni Peda Gerataiah & others; South: Site of Trust Board Anandha Asramam; South: Property of S. Lakshminarayana & vendor; West: Municipal Corporation Road; North: Trust Board of charities of Anna & Vasthra. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 1,71,37,000/- EMD (Rs) : 17,13,700/- Bid Increment : Rs. 1,71,370/-
 For auction related queries Contact Mr. Chinnam Vinay Vardhan +91 9177686000 (Dealing Officer) and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager +91 7382994042

2) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : Borrowers : 1. M/s Ramanna Enterprises, Prop. Nallapaneni Seshagiri Rao, D.No 6-64, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018. 2. Nallapaneni Seshagiri Rao (Proprietor), Boudharam, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018. 3. Nallapaneni Sambasiva Rao (Guarantor) S/o Seshagiri Rao, H.No 6-10, Near Sai Baba Temple, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018. 4. Nallapaneni Seshagiri Rao (Guarantor) S/o Ammaiah, Bodduraj Bazar, Gorlavari Palem, Ponnakkalu, Guntur. 5. Nallapaneni Ramanjaneyulu (Guarantor) S/o Seshagiri Rao, H.No 6-10, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018. 6. Kanakala Mahesh Babu (Guarantor) S/o Madhava Rao, C/o Nallapaneni seshayya, 1-56-1, Near Water Tank, Kothapalem, Ponnakkalu, Guntur-522018. 7. Nallapaneni Lakshmi Prasad (Guarantor) W/o S. Suresh, Near Sai Baba Temple, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018. 8. Nallapaneni Appa Rao (Guarantor) S/o Venkata Rao, H.No 6-44, Near Sai Baba Temple, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522018.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 2,97,76,363.33 (Rs. Two Crore Ninety Seven Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three and Paise Thirty Three Only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Vacant site admeasuring 1500 Sq. Yards situated at D. No. 138/2 of Pedapalakkuru (V), Gorlavari Palem, Pedapalakkuru Sivaru, Gorlavari Palem (V & FT), Guntur. **Boundaries :** East : Site of Nallapaneni Peda Gerataiah & others; South : Site of Nallapaneni Kameswaramma; Against East : Site of Nallapaneni Kameswaramma; Against South : 15 ft wide road; West : Site of Oruganti Veeraswamy & others; North : Site of Oruganti Srinivasa Rao & others. As per Registered Sale deed no 2587/2016 dated 06-04-2016. **Note : SA filed by borrower at DRT Visakhapatnam with no. 74/2025 dated 31-01-2025. Sale is subject to outcome of the SA. List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 62,10,000/- EMD (Rs) : 6,21,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 65,000/-
 For auction related queries Contact Mr. Harish (dealing officer) Contact No. 9052344534 and Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka, Chief Manager Contact No.8074945928

3) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1a) Mr. Odugu Suresh S/o Dharma Rao, D.No. 59A-8/12-2, Vasavinarayan, Vasavinarayan, Vijayawada, NTR Dist. A.P. - 520007. 1b) Mrs. Odugu Sai Neela W/o Suresh, D.No. 59A-8/12-2, Flat No. 105, Vasavinarayan, Backside Funtime Club, Vijayawada, NTR Dist. A.P. - 520007.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 1,71,33,199.92 (Rupees One Crore Seventy - One lakh Thirty - Three thousand One hundred Ninety - Nine and paise Ninety - Two only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : EM of Residential Building with GF and First Floor located at D.No. 12-264, RS No. 135, Revenue Ward No. 12, Opp. Vaid of Recreation Club, Near to Additional District Judge Court, Gandhinagar, Mylavaram Road, Nuzvid within SRO of Nuzvid with an extent of 506.00 Sq. Yds. is in the name of Mr. Odugu Suresh S/o Dharma Rao, D.No. 59A-8/12-2, Flat No. 105, Vasavinarayan, Backside Funtime Club, Vijayawada, NTR Dist. A.P. - 520007. **Boundaries :** East : Site of Kaza Venkata Subrahmanyam; West : 30' wide Road; North : Site of Amrutayya; South : site of Kurli Subba Reddy. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**
Note : SA filed by borrower at DRT Visakhapatnam with no 194/2025 dated 21-03-2025. Sale Confirmation is subject to outcome of the above SA.

Reserve Price (Rs) : 46,00,000/- EMD (Rs) : 4,60,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 50,000/-
 For auction related queries Contact Mr. N. Girish Prasad dealing officer Contact No.9573621034 and Mr. Gopi Krishna Chief Manager Contact No.8074945928

4) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : M/s Royal Agro Implements Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 54 A & B, IDA Kondapalli, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR District, A.P. - 521 280. Directors / Guarantors : Mr. Divyakoti Ashok Kumar (Managing Director & Guarantor), S/o Venkat Rao, D.No. 72-24-16, Dhanekulavari Street, Ashok Nagar Bazaar, Vijayawada-521 456. Mr. Bojendra Naga Tejaswi (Director & Guarantor), W/o Ashok Kumar, D.No. 72-24-16, Dhanekulavari Street, Ashok Nagar, Vijayawada - 521 456.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 3,60,46,118.47 (Rupees Three Crore Sixty lakh Forty-six thousand One hundred Eighteen and Forty-seven paise Only) as on 31.12.2024 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Property No.1: Equitable Mortgage of Industrial land admeasuring 1392.37 Sq. Yds. Situated at RS No. 45, Plot No. 54 - A, IDA, Kondapalli Municipality, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR District held in the name M/s Royal Agro Implements Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Managing Director Mr. Divyakoti Ashok Kumar, (Document No. 606/1996 dated 27.03.1996 & Document No. 233/2018 dated 03.01.2018) is being bounded by: **East :** 12 Meters Wide Road; **South:** Plot No. 54 - C, **West:** Plot No. 54 - B; **North:** 12 Meters Wide Road

Reserve Price (Rs) : 71,20,000/- EMD (Rs) : 7,12,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 72,000/-
Property No. 2: Equitable Mortgage of Industrial land admeasuring 978.49 Sq. Yds. Situated at RS No. 45, Plot No. 54 - B, IDA, Kondapalli Municipality, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR District in the name of M/s Royal Agro Implements Pvt. Ltd. Represented by its Managing Director Mr. Divyakoti Ashok Kumar, (Document No. 605/1996 dated 27.03.1996) is being bounded by: **East:** Plot No. 54 - A & 54 - C; **West:** 12 Meters Wide Road; **North:** 12 Meters Wide Road; **South:** Plot No. 54 - E

Reserve Price (Rs) : 45,00,000/- EMD (Rs) : 4,50,000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 45,000/-
 For auction related queries Contact Mr. N. Girish Prasad dealing officer Contact No.9573621034 and Mr. Gopi Krishna Chief Manager Contact No.8074945928

5) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1. Mr. Somu Subramanyam, S/o Somu Narasimha Rao, D.No 41-1-17-4, Ranigiri Thota, Bapanayya Nagar, Krishna Lanka, Vijayawada - A.P 520013. 2. Mrs. Somu Sravanthi, W/o Somu Subramanyam, D.No 41-1-17-4, Ranigiri Thota, Bapanayya Nagar, Krishna Lanka, Vijayawada - A.P 520013. 3. Mr. Somu Subramanyam, S/o Somu Narasimha Rao, Flat No.FF-1, First Floor, Sai Towers, Door No 12-4, Ravi Subbaiah Colony, Ravi prasad Street, Yanamalakuru Village, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District A.P. - 520007. 4. Mrs. Somu Sravanthi, W/o Somu Subramanyam, Flat No.FF-1, First Floor, Sai Towers, Door No 12-4, Ravi Subbaiah Colony, Ravi Prasad Street, Yanamalakuru Village, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna District, A.P. PIN Code: 520007. 5. Mrs. Somu Sravanthi, W/o Somu Subramanyam, C/o Sai Kiruga Stores, D.No.30-19-30A, Chaparalavari Street, Ward No 25, Seetharamapuram, Vijayawada 520004.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 46,99,284.76/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four and Seventy Six Paise only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Schedule - A: All that piece and parcel of un-divided and un-specified share of an extent of 37.90 sq yards of house site out of larger extent of 265.41 sq yards near to Door no 12-4, situated in R.S.No 86/1, Ravi prasad Street, Subbaiah Road, Yanamalakuru Village and Panchayat, Penamaluru Mandal, Krishna Dist, with in the following boundaries : **East :** Property of Ravi Kondala Rao; **South:** Property of Perevi Lakshmi; **West:** 30 ft wide Road; **North:** Property sold by Ravi Prasad to others
Schedule - B: Equitable Mortgage of all piece and parcel of Flat No.FF-2, First Floor, flat with plinth area of 1000 sq ft, common area of 50 sq ft, car parking area of 150 sq ft, common utilities over water, drainage, passages and stairs at the ground floor house called Sai Towers at larger extent of Schedule A Property and the Flat with in the following boundaries : **East :** Open to sky and balcony; **South:** Open to sky; **West:** Flat No. 10 and common corridor; **North:** Open to sky (Regd Sale Deed Doc No.3190/2017 dt.11.05.2017 - SRO Patamata, MODT Doc No.3197/2017 dt.12.05.2017) **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 24,07,000/- EMD (Rs) : 2,40,700/- Bid Increment : Rs. 24,070/-
 For auction related queries Contact G. Sravanti : 9849720102 (Dealing Officer) and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Chief Manager +91 7382994042

6) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1) Mr. Yaganti Pratik Kumar, Door No. 7-26/1, Chaitipalem, Ganapavaram, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. 2) Mrs. Yaganti Venkayamma, W/o Yaganti Pratik, Chaitipalem, Ganapavaram, Guntur District, A.P. 3) Mr. Edaru Babu Reddy (Guarantor), S/o Nageswara Reddy, D.No.6-123, Reddya bazar, Krishna Mahal Centre, Chhilaikulurpet-522616
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 47,20,187.81/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven rupees Eighty one paise only) as on 31.03.2026 plus further interest, costs and charges.
Description of The Properties : PROPERTY 1 : Residential Ground floor building in an extent of 286.66 sq.yds at S.No 531/1 Door No 7-26/1 Chaitipalem Ganapavaram village Nadendla Mandal Guntur in the name of Mrs. Yaganti Venkayamma. **Boundaries - East :** Houses of Dasarathi Rao and Phanidapu Sambalaha; **South :** Panchayat Bazaar; **West :** Bazaar; **North :** Houses of Manduri Vijaya Lakshmi

Reserve Price (Rs) : 13,74,000/- EMD (Rs) : 1,37,400/- Bid Increment : Rs. 13,740/-
PROPERTY 2 : Residential ground floor building in an extent of 184.27 (item a - 145 sq yrd / 17 - 39.27 sq yards) sq.yds at S.No 216 of Ganapavaram D.No 4-102 Near Boddurai centre Rajula Bazaar Ganapavaram Panchayat Nadendla Mandal Guntur Dist in the name of yaganti Pratik Kumar. **Boundaries - Item No. A :** North : Joint wall between the schedule and Valeti chinnu Raghava Rao's house and item b; **South :** Joint wall between the schedule and jampani rama rao's house; **East :** Malladi Gopala rao's site; **West :** Bazaar. **Item B :** North : Valeti Adinarayana house wall; **South :** Item -A house wall; **East :** Malladi Gopala rao's site; **West :** Valeti Adinarayana's house wall. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 10,97,000/- EMD (Rs) : 1,09,700/- Bid Increment : Rs. 10,970/-
 For auction related queries Contact R Nagesh : 8431918194 (Dealing Officer) and Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka, Authorised officer : 8074945928

7) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : Borrowers : 1) Mr. Orsu Nageswara Rao S/o Sirimulu, D.No. 3-36, High School Road, Near Narasimha Swamy Temple, Nunna-521212, NTR-District. 2) Mrs. Orsu Nagamalleswari W/o. Orsu Nageswara Rao, D.No. 3-36, High School Road, Near Narasimha Swamy Temple, Nunna-521212, NTR-District. 3) Mr. Orsu Nageswara Rao (Mortgagor) s/o Sirimulu, D.No. 3-36, High School Road, Near Narasimha Swamy Temple, Nunna-521212, NTR-District. 4) Mrs. Orsu Nageswari W/o. Orsu Nageswara Rao, D.No. 3-36, High School Road, Near Narasimha Swamy Temple, Nunna-521212, NTR-District.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 36,07,094.28/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Seven Thousand Ninety Four Rupees and Twenty Eight Paise only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : A-SCHEDULE : Mortgage of residential flat with unspecified share of 39.00 sq. Yds in an extent of 1661.31 Sq. Yds, Near door no. 43-106/1-58 in RS No 17, Flat no 301, 2nd floor of CMR Happy Home's, Near Inner Ring Road, Muttalampadu Vijayawada, NTR dist-520015. **Boundaries to site :** East: Property of Cement Factory Employees Society; **South:** Property of S Lalitha Devi; **West:** 33 Wide Road; **North:** 33' Road and Property of Yalamanda
B-SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 301 in second floor "CMR Happy Homes" With a plinth area of 782-0sq.ft, Common area of 303.50 sq.ft, and Car Parking area of 100.00 sq.ft Constructed in the site shown under Schedule-A being bounded by: **Boundaries to Flat :** East: Open to sky; **South:** Flat no 302; **West:** Common Corridor; **North:** Open to sky. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 20,25,000/- EMD (Rs) : 2,02,500/- Bid Increment : Rs. 20,250/-
 For auction related queries contact Mr. R. Nagesh, Dealing Officer : 8431918194 and Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka, Authorised officer : 8074945928

8) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1. Mr. Veeragantala V Naga Sai Surya Prakash, S/o Veeragantala Venkata Ramana Murthy, D.No 23-5-13, Vandanapu Vari Street, Satyanarayanapuram, Near Little Birds School, Vijayawada- 520 011. 2. Mr. Veeragantala Venkata Ramana Murthy, S/o Veeragantala Surya Prasad, D.No 23-5-13, Vandanapu Vari Street, Satyanarayanapuram, Near Little Birds School, Vijayawada- 520 011
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 34,49,618.78/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and Seventy Eight paise only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses.
Description of The Property : Against Mortgage of Residential Flat with an unspecified share of 30 Sq. Yds in a site admeasuring 246 Sq. Yds in RS No 70/6 and 88/1, Flat No S 1, Second Floor in Venkata Raghava Residency Apartment, Devi plaza Road Near D.No 6-22 with a plinth area of 905 Sq. Ft common area 120Sq.Ft, and car parking area of 110 Sq. Ft. It situated at Prasadampadu Vijayawada Rural Mandal NTR District and Boundary of Attorney of Sri Velamati Kasalaha; **South:** Property of Nadakuditi Venkata Raju; **West:** 18'0" Wide Road; **North:** Property of Sri Cherukuri Sri Prasad. **Boundaries of Flat:** East: Staircase, Common corridor, Lift; **South:** Open to Sky; **West:** Open to Sky; **North:** Open to Sky. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 19,65,000/- EMD (Rs) : 1,96,500/- Bid Increment : Rs. 19,650/-
 For auction related queries contact Mr. R. Nagesh, Dealing Officer : 8431918194 and Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka, Authorised officer : 8074945928

9) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : Borrowers : 1) M/S SLS PHARMA, Prop. Boggavarapu Sugandhi, Shop No.23-5F/19,20, Vasavi Pharma Market complex welfare society, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, NTR Dist, AP-521225. 2) Mrs. Boggavarapu Sugandhi (Borrower) D/o Murali Kunchaparthy, Flat No.102, D.No.16-170/1, Sai Towers, Moulanager, near Andhra Hospitals, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, NTR Dist, AP-521225. Guarantor : Mr. Boggavarapu Srinivasa Rao, S/o B Subbarao, Flat No.102, D.No.16-170/1, Sai Towers, Moulanager, near Andhra Hospitals, Gollapudi, Vijayawada, NTR Dist, AP-521225
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 58,46,514.31 (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen and Thirty One paise only) as on 31.03.2026 along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Property 1 : Commercial shop bearing Shop No:1B-132 in First Floor of Vasavi Pharma Market Complex Welfare society as per sale Deed No: 1754/2015.
Schedule-A : Krishna District, Ibrahimpatnam Sub-Registrar Office, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Gollapudi Grama Panchayat area, Gollapudi Village in RS No.188/1 and 534/1 Being Bounded by: **East :** Property of Bommasani Krishnamurthy; **West :** Property of Tadanki Robelamma; **South :** Property Fitted to Panchayat for Development of National Highway Road; **North :** Property of Venugopala Swamy Vari Devasthanam In Between the above four boundaries an extent of 12,532.08 sq. yards of site with an undivided joint share of 21.00 sq. yards or 17.56 sq. mtrs of site.
Schedule-B : The Entire extent shown in the above A-Schedule, there in constructed a commercial complex called as Vasavi Pharma Market Complex Welfare Society' First Floor, 130p No:1B-132, Assessment No:8394, D.No:23-1B/132 Being Bounded by: **East :** Common Corridor; **South :** Joint wall between this shop and shop no: 1B-131; **West :** Open to Sky; **North :** Joint wall between this shop and shop no: 1B-133. In between the above four boundaries admeasuring 516.0 sq. ft. plinth area of shop, 171.00 sq. ft. common area, with all joint and easement rights of the above said complex. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 18,34,000/- EMD (Rs) : 1,83,400/- Bid Increment : Rs. 18,340/-
Property 2 : Commercial shop bearing Shop No:GB-58 in Ground Floor of Vasavi Pharma Market Complex Welfare society as per sale Deed No: 1753/2015
Schedule-A : Krishna District, Ibrahimpatnam Sub-Registrar Office, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Gollapudi Gramapanchayat area, gollapudi Village in RS No.188/1 and 534/1 Being bounded by: **East :** Property of Bommasani Krishnamurthy; **West :** Property of Tadanki Robelamma; **South :** Property Fitted to Panchayat for Development of National Highway Road; **North :** Property of Venugopala Swamy Vari Devasthanam
Schedule-B : The Entire extent shown in the above A-Schedule, there in constructed a commercial complex called as Vasavi Pharma Market Complex Welfare Society' Ground Floor, 130p No:GB-58, Assessment No:8394, D.No:23-GB/58 Being Bounded by: **East :** Common Corridor; **South :** Staircase; **West :** Vacant Site left for Setback purpose; **North :** Joint wall between this shop and shop no: GB-59 In between the above four boundaries admeasuring 516.0 sq. ft. plinth area of shop, 171.00 sq. ft. common area, with all joint and easement rights of the above said complex. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 20,36,000/- EMD (Rs) : 2,03,600/- Bid Increment : Rs. 20,360/-
 For auction related queries Contact R Nagesh : 8431918194 (Dealing Officer) and Mr. Gopi Krishna Banka, Authorised officer : 8074945928

10) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1) M/S Lakshmi Ganesh Cottons, Rep by Prop. Sri Vanga Srinivasa Reddy, D.No. 24-22-68, Gorlavari Palem, Guntur-522005. 2) Sri Vanga Srinivasa Reddy, S/o Smt. Naga Reddy, D.No 4-22-68, Chaitanyapur, 2nd Lane, Koretippadu, Guntur, 522007, Andhra Pradesh. 3) Sri Madana Malleswari, W/o Venkatappa Reddy, D.No 4-22-68, Chaitanyapur, 2nd Lane, Koretippadu, Guntur, 522007, Andhra Pradesh. 4) Sri Madana Venkatappa Reddy, S/o Anki Reddy, D.No. 4-22-68, Chaitanyapur, 2nd Lane, Koretippadu, Guntur, 522007, Andhra Pradesh
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 97,99,379.70 as on 31.03.2026 (Rupees Ninety seven lakh ninety nine thousand three hundred seventy nine and seventy paise) along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : All that part of the property consisting of Residential Vacant site at Guntur District, Guntur Sub district, Present Koretippadu Sub district, Gorantla Panchayat, Koretippadu village, D.No 137/1, an extent of 465.48 cents of land, out of which an extent of 246 sq yards of vacant site as plot No. 45 belonging to Madana Malleswari, W/o Madana Venkatappa Reddy, Bounded by: **East:** 30ft Wide Road - 37'-00"; **South:** Property covered in plot No 44 - 60'-00"; **West:** Property belongs to vadiamudi venkateswara rao - plot no 30 - 37'-00"; **North:** Property covered in Plot No 46 - 60'-00". **Within these boundaries in an extent of 246sq yards or 205.68 sq mts of vacant site. List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 83,64,000/- EMD (Rs) : 8,36,400/- Bid Increment : Rs. 83,640/-
 For auction related queries contact Mr. T. Dheeraj, Dealing Officer : +91 9025349714 and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager +91 7382994042

11) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1) M/s Leelamarutha Cottons, Through its proprietor Sri Madana Venkatappa Reddy, D.No. 8-215-9/2 Anantavarapadu Road, Etukur, Guntur Andhra Pradesh - 522017. 2) Sri Madana Venkatappa Reddy (Proprietor), H.No. 4-22-68, Koretippadu, Chaitanyapur, 2nd Lane, Guntur Andhra Pradesh-522007. 3) Sri Kandi Sanjeeva Reddy S/o Subba Reddy, D.No. 21A, Near Ramayalam, Reddypalem, Guntur Andhra Pradesh- 522509. 4. Smt. Madana Malleswari, D.No. 4-22-68 Koretippadu, Chaitanyapur, 2nd Lane, Guntur Andhra Pradesh- 522007
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 1,61,18,358.70 as on 31.03.2026 (Rupees One Crore sixty one lakh eighteen thousand three hundred fifty eight and seventy paise) along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : EM of Property situated at D.No. 189/A of Koretippadu Door no. 4-2-68, 2nd Lane, Chaitanyapur, Guntur City admeasuring area 187.00 sq yards in the name of Sri. Madan Venkatappa Reddy S/o Anki Reddy and bounded by: **East:** Site of Kaza Venkata Subrahmanyam; **West:** 30' wide Road; **North:** Site of Amrutayya; **South:** site of Kurli Subba Reddy. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**
Note : SA filed by borrower at DRT Visakhapatnam with no 194/2025 dated 21-03-2025. Sale Confirmation is subject to outcome of the above SA.

Reserve Price (Rs) : 87,38,000/- EMD (Rs) : 8,73,800/- Bid Increment : Rs. 87,380/-
 For auction related queries contact Mr. T. Dheeraj, Dealing Officer : +91 9025349714 and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager +91 7382994042

12) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1) M/s. Sai Venkata Rama Oil & Agro Products, Managing Partner: Mr. Panguluri Peda Babu, Door No. 3-165, G1 Floor, Edlapadu Village and Mandal, Guntur-522 233. 2) Mr. Panguluri Peda Babu S/o. Ramachandraiah, D.No.3-460/1, Panduripuram, 9th Line, Chhilaikulurpet, Guntur- 522 616. 3) Mr. Panguluri Subba Rao S/o. Kotaiah, D.No.1-730, Panduripuram, 9th Line, Chhilaikulurpet, Guntur- 522 616. 4) Mr. Popuri Appa Rao S/o. Venkata Subbaiah, D.No.7-41, Near NTR Centre, Government Hospital Bazaar, Edlapadu, Guntur- 522 233. 5) Mrs. Madineni Udaya lakshmi W/o. Lingaiah Chowdary, D.No.3-460/1, Panduripuram, 9th Line, Chhilaikulurpet, Pvt. 63 B Main Road, Vijayawada - 521 175. 6) Mrs. Padarathi Padmalatha W/o. Prasad, D.No.9-225, Jai Hussain Street, Nehru Nagar, Krishna Mahal Centre, Purushotha patnam, Chhilaikulurpet, Guntur- 522 616. 7) Mrs. Davuluri Sudha Rani W/o. Srihari Babu, D.No.4E2, Ganapathy Layout, Krishnammal Street No.1, Kuppakonnapur, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu- 641 038.
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 10,22,24,895.20/- as on 31.03.2026 (Rupees Ten crore twenty two lakh twenty four thousand eight hundred ninety five and twenty paise) along with further interest at contracted rate and other expenses
Description of The Properties : Equitable Mortgage of Residential land and RCC Roof Ground & First Floor Residential Building therein in an extent of Acre 0-11 Cents or 532 Sq. Yds or 448 Sq. Mts situated at D.No.131/G, near Door No.3-460 within Chhilaikulurpet Municipal Limits, Block No.3, Purushothampatnam Village, Chhilaikulurpet, held in the name of Mr. Panguluri Peda Babu S/o. Ramachandraiah and his wife Mrs. Panguluri Swarna Kumari, and bounded by: **East:** Badagottu Venkata Subbaiah Property - 81 1/2 Links; **South:** Tummepalli Mallikarjuna Rao Property - 135 1/2 Links; **West:** Girija Swarnam Property - 81 1/2 Links; **North:** Sanjamesetti Benarji Property - 135 Links. Google Coordinates: 16.099291, 80.161993. **List of Encumbrances : NIL**

Reserve Price (Rs) : 1,96,10,000/- EMD (Rs) : 1,96,1000/- Bid Increment : Rs. 1,96,100/-
 For auction related queries contact Mr. T. Dheeraj, Dealing Officer : +91 9025349714 and Mr. Chandan Sharma, Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager +91 7382994042

13) Borrower(s) /Co-obligant(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) : 1. M/s. Srija Cotton (Borrower) Flat No. 301, Chigurupati Towers, 11th Line, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, New Inner Ring Road, Guntur- 522006. 2. Mrs. Alokam Silpa (Proprietor) W/o. A. Sudhakar Babu, Flat No. 301, Chigurupati Towers, 11th Line, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, New Inner Ring Road, Guntur- 522006. 3. Mrs. Alokam Silpa (Proprietor) W/o. A. Sudhakar Babu, Flat No. 301, Chigurupati Towers, 11th Line, Sri Ram Nagar Colony, New Inner Ring Road, Guntur- 522006. 4. Mrs. Bhavirisetty Hanumantha Rao, S/o Chenna Narasimha Rao, D.No. 2-122, Malladi Village, Amaravathi Mandal, Guntur District- 522 020. 5. Mr. Vempa Srinivasa Rao, S/o Samba Siva Rao, D.No. 3-79, Malladi Village, Amaravathi Mandal, Guntur District- 522 020
Amount Outstanding : Rs. 4,72,41,256.50 as on 31.03.2026 (Rupees Four Crore seventy two lakh forty one thousand two hundred fifty six and fifty paise) along with further interest at contracted rate and other costs, interest and expenses
Description of The Properties : 1. An extent of 858.50 (259+599) Sq. Yards of site with RCC rooled (GF + FF) building situated at D. No. 134/B, 134/C, 134/D, 135/1, 135/2, 135/3, 135/4 of Amaravathi Village and Mandal held in the Mr. Bhavirisetty Hanumantha Rao, Sale Deed No. 1112/2013 & 1115/2013. **Boundary as per Sale Deed No. 1112/2013 :** East: Property of Alokam Krishnaiah; **South:** Property of Jorjige Kondalu @ Venkateswara Rao; **West :** R & B Main Road; **North:** Site of Vinnakota Sambasiva Rao **Boundary as per Sale Deed no. 1115/2013 :** East: Property of Alokam Sudhakar Babu; **South:** Property of Vajjipalli Venkateswara Rao; **West:** Property of Alokam Sudhakar Babu & Vinnakota Sambasiva Rao; **North:** Property of Allagadda Rama Rao
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Focus on preventive healthcare drives Sanjeevani expansion

- Govt sanctioned Rs 162 cr for deployment of 904 mobile medical units in remote and rural areas

- Target set to conduct health screenings for 56.40 lakh people within a year

- Digital Health Profiles to store prescriptions, diagnostic reports, medical history and follow-up details



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu looking at the Sanjeevani project details in Yadamari of Chittoor district on Saturday

After recording encouraging results during the pilot phase in Kuppam, the government has started expanding the programme in a phased manner to cover rural and urban populations.

The large-scale rollout of the project across the Chittoor district formally began at Yadamari of Puthalapattu constituency in Chittoor district on Saturday. As part of the programme, the state government has sanctioned Rs 162 crore for the deployment of 904 Mobile Medical

Units in remote and rural areas. Authorities have also set a target of conducting health screenings for nearly 56.40 lakh people within the next year. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to ensure that medical test reports are delivered to beneficiaries through WhatsApp within 48 hours to improve accessibility and speed of service.

Unlike regular health screening drives, Sanjeevani has been designed as a long-term healthcare man-

agement system. The programme combines doorstep screenings, digital health records, specialist consultations and artificial intelligence-based health advisories to provide continuous healthcare monitoring, particularly for people suffering from chronic and lifestyle-related diseases.

During the pilot phase in Kuppam, more than 80,000 residents were enrolled under the programme and over 70,000 medical tests were conducted. Following the response received during the trial phase, the government decided to extend the initiative across the state.

A major feature of the programme is the creation of Digital Health Profiles for every registered person. These profiles will contain prescriptions, diagnostic reports, medical history and follow-up details in digital format. Doctors will be able to access patient records from anywhere in the state, helping reduce repeated tests and improving treatment accuracy.

The project has been developed with support from

the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Tata Consultancy Services. A centralised Digital Nerve Centre has also been established to integrate health data collected from Primary Health Centres, village clinics and hospitals.

Under the programme, 42 different medical tests will be conducted covering major health concerns including diabetes, hypertension, cardiac ailments, kidney disorders, respiratory diseases, cancers and maternal and child health issues. Health experts believe the initiative can strengthen preventive healthcare services and reduce pressure on tertiary hospitals through early detection and continuous monitoring.

Officials said screenings would be conducted through village and ward secretariats to improve access to healthcare services in both rural and urban areas. Artificial intelligence tools integrated into the system will generate health scores, issue reminders for follow-up consultations and support preventive care measures.

Op 'Clean Sweep' launched in municipalities across AP



Municipal administration and urban development minister P Narayana, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao and others join sanitation workers in sweeping roads during the launch of 'Operation Clean Sweep' in Vijayawada on Saturday

- Four-week sanitation drive aims to make urban local bodies clean and dump yard-free

- Minister Narayana joins sanitation workers, launches awareness campaign in Vijayawada

- Govt targets waste processing, waste-to-energy expansion and cleaner urban infrastructure

B Anil Kumar Reddy, municipal commissioner H M Dhyanchandra and campaign brand ambassador Dr G Samaram.

As part of the programme, the minister joined sanitation workers in sweeping roads, painted road dividers, planted saplings and later shared breakfast with the public at an Anna canteen.

Addressing the gathering, Narayana said the state government was implementing the special Swachh Andhra campaign to make state clean and free from dump yards. He said the first week of the campaign would focus on cleaning roads and public places, while the second week would involve drain-cleaning activities with public participation. The third week would create awareness on waste segregation at households and commercial establishments, and the final week would focus on maintaining cleanliness in public toilets.

The minister said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had launched the Swachh Andhra initiative in Machilipatnam on October 2, 2024, with the objective of encouraging public participation in sanitation activities. He added that the Chief Minister has been personally reviewing the programme by visiting one district every third Saturday.

Narayana said out of nearly 153 lakh tonnes of legacy waste left unattended earlier, around 85 lakh tonnes of above-ground garbage had already been cleared in record time under the directions of the

Chief Minister. He said the remaining underground waste would also be removed by the end of June.

The minister further said the government was giving priority to waste-to-energy projects. While plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur are already operational, six more projects are under various stages of construction and are expected to become operational within the next two years.

Swachh Andhra Corporation chairman K Pattabhiram said the government was striving to make the state a national model in sanitation through people's participation. He said steps were being taken to establish eight waste-to-energy plants and 107 waste processing centres across the State. He also noted that 2,000 electric vehicles had been deployed for door-to-door garbage collection.

Municipal administration principal secretary S Suresh Kumar said Swachh Andhra would play a key role in achieving the vision of Swarna Andhra. He appealed to citizens to treat urban cleanliness as a collective responsibility and avoid dumping waste on roads and in drains.

MLA Umamaheswara Rao called upon traders, educational institutions, self-help groups, NGOs and youth to actively participate in sanitation activities and contribute towards building a clean Andhra Pradesh.

Several NGOs, terrace garden groups, resident welfare associations, sanitation workers and citizens participated in the programme.

TDP, BJP hit back at Jagan over 'politics of violence'

- Payyavula says faction politics began under YS family

- CM Ramesh challenges Jagan on Viveka murder case narrative

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FINANCE minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh launched a sharp counterattack against YSRCP chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday, accusing the YS family of institutionalising faction and violence-based politics in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing reporters along with Ramesh in Vijayawada, Keshav alleged that factional politics and the criminalisation of political culture in the state originated under the YS family. He asserted that the YS family were "the accused, not the victims," and accused Jagan of attempting to rewrite political history through emotional narratives.

The minister alleged that political intimidation, violent factionalism and misuse of influence had become entrenched in parts of Rayalaseema during the era of Y S Raja Reddy.

He claimed the TDP was considering



Finance minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh speaking to the media in Vijayawada on Saturday

compiling and publishing incidents linked to faction violence in Pulivendula politics.

Keshav accused the YSRCP of weakening institutions, damaging industrial growth and disrupting projects during its tenure.

He said the "axe image" associated with the YSRCP had gained public traction because of the party's political conduct over the years.

BJP MP Ramesh alleged that Jagan was attempting to project himself as a victim in order to divert attention from the murder case of former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy.

Three-wheelers distributed to differently-abled

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SOCIAL Welfare Minister Dr Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy said the coalition government is committed to the welfare and development of differently-abled persons. He attended as the chief guest at the free three-wheeler scooter distribution programme held here.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said the government is distributing 1750 three-wheelers across the state at a cost of Rs 17.50 crore under this program. In the first phase, 40 scooters are being

distributed in the Markapur district. He announced several other welfare measures for persons with disabilities. The government is spending Rs 4.32 crore to repair hostels for the differently-abled. A para-sports stadium will be built in Visakhapatnam at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

A disability Commission has been set up to provide more facilities for differently-abled persons, and full-time officials will be appointed to it soon. He said that steps will be taken shortly to fill the backlog of 300 posts reserved for differently-abled persons in the state.



Minister DSBV Swamy, collector M Vijaya Suneetha, MLAs and others distributing three wheelers to beneficiaries in Markapuram on Saturday

Dr Ramudu receives Biodiversity Conservation Award-2026

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DR J Ramudu, Lecturer in Botany at Dr Lakireddy Hanimireddy Government Degree College in Mylavaram of NTR district, has been conferred with the "Best Individual Biodiversity Conservator Award-2026" by the Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board.

The award was presented during the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations organised by the state government at Acharya Nagarjuna University in Guntur.

Dr Ramudu received the award from Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board Chairman Nilayapalpu Vijay Kumar and Executive Director of Forests and Environment Nandini Salaria.

Principal Dr Illa Ravi said Dr Ramudu has been actively creating awareness on biodiversity conservation through seminars, workshops and academic lectures. His initiatives



Dr J Ramudu receiving the Best Individual Biodiversity Conservator Award-2026 in Guntur

have helped students and the public better understand the importance of protecting biodiversity and conserving natural resources.

He added that Dr Ramudu is presently undertaking a research project on the status of Orchidaceae family plant species in the Eastern Ghats of the state and methods for their conservation. Faculty members, students and non-teaching staff of the college congratulated Dr Ramudu on receiving the honour.

Govt aiming for clean Godavari Pushkaralu, says Durgesh

- Tourism minister says the govt is committed to conducting the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment

- By CM Pawan Kalyan will inspect ghats from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu and review pollution-clearance measures in the Nalla channel during his Rajamahendravaram visit on May 25

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RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

TOURISM, culture and cinematography minister Kandula Durgesh said the state government aims to conduct the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment.

On Saturday, the minister, along with district collector Kirti Chekuri, joint collector Y Megha Swaroop, district SP D Narasimha Kishore and municipal commissioner Rahul Meena, inspected Pushkar Ghat to review arrangements ahead of Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan's visit.



Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh reviewing arrangements for the Deputy CM's visit in Rajamahendravaram on Saturday

Speaking to the media, Durgesh said senior officials reviewed preparations for the Deputy Chief Minister's visit to Rajamahendravaram on May 25. He said Pawan Kalyan is laying special focus to pollution control in the Godavari basin and measures needed for the smooth conduct of the Pushkaralu.

The Deputy Chief Minister is scheduled to arrive in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday night. On Monday morning, he will travel by boat from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu to inspect various ghats. He will also review measures to clear pollution and clean the Nalla channel.

A review meeting on Godavari Pushkaralu arrangements will later be held at the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office under the chairmanship of the district collector.

Durgesh said that although the Godavari is a sacred river, it is facing a serious pollution problem. He said timely action and proper planning could help ensure clean and hygienic Pushkaralu for pilgrims.

The minister directed all departments to make effective use of the coming year, work in coordination and prepare a comprehensive action plan for pollution-free Pushkaralu. Senior officials from various departments participated in the inspection.

AP fast-tracks electric bus push across 11 cities

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ANDHRA Pradesh is stepping up efforts to strengthen electric mobility infrastructure under the Centre's PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, with the state aiming to emerge as a model for green public transportation, according to special chief secretary to the Chief Minister K Vijayanand.

Chairing a virtual review meeting at Vidyt Soudha here on Saturday, along with APSRTC In-charge vice-chairman and managing director M T Krishna Babu, Vijayanand reviewed progress in electricity infrastructure and charging facilities being developed for electric buses under the scheme.

He said the initiative would significantly improve sustainable urban transport systems while supporting environmental protection and modernising public transport in the state. The government led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is according priority to green mobility and clean energy initiatives, he added.

Under Tender-II of the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs has sanctioned 750 electric buses for Andhra Pradesh, covering 11 cities and 12 depots. Tirupati has also received a special al-

location of 300 electric buses under CESL Tender-III.

Of the 750 buses, 621 are 12-metre buses and 129 are 9-metre buses. They will operate in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram, Kadapa, Amaravati, Tirupati and Anantapur.

Vijayanand said the government is simultaneously creating Behind-the-Meter (BTM) charging infrastructure through depots to ensure uninterrupted bus operations. The Central Sanctioning and Steering Committee approved financial assistance of Rs 79.98 crore against a total project cost of Rs 89.99 crore for high-tension power connectivity, charging stations and electrical infrastructure works.

He said substantial progress had been made in co-ordination with APTransco and discoms, while the Centre released Rs 17.86 crore for BTM infrastructure development in Simhapuri, Gajuwaka, Kakinada, Kurnool and Anantapur regions. The tender process for low-tension infrastructure at all 12 depots has been completed and Letters of Acceptance were issued on May 5. Krishna Babu directed officials to speed up pending electrical works to ensure timely completion of the project.

MLA flags off 'Operation Clean Sweep' drive

ONGOLE: District collector P Raja Babu and Santhanuthalapadu MLA BN Vijay Kumar launched the 'Operation Clean Sweep' programme at the Prakasam Collectorate here on Saturday. The drive is part of the government's initiative, 'One State One Sanitation Goal.' The four-week programme started on Saturday. The first week will focus on clearing garbage from red spots and yellow spots. The second week will cover drains and drainage systems. The third week will address residential and commercial areas.

The fourth week will target public toilets and government offices. The Collector and the MLA swept the road from the Collectorate to the Nellore Bus Stand center. The Collector



Prakasam collector P Raja Babu, MLA BN Vijay Kumar and others cleaning roads in Ongole on Saturday

also spoke to street vendors and residents near the bus stand about the importance of keeping the surroundings clean.

Wealth without well-being: the paradox of India's elderly

TEJ SINGH KARDAM

IN India, senior citizens often find themselves in a paradoxical situation. Indians born in the pre-liberalisation era grew up in a time of scarcity and limited economic opportunities. In this situation their upbringing instilled a deep-seated habit of saving and an aversion to spending. For them, wealth accumulation was not just about financial security but also a means of pacifying their fears about their unknown future needs.

Despite possessing significant assets and savings, many lead frugal lives, unwilling to enjoy the wealth they have painstakingly accumulated. This has resulted in them 'dying rich but not living rich'. This is particularly prevalent among older generations, who, despite being financially sound, feel insecure and choose to live with a cautious, conservative approach. While the younger generation is moving away from traditional investments like real estate and gold, the elderly remain emotionally attached to these assets.

Possible reasons as to why senior citizens tend to die rich rather than living rich:

Living modestly despite wealth:

Many senior citizens in India continue to live modestly despite being financially sound. They often prioritise frugality and self-denial, driven by concerns about potential medical expenses, longevity, and the need to support their children or grandchildren. This conservative approach can lead to an unnecessarily restricted lifestyle, where seniors deny themselves the comforts and experiences they could easily afford. The fear of outliving their

The biggest gift seniors can give their children is not a house or a gold chain but life well-lived. The irony is that many senior citizens live frugally, sacrificing pleasures, only to die wealthy. They were in a way, poor in life but rich in death. There is a need for senior citizens to focus on personal well-being and happiness.

savings, or the possibility of an unexpected medical emergency wiping out their wealth, often looms large in their minds.

Emotional factors:

Senior citizens have retained their emotional attachment to traditional investments. They often see real estate and gold as tangible assets that provide a sense of security, stability and returns in the form of rent. These assets hold sentimental value and are associated with memories and legacy. The older generation grew up in an era when these investments were the primary wealth-building tools, making it harder for them to break away from this mindset. In addition to emotional attachment, they tend to invest heavily in traditional assets - real estate and gold, viewing them as symbols of security and legacy. However, this emotional attachment makes these assets illiquid, leaving them unable to generate regular income for day-to-day comfort.

Invisible burdens-Inflation, healthcare and over-giving:

Beyond emotional letdowns, there is the real challenge of rising costs. Medical inflation in India is growing faster than general inflation. A single health emergency can wipe out years

of savings. Many senior citizens also deplete their retirement funds supporting their children's education, business or weddings. While done with love, it can leave them financially vulnerable later in life.

Generational shift:

Younger generations today value mobility over inheritance, convenience over nostalgia. They are choosing apartments near work, rental flexibility and minimalist living over ancestral homes. The generational shift in financial thinking leaves many senior citizens feeling disconnected and even disappointed.

Changing trends and priorities:

The younger generation, in contrast to their elders, prefer simplicity and minimalism. The next generation are witnessing a significant shift in their investment preferences as well. They are moving away from traditional investments, which were once considered safe and reliable. Instead, they are exploring new avenues such as stock, mutual funds, income plans and even cryptocurrency. This shift can be attributed to various factors, including the desire for higher returns, ease of diversification and the influence of global investment trends.

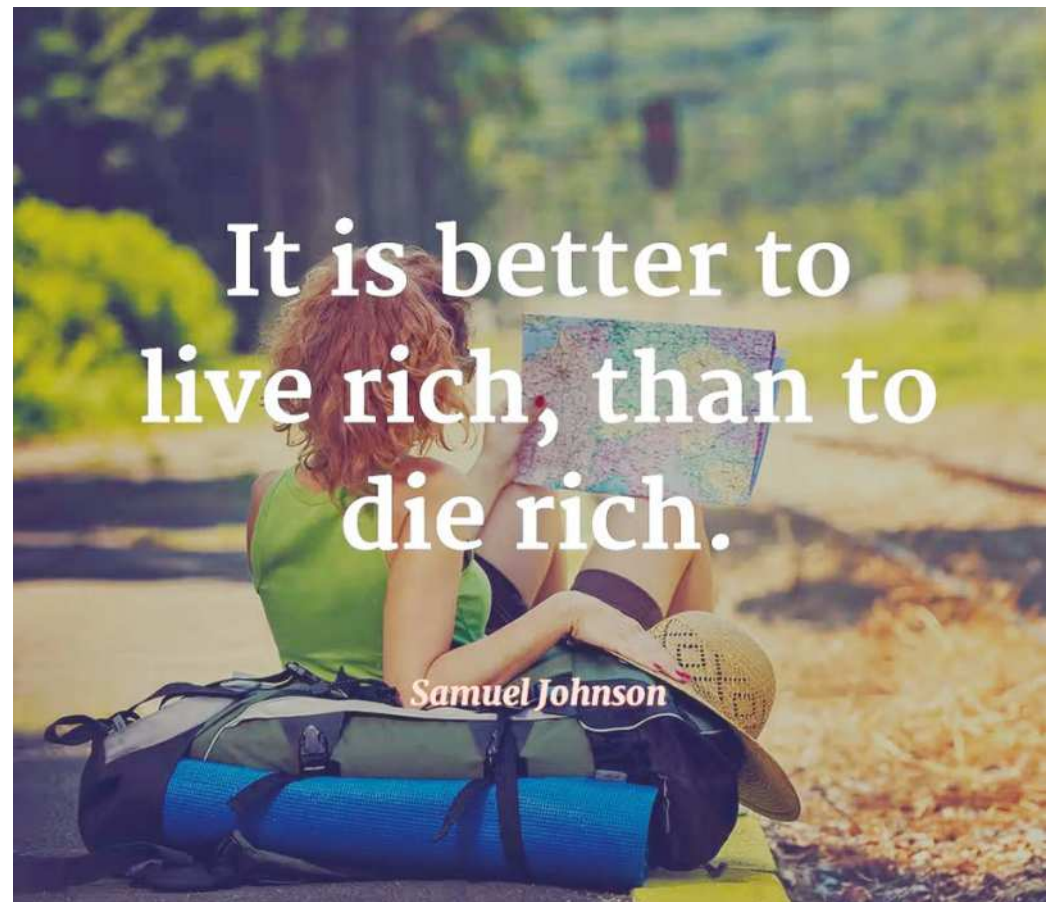
One such example of the

younger generation not being interested in traditional assets is of one senior citizen, who died aged 85. His wife had predeceased him. One son lives in London and the other in New Zealand. They have the nationality of those countries. Neither was interested in the house their father had built in his prime age.

The father had written a will before his death to give all the property equally to both his children. The sons did not have time to get all the property in their names and then sell it. Both made a power of attorney to sell the property in someone's name. Thereafter the proceeds from the sale of the property were sent to their home country.

Benefits of financial planning:

It is important that senior citizens live life to the fullest and explore the reasons behind their emotional investments. It is high time they understand the changing taste and priorities of the younger generation and the rising costs faced by senior citizens. There is a need for the senior citizens to utilise a portion of their wealth for their own comfort and happiness. Going for financial planning like having a well-structured retirement plan can ensure that they have enough funds set-aside for emergencies and long-term



care, while allocating money for travel, leisure and other personal interests. The seniors should explore annuity plans; systematic withdrawal plans from mutual funds with a steady income stream without depleting their core assets. Ultimately, Indian senior citizens need to prioritise their own well-being and happiness, breaking free from the cycle of living economically to make the next generation rich.

Self-care and setting an example:

Retirement should be about fulfilment. Senior citizens should travel, pursue hobbies, attend cultural events, or just

enjoy quiet time with friends. These are not luxuries but are essential to a rich life. They should not forget the power of community like joining clubs, senior networks for emotional support, to combat loneliness and foster a sense of belonging. By prioritising their own well-being, embracing change, and spending meaningfully, they can rewrite what ageing looks like. They can prove that it's possible to live rich - not just financially but emotionally and spiritually. The biggest gift seniors can give their children is not a house or a gold chain but life well-lived.

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citizens live frugally, sacrificing pleasures, only to die wealthy. They were in a way, poor in life but rich in death.

There is a need for senior citizens to focus on personal well-being and happiness, diversification into annuities, mutual funds, and income plans to balance financial security with comfort and enjoyment, in addition to balancing the children's education etc.

Further they should break free from the habit of extreme thrift, enjoy the fruits of their hard work, and "live rich" rather than merely "die rich".

(The writer is a retired IFS officer)

Homage to K S Gopal, the architect of sustainable development and agricultural innovation

His pioneering SWAR irrigation framework earned UNESCO laurels

VANAM JWALA
NARASIMHA RAO

DURING the 1990s, while serving as a faculty member at the Dr MCR HRD Institute, I was tasked with planning a training program on the 'Role of NGOs in Rural Development'. The singular, exceptional expert who immediately came to my mind, and whom numerous professional colleagues strongly recommended was KS Gopal. By then, he was steering the Hyderabad-based Centre for Environment Concerns (CEC).

Established in 1984 by a visionary group of activists, the CEC was dedicated to pioneering innovations, fresh ideas, and 'next practices' in the development sector. The broad areas of their operations encompassed poverty alleviation, rural development, environmental sustainability, and inclusive markets to enhance livelihoods.

Through these pillars, they aimed to regenerate natural resources in rain-fed, agriculturally backward dry land areas. The process they envisaged was driven by multi-disciplinary action research, field-level pilots, and a strategic mix of policy and practice advocacy. Against this dynamic backdrop, Gopal joined CEC as its director in 1993. Since joining, he spearheaded initiatives in participatory forest development, foreign funding research in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, later in Telangana, and local cereal-based community grain banks. His expertise included environmental hotspots, civil society advocacy, soil en-

richment, organic agriculture, chemical-free forestry pest management etc. He also worked extensively on optimal utilisation of River Godavari waters.

Though he passed away at the age of 72 years, his vibrant energy remained undiminished until about six months prior to the tragic day. Since our first meeting, we have enjoyed a lifelong friendship. He was always the life of small gatherings with like-minded friends. He thoroughly enjoyed a social drink and a smoke, generously sharing joyful, unreserved moments with his closest companions.

Gopal left an indelible mark on everyone he touched, and his profound influence will stay with his friends, including me, forever.

Upon hearing the news of his passing on May 16, I visited his residence, offered condolences to his wife, before paying my last respects at the crematorium. Our bond was deeply academic. We shared ideas. Whenever we met, whether at Dr Utla Balaji's house, my flat, Dr AP Ranga Rao's residence (later Dr Bharat's), or Sashi's home, our discussions were invariably intense yet stimulating. They ranged broadly from politics to development, driven by Gopal's passion.

We shared an intellectual 'common ground', where Gopal was the undisputed leader. However, the 'actual physical ground' he chose once, for his groundbreaking 'System of Water for Agriculture Rejuvenation (SWAR)' irrigation experiment was a 1000-square-yard mini-farm near the Chilkoor Balaji temple. His pri-



He foresaw generic commodities transforming into branded 'Farm-to-Fork' (Farm-to-Table) products, moving directly, or with minimal steps, from a local farm to the consumer's plate. However, he warned that this transformation would be aggressively driven by big players with deep pockets, smart information and communications technology systems, and remote management tools. He remarked that whoever commands the marketplace will ultimately dictate the future of our rural economy. Gopal cautioned that a handful of mega-corporations often end up controlling the entire value chain, squeezing farmers, intermediaries, and consumers alike

mary focus was always irrigation water efficiency, which he firmly believed was structurally linked to soil and plant root health.

The core concept was

delivering water directly to the root zone with minimal waste.

As a first-of-its-kind system, SWAR provided measured moisture to the

roots, cutting water use by 50 per cent compared to standard drip irrigation for horticulture and agroforestry crops. He advocated precise moisture delivery tailored to different soils and crop cycles. When he casually mentioned this seven years ago, I offered our mini farm. Gopal self-funded the entire project, covering all installation and fertilizer expenses.

While I was working with Telangana's first Chief Minister, K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR's), as his CPRO, Gopal in July 2019 discussed with me a CEC study on the effective use of water for Telangana's prosperous agriculture. This coincided with KCR's massive re-engineering of irrigation projects to ensure state-wide water supply. Gopal's insights directly complemented KCR government's plans to establish specialized crop colonies for efficient, high-quality agricultural service delivery.

In that context, Gopal presented a distinctive proposal: the Kharif season should focus on pulses, coarse cereals, millets, and fodder, boosting productivity through quality seeds, protective irrigation, and sustainable farming practices. Conversely, during Rabi, canal-fed flood irrigation could support crops like paddy, wheat, and cotton. Additionally, he favoured agro forestry to simultaneously enhance farmer incomes and restore local ecology.

Again, in June 2020, aligning with KCR's initiatives, Gopal proposed the framework of 'Right Interventions for Regulatory Farming.'

This concept emerged against the backdrop of 24/7 quality power supply, unprecedented paddy harvests, and landmark agricultural welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima. During this period, KCR suggested strategically converging MGNREGS with core farming operations to directly support landowners while simultaneously securing employment for agricultural labour.

Gopal, who contributed significantly to the evolution of MGNREGS, analysed that the Indian agricultural ecosystem was undergoing deep, structural shifts. These changes spanned procurement models, crop diversification, urban dietary demands, mechanization, and modern supply chains. In this rapidly evolving landscape, he focused on how to social-engineer and unleash human creativity toward building a more equitable rural economy. For him, the pathways and opportunities were always plenty.

He shared an insightful perspective regarding the Research and Innovation Circle Hyderabad (RICH). He envisioned RICH, designed to take lab research from Telangana's top scientific institutions to the market, as a potent force multiplier. For him, this ecosystem could empower a vast number of young people to secure meaningful livelihoods while remaining deeply connected, with their feet and hearts, to the soil.

The strategic suggestions made by Gopal, which we so deeply debated, did not remain confined to our private conversations. Beyond

bringing his visionary ideas directly to the notice of the Chief Minister, who responded with a highly positive, considerate, and accommodating approach, I also documented them from time to time, extensively in detailed articles published across mainstream platforms to ensure they reached a wider audience.

When major agricultural reforms, including the 'One Nation, One Market' framework, amendments to the Essential Commodities Act, contract farming, and public-private partnerships for storage infrastructure were proposed in July 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, Gopal observed that the sector was on the cusp of a structural shift. He noted that traditional peasantry farming was rapidly giving way to corporate agri-business.

He opined that farmers could no longer rely on Minimum Support Price (MSP) or assured government procurement. Instead, the sector would transition into an era of customized production, dynamic price discovery, and nationally integrated markets dominated by large corporations, food chains, and exporters. He foresaw generic commodities transforming into branded 'Farm-to-Fork' (Farm-to-Table) products, moving directly, or with minimal steps, from a local farm to the consumer's plate.

However, he warned that this transformation would be aggressively driven by big players with deep pockets, smart information and communications technology systems, and remote management

tools. He remarked that whoever commands the marketplace will ultimately dictate the future of our rural economy. Gopal cautioned that a handful of mega-corporations often end up controlling the entire value chain, squeezing farmers, intermediaries, and consumers alike.

He often said, 'Markets are brutal, fierce battlegrounds. Their architecture decides who thrives, who benefits, and who is ultimately subjugated or decimated.'

To illustrate this grim reality, he shared a striking real-life story he personally encountered. In the academic and corporate realms, Gopal was a highly qualified management specialist, with MBA and a Diploma in International Trade. He shared his vast practical knowledge as a faculty member at ASCI and a 'Scholar-in-Residence' at TISS, eventually delivering guest lectures at world-renowned institutions like Oxford and York.

Gopal served on the EPTRI Governing Council and NIRD Research Council. He founded the IDL Rural Development Trust, co-founded the Deccan Development Society (DDS), and promoted communal harmony in Hyderabad. His pioneering SWAR irrigation framework won international accolades, including from UNESCO, leading to his frequent participation in high-level forums convened by the World Bank, UN, UNEP and FAO.

Gopal's loss leaves a deep void. His revolutionary practical ideas nurture our soil.

AP to launch 38 MSME parks, Rs 200 cr cluster programme

- CM Naidu to inaugurate MSME Summit 2026 in Vijayawada tomorrow
- Govt to unveil digital, export and startup initiatives targeting 1 lakh MSMEs
- Summit to bring together 1,000 entrepreneurs, industrial bodies and PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries

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MINISTER for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Kondapalli Srinivas on Saturday said the state government is aligning the MSME sector with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's vision of creating "an entrepreneur in every household," ahead of the MSME

Growth Summit 2026 scheduled to be held in Vijayawada on May 25.

Reviewing arrangements at Dr B R Ambedkar Kalavetika, where the summit will be inaugurated, the Minister directed officials to ensure seamless coordination for what the government considers a flagship MSME event.

The summit is expected to bring together nearly 1,000



Kondapalli Srinivas

participants, including new allottees from 175 MSME parks, entrepreneurs, PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries and industrial associations from across Andhra Pradesh.

A major announcement at the summit will be the launch of 38 MSME parks under the state's larger MSME industrial infrastructure programme.

The event will also feature the rollout of several technol-

ogy, financing and startup initiatives, including a Rs 20-crore SIDBI-backed seed fund for deep-tech startups, digital transformation assessments for one lakh MSMEs, energy and water audits for industrial clusters, and a Rs 200-crore AP Cluster Development Programme aimed at supporting around 750 MSMEs and generating more than 3,000 jobs.

Strategic partnerships are expected to be formalised with the India SME Forum, Vodafone Idea, Zoho, Amazon, Meta and the Quality Council of India to strengthen MSME digitalisation, exports, logistics support and quality certification across Andhra Pradesh.

Officials said the summit will focus heavily on export readiness, digital commerce, technology transfer and industrial sustainability, with dedicated sessions planned on global e-commerce access, digital invoice financing and MSME banking solutions.

The Chief Minister is also scheduled to inaugurate the newly developed Dr Ambedkar Kala Vedika convention centre before participating in the MSME summit proceedings. Dr Yuvaraj, secretary for industries department, Dinesh Kumar, vice-chairman and managing director of APIIC, and Viswa, CEO of AP MSME Development Corporation, attended the review meeting.

Jana Sena MLA Sridhar resigns as Assembly whip

- Railway Kodur MLA cites 'personal reasons' for stepping down
- Pawan reviews allegations involving two party MLAs

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JANA Sena Railway Kodur MLA Arava Sridhar on Saturday resigned from the post of Legislative Assembly whip and submitted his resignation letter to Pawan Kalyan.

According to party sources, Sridhar informed the Jana Sena chief that he was stepping down due to personal reasons.

During the meeting, the MLA also reportedly explained his position regarding recent allegations and

controversies linked to him. Sridhar has recently faced allegations from a woman, which have generated political attention.

Pawan Kalyan held a meeting with Jana Sena MLAs at the Secretariat. Chirri Balaraju also met the Deputy Chief Minister on Saturday. During the meeting, Pawan Kalyan reportedly reviewed the MLAs' per-

formance in the Polavaram constituency and sought clarification over certain issues and complaints that had reached the party leadership. Sources said Balaraju requested time to resolve some personal matters with his family members, following which Pawan Kalyan reportedly advised him to settle the issues within four weeks.

3 Army officers survive Leh chopper crash; post-accident selfie goes viral

NEW DELHI: Three Indian Army officers, including a Major General, survived after a Cheetah light helicopter crashed in the Ladakh sector near Leh on May 20, officials said.

The helicopter, a newer variant of the Cheetah equipped with a TM333B engine, met with an accident during an afternoon sortie. Army officials said the aircraft was carrying two pilots and Division Commander Major General Sachin Mehta at the time of the crash.

All three sustained injuries but are safe and stable, officials added. The two pilots were admitted to hospital with minor injuries.

Meanwhile, a selfie of Major General Mehta taken after the crash surfaced on social media and quickly went viral. The Army has ordered a Court of Inquiry to ascertain the cause of the helicopter crash. The helicopter involved in the accident was a Cheetah, a version of the ageing

Cheetah fleet that has served the Indian armed forces for decades. Derived from the French-origin Aerospatiale Alouette III design, the Cheetah helicopters became a backbone of military operations in high-altitude regions such as Ladakh, Siachen and Arunachal Pradesh because of their ability to operate in thin air and extreme weather conditions.

For years, the light helicopters have been used for reconnaissance missions, casualty evacuation, troop movement and ferrying supplies to remote forward posts inaccessible by road. However, much of the Cheetah and Chetak fleet is now decades old and has increasingly come under scrutiny over maintenance challenges and safety concerns. The armed forces have been gradually moving towards replacing them with newer indigenous platforms.

Lokesh calls for statewide push for Mahanadu success

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The national working president of TDP instructed cluster in-charges to ensure participation of booth in-charges, village presidents, committee members, affiliate wings, and "Kutumba Sadhikara Sarathis" in the programme.

Lokesh said attendance would be monitored through the "My TDP" app and directed organisers to ensure technical arrangements, including LED screens, audio systems, and connectivity at every cluster venue.

He urged party leaders to utilise Mahanadu as a platform to strengthen grassroots networks ahead of the upcoming elections to local bodies.

Stressing internal organisational discipline, Lokesh said the party was giving priority to active workers while allocating nominated posts and identifying committed cadre through digital monitoring systems.

MPs, MLAs, MLCs, constituency in-charges, zonal coordinators, and district-level party leaders participated in the review.

'America First' visa tool for India announced

NEW DELHI: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has introduced an 'America First' visa scheduling tool as a broader push to upgrade how American consulates operate. While on his high-profile four-day diplomatic tour to India, Rubio spoke about the visa tool that gives priority to business professionals and people whose travel directly strengthens economic and strategic links with the United States. Rubio pointed to the foundation of the US-India relationship and how it has been growing in ways that don't always make headlines. He said that the US and India have expanded commercial ties now with more than 20 billion in invest-

ments. "20 billion in investments from Indian companies in the United States," he said and also highlighted a security partnership through military exercises in the Indo-Pacific.

A slow or unpredictable consular process can get in the way of the very exchanges, such as business visits, investment trips, and partnership meetings, that are building those ties. To remove the friction, a smarter scheduling system is needed. "An orderly and a secure consular system is vital to solidifying this important relationship," Rubio said. The tool is built around a single prioritisation principle: applicants who strengthen ties with the United States get

earlier access to scheduling. In practice, that means business professionals, the people flying into close deals, sign agreements, expand operations, or represent Indian companies investing in American markets. However, Rubio also mentioned that the new facility isn't only about visa applicants.

He addressed the American men and women working at the mission directly, the consular officers, the support staff and everyone on what he called "the front lines" of advancing US national interests every day. "This facility saved Americans money because it's going to make us more efficient."

PM gets WH invite as he talks trade & security with Rubio

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It comes amid mounting concerns for India, which imports 80% of its crude oil needs, as the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz continues to affect energy flows.

"The US will not let Iran hold the global energy market hostage," Rubio told PM Modi. The energy pitch comes as the US, which took control of Venezuela's oil industry following the capture of former President Nicolas Maduro, appears eager to push Venezuelan crude back onto the global market. PM Modi, in his post on X, added that issues related to regional and global peace and security were also discussed, indicating that the Iran conflict was among the topics that came up.

The timing is crucial amid reports that Trump was considering relaunching strikes on Iran after talks for a peace deal, which is being mediated by Pakistan, failed to bear any fruit. "We discussed sustained progress in the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and issues related to regional and global peace and security," PM Modi tweeted. "India and the United States will continue to work closely for the global good," he further said.

CBSE's diktat on 3-language study sparks debate

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Others conceded opting for Sanskrit because it is perceived as easier. At the same time, Hindi's compulsory status in later years created what one described as a *voilà* moment — suddenly finding the course effortless due to prior exposure.

This shifting landscape reflects deeper anxieties. In Tamil Nadu, the state government made Tamil compulsory in all schools in 2015-16, but CBSE institutions still offered limited options. By 2017-18, Hindi was made compulsory across all classes, forcing students to abandon their third-language choices. Such reversals leave students questioning the value of learning any particular language and highlight the ongoing power struggle over linguistic education.

The practical argument for Hindi is clear: it eases mobility across states and is widely spoken. Yet, the cultural cost is steep. One student who moved from Chennai to Hyderabad admitted that while Hindi literacy helps in daily life, "the inability to read Telugu" — his mother tongue — "creates painful gaps in my cultural identity".

With globalisation, urban migration, and the domi-

nance of programming languages and AI skills and pan-English language learning dominating the education landscape across the southern state, S Prabhakar, a Kannada teacher from Devanahalli in Bengaluru, said, "This is not an isolated case. Students increasingly view mother tongues as irrelevant to their career prospects. The danger is stark: earlier, there was a common thread that connected people across the southern states, though each has its own language, rich in heritage and literature; now, there is the risk of being "pushed into the back seat by the policymakers in education who fail to see the eventual disaster within a few generations if current trends continue."

C Vatsala, a Telugu pundit from Hyderabad, pointed out that the CBSE's three-language formula was designed to preserve diversity while promoting national unity. However, unless schools, parents, and policymakers actively incentivise learning state languages, south India's vibrant linguistic spectrum could fade into a monochrome dominated by Hindi and English. The challenge is not just educational — it is civilizational, she adds.

Naidu targets YSRCP

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The TDP supremo also criticised incidents involving public celebrations with animal blood and warned against attempts to create disturbances. Strict action would be taken against anyone trying to threaten public peace or provoke unrest. He further

launched a personal attack on leaders of the previous dispensation, alleging that they had failed even in maintaining family relationships and had harassed their own relatives over property disputes.

Claiming that people were now living without fear after the NDA alliance came to

power in the State, Naidu said his government had restored security for people's lives and properties. Describing himself as a servant of the people rather than a ruler, Naidu promised to continue working for the welfare of the poor.

He also touched upon economic and climatic challenges facing the State. He said changing weather pat-

90 killed in China coal mine blast

BEIJING: Ninety miners were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in north China, official media in Beijing reported on Saturday, adding that 201 miners have so far been rescued. The gas explosion occurred at the Liushenyu coal mine on Friday May 22, 2026.

US & Iran close to extending ceasefire by 60 days

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Earlier Asim Munir in Iran met with the top leadership, including President Masoud Pezeshkian, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and top Iranian negotiator and parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf. Pakistan army in a statement on Saturday said that Field Marshal Asim Munir concluded a short but highly productive tour of Iran, Reuters reported. Meanwhile, US secretary of State Marco Rubio on Saturday hinted that Iran could agree to a peace deal as soon as today. His remarks indicating progress in diplomatic efforts to end the war come at a time when Pakistan army chief Asim Munir met top Iranian leadership in Tehran as Pakistan has positioned itself as a mediator in the peace talks between Iran and US.

Cockroach party website taken down

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CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said on Saturday that both his personal Instagram account and the party's Instagram account had also been "hacked".

The platform surfaced last week after a row over remarks linked to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant during a court hearing on granting "senior" status to lawyers, referring to "youngsters" as "cockroaches" and "parasites". Later, the CJI said his remarks had been misquoted and that they were aimed at people entering the legal field with "fake and bogus degrees".

What started as an online satire campaign later became a broader discussion of digital dissent and growing frustration among young people. Through memes and political commentary, the platform

has raised issues such as unemployment, examination paper leaks and education.

On Saturday, Dipke said the party's "iconic website", cockroachjantaparty.org, had been taken down as part of the latest action against the movement. The founder said 10 lakh cockroaches had registered as members through the website, while 6 lakh cockroaches had signed a petition seeking the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged failures in the education system, particularly due to the NEET-UG 2026 'paper leak' controversy.

"Why is the government so scared of cockroaches? But this dictatorial behaviour is opening the eyes of India's youth."

Our only crime is we were demanding a better future for ourselves. But you can't

get rid of us that easily. We're working on a new home right now. Cockroaches never die," he wrote in a post on X.

As of Saturday afternoon, CJP crossed 22 million followers on Instagram. This put it well ahead of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has around 9.2 million followers on the Meta-owned platform, and the main opposition Congress party, which has around 13.4 million followers.

The party appeared after controversy broke out over CJI Surya Kant using the terms "parasites" and "cockroaches" while reprimanding a lawyer over his plea seeking senior designation.

"There are youngsters like cockroaches, who don't get any employment or have any place in profession. Some of them become media, some of them become social media,

RTI activists and other activists and they start attacking everyone," the CJI said.

The CJI later said he had been misquoted and clarified that the remarks were aimed only at people entering the legal profession using "fake and bogus degrees". The Cockroach Janta Party was formed a day after the CJI's remarks on May 15. It rapidly went viral and drew support from politicians, activists, artists and a large number of social media users across age groups.

Political leaders such as Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders Mahua Moitra and Kirti Azad, along with Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, have either interacted with or shown interest in the movement. Activists, including Prashant Bhusan and Anjali Bharadwaj, have also engaged with it.

Petro prices hiked again

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The latest hike follows a Rs 2 per kg increase announced on May 15 and another Re 1 per kg hike on May 17. With the latest revision, CNG prices in Delhi climbed to Rs 80.09 per kg, breaching the Rs 80-mark for the first time.

The latest hikes come as India faces mounting pressure from soaring global crude oil prices triggered by the West Asia conflict and disruptions to shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil transit chokepoints.

Expressing concerns over the issue, citizens, as well as the taxi drivers, raised concerns over the hike. The taxi drivers said that the increase in prices does not mean an increase in fares for them.

Delhi residents raised con-

cerns over the increase in fuel prices, with no effective increase in income. Some held the government responsible for the hike and for dismissing the public concerns.

A local said, "It's affecting the middle class. Petrol prices are increasing. It's a loss. But what can we do? People who have work will have to use a car. People are carpooling as asked. But petrol is expensive. There is no alternative. Electric cars are so expensive. People are not able to buy them."

"Our government is useless. What will you do? I drive a car. How will it affect the common man? The common man has become a beggar. The common man does not have money. Expenses are increasing. The government is responsible for this," another resident said.

US TIGHTENS GREEN CARD RULES

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Until now, many immigrants legally staying in the US could apply for a green card without leaving the country through a process known as "adjustment of status". Under the revised policy, USCIS officers have been instructed to decide on applications on a case-by-case basis and grant exceptions only in extraordinary circumstances.

DHS said the new approach was intended to prevent misuse of immigration loopholes. "An alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply," the department said in a statement. The administration argues that the immigration system should function "as the law intended" rather than encouraging temporary visa holders to remain in the coun-

try while pursuing permanent residency.

According to analysts at the Cato Institute, more than one million immigrants in the US are currently waiting for green cards.

The new rules could force many applicants to leave behind jobs, homes and families while their applications are processed overseas. Immigration experts say the change could particularly hurt mixed-status families, where some members are US citizens or permanent residents while others are on temporary visas. There is also uncertainty over how pending green card applications already filed inside the US will be treated.

Immigrant aid organisations strongly criticised the move. HIAS said the policy could endanger vulnerable people, including survivors

of trafficking and abused children, by compelling them to return to countries they had fled.

Critics also warned that the policy could worsen delays, as the US immigration system is already struggling with a large backlog of visa and residency applications.

The latest measure is part of a wider tightening of immigration rules under the Trump administration. Over the past year, the administration has shortened visa durations for foreign students, media personnel and cultural exchange visitors. In January, the US State Department said it had revoked more than 1,00,000 visas during Trump's second term. The administration has also taken steps affecting refugees and immigrants with protected legal status in the United States.

PM distributes over 51K appointment letters

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Since its inception, around 12 lakh recruitment letters have been issued through 18 Rozgar Melas across the country. The 19th Rozgar Mela was held at 47 locations, with recruits joining various ministries including Railways, Home Affairs, Health, Financial Services and Higher Education. Addressing the gathering, PM Modi said, "I just returned from a trip to five countries two days ago. It was only a five-nation trip, but during this time, I spoke, had detailed discussions, and met with leaders of major companies from dozens of countries, and I felt one thing in common everywhere: The world is very excited about India's youth and India's technological progress."

Sanjeevani rollout across state by Aug 15: CM Naidu

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Promoting healthy living, he referred to the concept of 'Food as medicine, Kitchen as Pharmacy'. Naidu also spoke about developmental initiatives in Rayalaseema. He said the government is prioritising water resource projects such as Handri-Neeva, Galeru-Nagari and the Somasila-Swarnamukhi link canal to improve irrigation facilities in the region. The Chief Minister said the state government is also focusing on industries, data centres, drone cities, aerospace hubs, and food processing sectors in Rayalaseema. The region, he added, would be developed into a global horticulture hub. District Collector Sumit Kumar said the Sanjee-

vani Digital Nerve Centre call centre has so far conducted health follow-up services for around 73,000 people. The programme would be implemented more effectively with coordination among various departments to ensure continuous medical monitoring for every family.

Puthalapattu MLA K Murali Mohan and MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said the programme would improve access to modern healthcare services in rural areas and help identify health problems at an early stage through digital records and AI-based systems. Tata Group CEO Girish Krishnamurthy said the Tata Digital Nerve Centre would help extend healthcare services even to remote areas.

It is the essence of genius to
make use of the simplest ideas
— Charles Péguy

Different Strokes

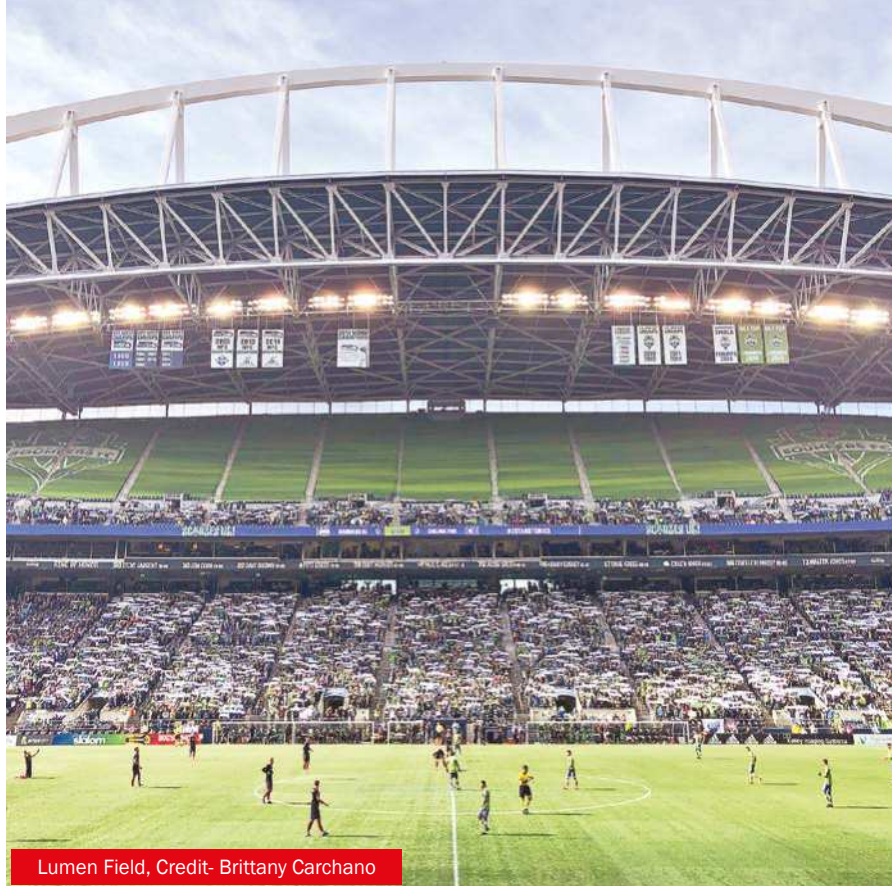
A guide to exploring Seattle during FIFA 2026: Sports, culture and sightseeing



City, Credit- David Newman



Waterfront Park Seattle-Photo by Hannah Te courtesy Friends of Waterfront Park



Lumen Field, Credit- Brittany Carchano

Seattle is set to experience a landmark year in 2026 as it becomes one of the host cities for FIFA World Cup 26™, transforming the city into a global hub of football, culture, and celebration. Known for its vibrant sports culture and walkable urban core, Seattle offers visitors a unique blend of high-energy matches, iconic landmarks, and immersive local experiences.

At the heart of the action is Lumen Field, known during events as Seattle Stadium. The venue will host six World Cup matches between June and July, including four group-stage fixtures featuring top international

teams such as the USA vs Australia on June 19 and Iran vs Egypt on June 26. The stadium sits in the city center, making it easily accessible for fans and turning the surrounding district into a festival-like atmosphere throughout the tournament.

Beyond the matches, Seattle will come alive with official fan celebration zones across locations like Seattle Center, Pacific Place, Waterfront Park, and SoDo's Victory Hall. These free public spaces will feature live match screenings, food stalls, entertainment, and community events starting June 11, creating a citywide festival of football.

Seattle's sports identity

extends well beyond the World Cup. The city is home to teams like the Seahawks (NFL), Sounders FC, and Reign FC, with Seattle Mariners representing Major League Baseball at nearby T-Mobile Park. Game days across the city are marked by lively sports bars such as Flatstick Pub, Atlantic Crossing, and The George & Dragon Pub, where fans gather to watch global and local matches in a spirited atmosphere. Between matches, visitors can explore the city's most iconic attractions. A must-visit is Pike Place Market, where fresh produce, artisan stalls, and historic charm define Seattle's food culture. Nearby, the

revitalized waterfront offers scenic views, public art, and attractions like the Seattle Great Wheel and immersive experiences along Overlook Walk.

At the cultural core of downtown lies Seattle Center, home to major landmarks including the Space Needle, the futuristic Chihuly Garden and Glass, and the interactive Museum of Pop Culture (MOPOP). Together, these sites showcase Seattle's mix of innovation, creativity, and entertainment.

For dining and nightlife, Pioneer Square offers refined options such as modern Indian cuisine and contemporary Pacific Northwest dining, along with theaters, concerts, and

performances at venues like Climate Pledge Arena and McCaw Hall.

Additional experiences include panoramic city views from Smith Tower, historical insights at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, and cultural exploration at the Wing Luke Museum in Chinatown-International District. For a quieter escape, Capitol Hill offers Volunteer Park, the historic Water Tower observation deck, and the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

With its combination of world-class football, cultural depth, and scenic urban exploration, Seattle in 2026 promises an unforgettable experience for sports fans and travellers alike.

'B Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir' – A heartfelt tribute to a visionary legend

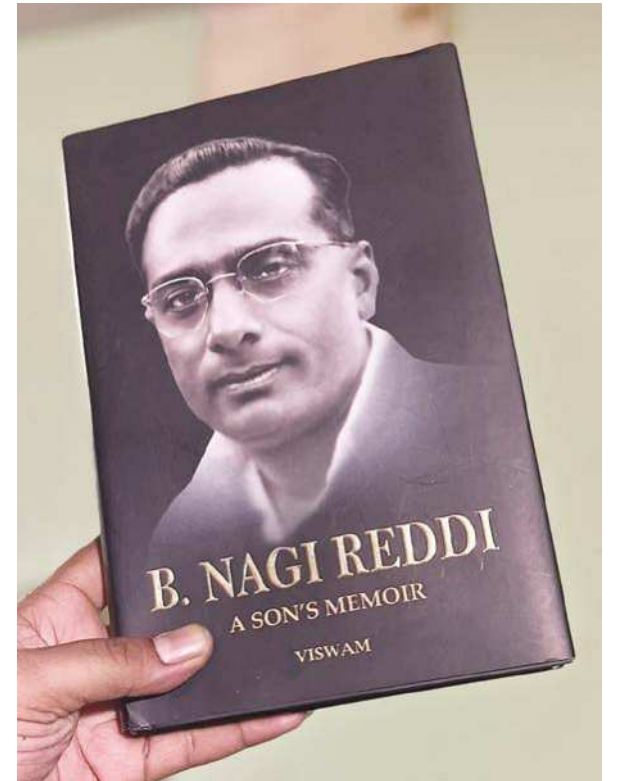
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B Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir is far more than a conventional biography. Written by B. Viswanatha Reddi, popularly known as Viswam, the book offers an emotionally rich and deeply researched account of the life of legendary filmmaker, publisher, and philanthropist B. Nagi Reddi. Instead of glorifying the icon with exaggerated mythology, the memoir focuses on presenting a grounded and authentic portrait of a man who played a monumental role in shaping Indian cinema, publishing, and healthcare.

Structured across 37 chapters, the book traces Nagi Reddi's inspiring journey from a small village in Andhra Pradesh to becoming one of the most respected names in South Indian cinema. His story unfolds like one of the magical tales from Chandamama, the beloved children's magazine he co-founded alongside Chakrapani. The memoir beautifully captures how traditional values, discipline, and compassion became the foundation of his remarkable life.

One of the strongest aspects of the book is the way it expands beyond cinema. While readers get fascinating insights into the making of iconic films and the establishment of Vijaya Studios, the narrative also highlights Nagi Reddi's achievements as the founder of Vijaya Hospital and a pioneering force in Indian publishing. The book reveals how he successfully balanced creativity, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy without ever losing his humility.

The memoir also serves as an important historical document, chronicling the growth of Chennai and the South Indian film industry



during the second half of the 20th century. Through anecdotes shared by colleagues, employees, and close associates, readers gain a rare behind-the-scenes look at the evolution of filmmaking, magazine publishing, and business culture during that era.

Viswam's writing style remains crisp, factual, and emotionally sincere throughout the book. Rather than relying on dramatic embellishments, he allows real incidents and personal memories to speak for themselves. This restrained storytelling approach adds credibility and emotional depth to the narrative. The book consistently portrays Nagi Reddi as a "karma yogi" — a man who never claimed personal credit for his achievements and always acknowledged the contribution of his team members.

Another compelling

element is the insight into Viswam's own legacy. As the longtime publisher of Chandamama, he expanded the magazine into multiple languages, including Braille editions, helping generations of children connect with storytelling and culture. His contributions to publishing, social welfare, and public service further strengthen the memoir's emotional authenticity.

What makes B. Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir truly engaging is its ability to combine personal emotion with historical importance. It is not merely a tribute from a son to his father, but a valuable record of an extraordinary personality who left an unforgettable mark on Indian society. For readers interested in Indian cinema history, publishing, philanthropy, and inspiring real-life journeys, this memoir stands out as a must-read and deeply rewarding experience.

Magical fingers on the harmonium



Pandit Ratan Sharma with son Govind, granddaughters Jyothi and Devika

JAYWANT NAIDU

Pandit Ratan Sharma, lovingly known in music circles as the "Harmonium Master," carries a legacy that blends tradition, devotion, and generations of musical excellence. A proud mentor to his granddaughters Jyothi Sharma and Devika Sharma—both rising stars in the world of Indian music—he finds his greatest joy not in accolades, but in their achievements.

Recalling his formative years, Ratan Sharma speaks with reverence about his gurus. "My teacher in Ujjain, Guru Kaluram, was a Sarangi player who always said, 'Khane ke saath daal hona aur saangeet ke saath taal hona'—there should be daal in food and rhythm in music," he reflects. Later, his journey took him to Mumbai, where he trained under Guru Mohan Singh, a respected name in the Hindi film recording circuit. "If my fingers move on the harmonium at this breathtaking speed, it is all due to his blessings," he



Pandit Ratan Sharma on his 70 year old Harmonium

says humbly. His vintage harmonium, first played in 1955, remains his most cherished companion. With visible wear on its wooden keys, it stands as a silent witness to decades of dedication. "Yeh mera saathi hai," he says fondly—this is my partner.

For Ratan Sharma, his greatest pride is his family's musical ascent. Jyothi Sharma has already made a mark as a finalist on Suron Ka Eklavya 22 (DD National), winner of the 6th edition Khazana Ghazal Festival,

recipient of the Yuva Pratibha Singing Talent Hunt 2023 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and finalist of the Asha Ki Asha International Talent Hunt. Her sister Devika Sharma is also emerging as a promising young artist with a bright future ahead.

The family's musical thread is further strengthened by his son Govind Sharma, a tabla player who also manages the performances and schedules of the young artistes, ensuring their talents reach wider audiences. Ratan Sharma's journey has also placed him alongside legends, having shared musical spaces with ghazal maestro Ghulam Ali and Vithal Rao. Today, he continues to dedicate his time to teaching students at his home near Kabutar Khana in Hyderabad. "It is my duty to teach the younger generation as a tribute to my gurus who gave me everything about music and life," he says, embodying the spirit of a true custodian of tradition—where every note played is a continuation of a timeless legacy.

Jasmine and Jetstreams: The calm of Chennai, the energy of Hyderabad

JYOTSNA HARISH

Here's a unique tale of two South Indian cities—Chennai and Hyderabad. Both attract talent and investments. Comparing them helps you see which city aligns with your vibes and supports your academic, career, and lifestyle goals.

The educational landscape of Chennai is built on tradition. It features prominent institutions such as IIT Madras, Anna University, Madras Christian College, and Ethiraj College for Women. These provide a strong base in engineering, arts, and research. Over 30 deemed universities add to this strength. The city has led in medical education through CMC Vellore, AIIMS, and private universities like SRM and VIT. Most schools follow the CBSE or a state board. There is a strong focus on coaching for JEE and NEET exams.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad has quickly closed the gap with Chennai. Institutions like IIT Hyderabad, BITS Pilani Hyderabad, IIIT Hyderabad, and ISB support research and startups. Mahindra, Woxsen, and NMIMS universities add to the city's educational landscape. IB, IGCSE, and CBSE International and national board schools are common in busy areas like HiTech City, Gachibowli, and Miyapur. These schools serve many IT families.

While Chennai still leads in research output,



Chennai, Marina Beach

Hyderabad has made inroads, particularly with industry-linked programs. Turning to healthcare and culture, Chennai stands out for hospitals such as Apollo, Fortis, GH, and Stanley, making it the city with the most hospitals in India. It attracts almost 45 per cent of India's medical tourists. Low-cost health care in facilities for heart, cancer, and transplant care is boosting the healthcare sector's popularity.

The city is also known for its beaches like Marina, Akkarai, and Besant Nagar. Chennai's classical arts scene is strong, thanks to sabhas that promote Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam dance. However, the city is less welcoming to speakers of other languages than Hyderabad, and languages such as Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Gujarati, and Bengali are mostly found in small areas. However, Chennai faces persistent urban challenges. These include flooding during the monsoon, water shortages in summer, and ageing drainage systems. Poor garbage segregation worsens these issues. The city's waste

management is inconsistent. This is seen in dump yards at Perungudi in the south and Kodungaiyur in the north. Compared to Chennai, the city of pearls stands out for its efficient roads and cost-effectiveness. Commuting is easier thanks to the Outer Ring Road and wide main roads. Its water supply, sourced from the Godavari-Krishna projects, is more reliable than Chennai's, although certain areas in the Old City and northern suburbs still face pressure issues. Healthcare infrastructure is expanding, with major hospitals such as AIG, Yashoda, and KIMS.

Compared to residents of many other Indian cities, Hyderabadis are generally more welcoming to speakers of other languages. One can hear Hindi, Telugu, Urdu, and English widely spoken. However, lake encroachment and traffic jams in HiTech City are becoming increasingly serious.

Looking more closely at transport, the Chennai Metro covers 54.1 km. It has two main lines, Blue and Green, and 41 stations. These connect the city to its suburbs, including



Hyderabad, Tank Bund

the airport, train stations, and business areas such as Aalandur and Koyambedu. Phase II, a 118.9-km expansion, is underway but slow, causing traffic and road issues. Metro ridership is currently about 2.6 lakh daily, which is low for a big city.

Compared to Chennai and other major Indian cities, Hyderabad Metro Phase 1 runs on a 69.2 km network. It links key residential, business, and IT areas through three elevated lines: Red, Blue, and Green. It is India's largest public-private partnership metro. The metro serves about 4.7 lakh riders daily, making it a strong public transport option. Its main drawback is that it does not connect to the airport or the Old City.

Beyond infrastructure, the good mornings of Chennai are threaded with small rituals. Office-goers pause at roadside temples to touch brass bells and offer a quick prayer; flower vendors cluster near bus stops and railway stations, exchanging jasmine garlands for a few rupees; women tuck blooms into their hair, and men buy garlands for home altars. These gestures slow the city's

pace and bind people to place.

In contrast, Hyderabad's mornings emphasise efficiency, unlike more leisurely cities. People grab quick coffees, go for runs along the Outer Ring Road, and take the fast metro or shuttle to workplaces. While temples and flower sellers are present, most commuters focus on their schedules and reaching their destinations quickly. Unlike in some other cities, ritual stops are less common.

Bringing these aspects together, Chennai offers long-standing educational institutions, a strong healthcare system, and rich cultural traditions, but faces ongoing infrastructure and environmental challenges. In comparison, Hyderabad offers a dynamic, fast-growing environment in these areas, but each city has its trade-offs.

Each city will influence your daily routines, from how you start your morning to the small, meaningful habits you keep—like putting jasmine in your hair at sunrise or giving a quick nod to a colleague on the metro as the city moves around you.

The real battle is within



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR
NIKUNJ JI

In the present world many people consider survival and security as prime values. They argue that if a person does not survive, then what value the other values have for him. In a similar vein, they further argue that if a person lives in a state of constant insecurity and fear, then what is the charm, the joy, the fun or the zest in living? Because the quality of life of a man in fear is like that of a man in a state of suspended animation and it's not at all cherishable, relishable or enjoyable or valuable. On the other hand, there are other people who question the contention of the former kind of people. The questions they raise are that 'after all what is the purpose of survival?' & 'what is the goal of life?'. Further they ask 'what do we want to achieve by living or while living?'. They argue

that the difference between a human being and an animal is narrowed down to zero if man also, like other animals, is concerned primarily and mainly about his physical survival only. They feel that there should be some higher and nobler aim of human existence & that there should be something more worthy for humans to be achieved. Arguing thus, they ask:

If personal survival is the main value, then why do military men endanger their own survival or sacrifice their life at the battle-front in order to keep intact the sovereignty of the nation? Again, why did the heroes of Indian Freedom Struggle happily embraced death for the sake of independence of their motherland? Why did kings in the olden times, give up their palaces and bodyguards and go to the forest in pursuit of truth, endangering their life, knowing well that there were tigers and lions there? With these questions in mind, they further argue that why should man have fear if he has moral and spiritual strength and has good relations with all the human beings? Because fear, they assert, arises from guilt-consciousness, suspicion or enmity. So, man should be free from these negativities rather than have additional negative tendencies or emotion, namely fear

Survival as the basic human value is contrasted with the need for higher moral and spiritual goals in life. It emphasizes overcoming fear and negativity through ethical living, self-control, and universal brotherhood to achieve true peace and happiness

because one's survival should normally be an assured thing if one's actions are in harmony with other beings, with the environment and with the moral and physical laws. Each one of us must understand a fact that our life and death, or survival and happiness, are governed by the law of Karma and if our karma is good, why should we fear? Because death will surely come to all on one fixed day; why should then we not sleep well night after night?

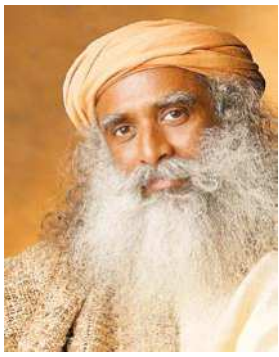
Today, what makes the world-situation peaceless is that mankind has not yet been able to realise the truth that the factors that lead nations to race for military superiority build-up of weapons and subjugation of other people and their territories are religious bigotry, scramble for power or spirit of revenge. Because of his lust for power, man cheats himself of happiness. It is a pity that he easily

forgets that the power of arms or money without the power to rule one's own mind is worse than evil. Also, man does not realise that the political power without the power to rule one's physical senses and without the intent to use power for human good, leads to turmoil. Remember! Lasting happiness of the human race depends not on power to dominate others but on his mastery over his demonic traits. So, the rub of the matter is that man needs to be reminded in an effective manner that if he does not kill the demons of hate, anger and war with the weapons of love and universal brotherhood, the demons would kill mankind.

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Envy and compassion



SADHGURU

The fundamental nature of jealousy or envy is that you feel inadequate. Envy is: somebody has something that you would like to have or somebody has something more than what you have. If you are very blissful you would not be envious of anybody. Right now, somebody seems to have or you assume that they have something more than you and you feel less than them. So, envy can exist only if somebody else is there who is better than you. If you are here by yourself, envy cannot happen. But compassion is not like that. Compassion can happen even if nobody is here.

Let us take away this understanding that compassion is some kind of sympathy or empathy or pity. Passion means total involvement with something. When we say passion, people are only thinking man-woman passion. No. When you are passionately involved with something, nothing else exists for you. Passion means unbridled involvement with something. It could be anything; you can sing passionately, you can dance passionately, you can do your gardening passionately, you can read a book passionately, or you can just walk passionately. So, it does not mean any specific activity as such nor does it mean any particular area of life. It is just that you have deep sense of involvement.

Compassion means it is an all-encompassing passion. That means your passion is no more

Envy arises from comparison and a sense of inadequacy, which disappears in the absence of others to compare with. It contrasts this with compassion, described as a deep, all-encompassing, and non-discriminatory state of passionate involvement with all aspects of life



discriminatory. Whatever is in touch with you right now, you are deeply passionate with that. Whatever it is, if you look at something you are not just casually looking at anything; there is nothing like casual in your life. Everything is with total passion. You breathe with passion, you walk with passion, you live with passion; your very existence is with absolute involvement with everything. This is compassion. This has got nothing to do with anybody. Even if nobody is here you can live in great compassion. But if nobody is here, you cannot live enviously. You need somebody to cause that for you – you need help. So, you are sympathetic with them when they have fallen down but when they stand up you do not like it. It is from this basis that all

charity has come. Do not try to handle sympathy and compassion and all these things. Just develop unbridled passion towards everything. Do not understand passion as this person. Understand passion as anything that is in touch with you right now. The very cloth that you wear, the very air that you breathe, the very food that you eat, and choose stability over passion. Just be passionate about everything. When it is unbridled, it is not entangling any more.

(Sadhguru is a Yogi, mystic, and Padma Vibhushan awardee, also known for his New York Times bestselling books. He founded Conscious Planet-Save Soil, the world's largest people's movement, impacting over 4 billion people)

The world is not enough when courage has no limits



SHIV RAJVANSHI

In every era of human history, progress has belonged to those who possessed the courage to challenge limits. Empires were built, discoveries were made, revolutions were ignited, and impossible dreams became reality because someone, somewhere, decided not to surrender to fear. The phrase "The World Is Not Enough If You Have the Courage" perfectly captures this spirit of limitless ambition and fearless determination. It is not simply a motivational line; it is a philosophy that defines the difference between those who merely exist and those who truly create impact.

Courage is one of the rarest qualities in the modern world. In an age where people constantly seek comfort, security, and validation, courage demands something different: the willingness to take risks, embrace uncertainty, and move forward despite fear. Most people wait for perfect timing, guaranteed success, or universal approval before taking action. Courageous individuals understand that perfect moments rarely exist. They create opportunities through belief, resilience, and action.

The world often teaches people to think within boundaries. From childhood, individuals are conditioned to follow safe paths, avoid failure, and choose stability over passion. Society celebrates achievement but frequently discourages risk-taking. Yet, every extraordinary success story has emerged from someone refusing to



accept ordinary limitations. Whether it was inventors changing technology, entrepreneurs disrupting industries, athletes breaking records, or artists redefining creativity, courage has always been the driving force behind transformation.

True courage is not the absence of fear. Fear is natural. Fear accompanies every major decision, every new beginning, and every uncertain journey. Courage simply means refusing to let fear control destiny. Some of the most successful people in the world have openly admitted that they faced rejection, uncertainty, and setbacks repeatedly. What separated them from others was their ability to continue moving forward when others stopped.

Today's generation has access to opportunities unlike any previous era. Digital platforms, global connectivity, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, and innovation have opened doors that were unimaginable decades ago. A student from a small town can build a global business. A creator with a smartphone can influence millions. An entrepreneur with an idea can disrupt billion-dollar industries. Yet, despite these opportunities, many still hesitate because fear remains stronger than

ambition.

The reality is that success has never belonged only to the most talented people. Talent without courage often remains hidden. Intelligence without action produces no impact. Courage transforms potential into achievement. A person willing to fail, learn, and rise again will always move ahead of someone who remains trapped in self-doubt.

In professional life, courage has become more important than ever. Industries are evolving rapidly, careers are changing, and competition is global. Companies that succeed are led by individuals who are willing to innovate and take bold decisions. Startups that become industry leaders are founded by people who dared to challenge established systems. Leadership itself requires courage: the courage to make difficult choices, stand by values, and lead through uncertainty.

The same principle applies to personal growth. Many people spend years living according to societal expectations rather than their own aspirations. They suppress dreams because they fear judgment or failure. However, real fulfillment begins when individuals gather the courage to pursue authenticity. Courage allows people to embrace

who they truly are instead of becoming what society expects them to be.

Some of the greatest battles are not fought publicly but internally. Self-doubt, insecurity, fear of rejection, and fear of failure silently prevent countless individuals from reaching their true potential. A courageous person is not someone who never struggles but someone who refuses to surrender to those struggles. Mental resilience, emotional strength, and self-belief are forms of courage that shape extraordinary lives.

India today provides a powerful example of how courage can transform a nation's future. Across industries, Indian entrepreneurs, creators, athletes, and innovators are competing on global platforms with confidence and ambition. Young Indians are no longer confined by geographical or societal limitations. They are building startups, leading multinational companies, influencing digital culture, and creating worldwide recognition. This transformation is fueled not only by talent but by the courage to dream bigger.

The rise of India's startup ecosystem itself is a story of courage. Thousands of young founders have chosen uncertain entrepreneurial journeys over traditional career security. Many failed

initially, yet continued building until success arrived. Their journeys prove that courage often matters more than immediate results. Every failure becomes a lesson, every setback becomes preparation, and every challenge becomes a stepping stone.

Courage also has the power to inspire others. One brave decision can create a ripple effect that motivates entire communities. A teacher inspiring student to think independently, a social entrepreneur solving grassroots problems, or a public figure speaking honestly about challenges — all of these acts influence society positively. Courage is contagious. When people witness fearless action, they begin to believe in their own potential.

Importantly, courage must be balanced with purpose. Fearless ambition without values can become destructive. True courage is not recklessness; it is purposeful determination guided by integrity and vision. It is about creating meaningful impact rather than chasing hollow success. The individuals who leave lasting legacies are those who combine boldness with responsibility.

The phrase "The World Is Not Enough If You Have the Courage" ultimately reflects the limitless nature of human potential. A courageous mind cannot be confined by geography, circumstances, criticism, or temporary failure. The world itself becomes too small for individuals who dare to think beyond conventional boundaries.

At the end of life, people rarely regret the risks they took. More often, they regret the opportunities they ignored, the dreams they postponed, and the fears they allowed to control them. Courage is what transforms life from ordinary existence into meaningful experience. Because in the end, the world does not belong to those who wait it belongs to those who dare.



Weekend OTT blast: Here's what is streaming across platforms

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N The OTT space continues to deliver an exciting mix of action thrillers, courtroom dramas, reality entertainment, and quirky comedies this week. Major streaming platforms including Netflix, JioHotstar, Amazon Prime Video, ETV WIN, and ZEE5 have rolled out fresh releases catering to audiences of every genre. From the unfiltered version of the blockbuster spy thriller Dhurandhar to the rustic Telugu comedy series Memu Coplam, viewers have plenty of binge-worthy options this weekend.



Netflix & Jio Hotstar

Dhurandhar - Part 1 (Raw & Undekha)

The blockbuster spy-thriller Dhurandhar (Part 1) is now streaming in a brand-new "Raw & Undekha" version on both Netflix and JioHotstar. After its initial OTT premiere on Netflix in January 2026, the makers unveiled the uncut and unfiltered edition offering audiences a more intense cinematic experience. The latest version features unmutted dialogues, raw action sequences, and a darker presentation compared to the previously edited release. Fans can stream the film in Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu audio options. The film boasts a stellar ensemble cast featuring Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, and Arjun Rampal.



Dance in key roles.

named Brutal Dharma.



Netflix

Ladies First

The satirical comedy Ladies First is now streaming exclusively on Netflix. Directed by Thea Sharrock, the film follows Damien Sachs, played by Sacha Baron Cohen, a wealthy and chauvinistic businessman who wakes up in a parallel universe ruled by women. As he struggles to survive in a matriarchal society, the film delivers sharp satire on gender roles and power dynamics. The movie also stars Rosamund Pike, Richard E. Grant, Emily Mortimer, and Charles

Desi Bling Season 1

Desi Bling Season 1 is now streaming exclusively on Netflix. The lifestyle reality series serves as the official Indian spin-off of Dubai Bling and showcases the glamorous lives of wealthy Indian expats and billionaires living in Dubai. Packed with luxury yachts, designer fashion, lavish parties, and high-society rivalries, the show offers a peek into the extravagant lifestyles of the elite. Season 1 features 7-8 episodes and is available in Hindi, English, Tamil, and Telugu audio options. The cast includes Karan Kundrra, Tejaswini Prakash, Rizwan Sajan, Satish and Tabinda Sanpal, Alizey and Lailli Mirza, along with Pamela Serena.

Amazon Prime Video

Gaayapadda Simham

The Telugu action-comedy drama Gaayapadda Simham is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video with multiple regional language options. Directed by Kasyap Sreenivas, the film stars Tharun Bhascker, Faria Abdullah, Maanasa Choudhary, and J. D. Chakravarthy, with an extended cameo by Sree Vishnu. Released on May 22, 2026, the satirical entertainer follows Darahas, a man deported from the United States within hours due to sudden immigration policy changes. Furious over his shattered dreams, he launches a bizarre revenge mission that leads to hilarious chaos involving cops and a feared mafia don

Sathi Leelavathi

The romantic comedy Sathi Leelavathi is currently streaming in Prime Video. Starring Lavanya Tripathi and Dev Mohan in lead roles, the film revolves around Leelavathi, a successful filmmaker whose life takes an unexpected turn when her husband asks for a divorce. Determined to save her marriage, she creates a series of funny and emotional situations, leading to a light-hearted yet heartwarming journey filled with romance, misunderstandings, and humor. The film has been appreciated for its entertaining narrative and charming performances.

System

The intense courtroom drama System is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and produced by Baweja Studios, the film stars Sonakshi Sinha as ambitious prosecutor Neha Rajvansh, alongside Jyothika as Sarika Rawat and Ashutosh Gowariker in a pivotal role. The story follows Neha's mission to win ten consecutive cases to secure a partnership at her father's law firm, but her alliance with a street-smart courtroom stenographer uncovers deep-rooted

RELEASES		
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Netflix	Ladies First	A satirical comedy directed by Thea Sharrock, following a chauvinistic businessman who wakes up in a parallel universe ruled by women, leading to humorous and socially relevant situations.
	Desi Bling Season 1	The Indian spin-off of Dubai Bling showcasing the lavish lifestyles, luxury parties, designer fashion, and rivalries among wealthy Indian expats living in Dubai.
Amazon Prime Video	Gaayapadda Simham	A Telugu action-comedy drama about a deported man whose shattered American dream pushes him into a bizarre revenge mission involving cops and a feared mafia don.
	Sathi Leelavathi	A romantic comedy revolving around a successful filmmaker trying to save her marriage after her husband asks for a divorce, resulting in emotional and humorous situations.
	System	A courtroom drama about an ambitious prosecutor who uncovers corruption and moral conflicts within the legal system while fighting to establish her career.
ETV Win	Uttutta Herolu	A Telugu crime-comedy thriller about four aspiring actors who resort to kidnapping for money and end up facing dangerous consequences involving a faction leader.
ZEE5	Memu Coplam	A rural Telugu crime-comedy web series about two clueless constables investigating the disappearance of a prized fighting rooster named "Salaar Raju."

corruption and moral dilemmas within the legal system. The film is available in Hindi with regional dubbed versions, including Telugu.

ETV WIN

Uttutta Herolu

The Telugu crime comedy thriller Uttutta Herolu is currently streaming on ETV WIN. Directed by Harsha Kodali, the film stars Mahesh Vitta, Thanu Konidela, Hara Srinivas, Walter Vinay, and Praveena Sony in key roles. The crime comedy follows four friends from the "Cult Gang" who dream of becoming film heroes. When their movie shoot gets stalled due to financial issues, they turn to kidnapping for quick money, only to land in bigger trouble after crossing paths with a dangerous faction leader named Rami Reddy. Packed with humor, crime, and chaotic twists, the film offers an entertaining thriller experience.

Zee5

Memu Coplam

The Telugu crime-comedy web series Memu Coplam is now streaming officially on ZEE5. The series

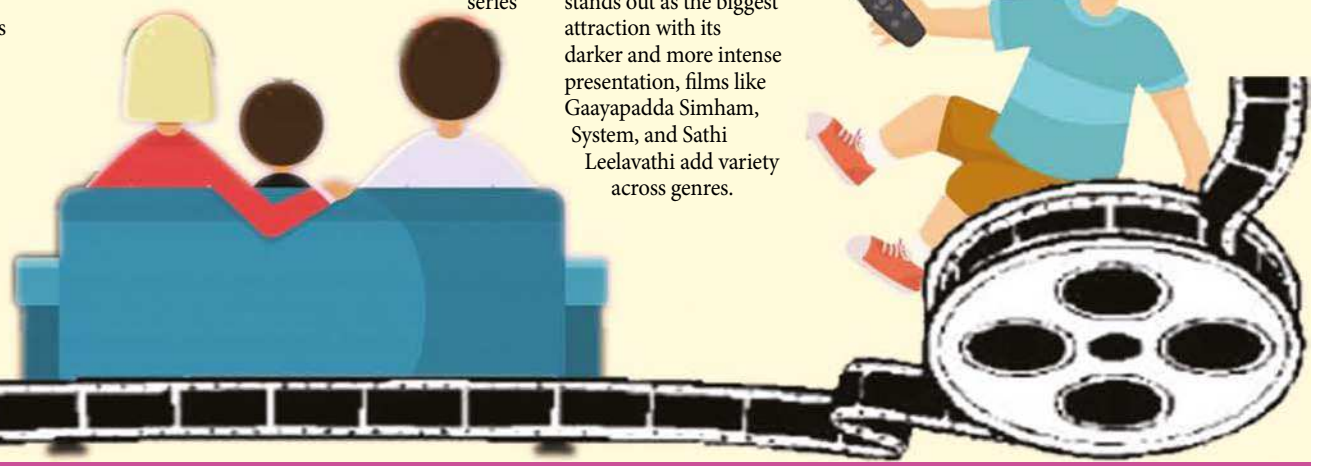
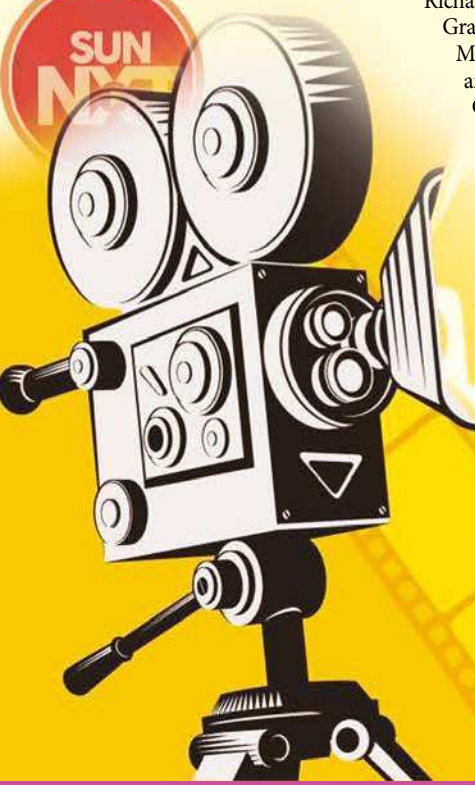


consists of six episodes and stars Naga Babu, Getup Srinu, and Ravi Teja Nannimala in key roles. The rural comedy-mystery revolves around two clueless village police constables who are assigned to investigate the strange disappearance of a prized fighting rooster named "Salaar Raju." Filled with hilarious misunderstandings, quirky village characters, and chaotic investigations, the series blends comedy and mystery in an entertaining rustic backdrop.

This week's OTT lineup offers something for every kind of viewer, from gritty spy thrillers and courtroom dramas to romantic entertainers and rustic Telugu comedies. While Dhurandhar - Part 1 (Raw & Undekha) stands out as the biggest attraction with its darker and more intense presentation, films like Gaayapadda Simham, System, and Sathi Leelavathi add variety across genres.



Meanwhile, shows like Desi Bling and Memu Coplam cater to audiences looking for reality drama and comedy-filled binge sessions. With major platforms competing aggressively through diverse content, OTT viewers are once again spoiled for choice this weekend.



'The Boroughs' Season 1 review: Slow and overstretched

The science-fiction mystery series The Boroughs attempts to blend emotional drama with supernatural suspense but ultimately ends up as a slow, exhausting watch that struggles to justify its eight-episode runtime. Despite featuring an impressive cast and backing from the creators of Stranger Things, the show never fully delivers on its intriguing premise and often gets trapped in repetitive storytelling and sluggish pacing.

Samuel Cooper, played by Alfred Molina, a grieving widower trying to rebuild his life after losing his wife. Soon, mysterious incidents begin disturbing the elderly residents, leading to strange theories, paranoia, and supernatural clues. While the setup initially appears promising, the narrative quickly loses momentum as the show spends far too much time on character conversations and emotional monologues without moving the mystery forward in a meaningful way. The biggest problem with The

Boroughs is its pacing. Several middle episodes feel unnecessarily stretched and overloaded with filler scenes that add very little to the central mystery. Instead of building suspense, the show repeatedly circles around the same emotional conflicts, making the viewing experience frustrating rather than engaging. The mystery surrounding the strange creature and cryptic clues like "The owl is in the wall" sounds interesting on paper, but the execution lacks tension and payoff. The series also struggles tonally.

It wants to be a gripping sci-fi thriller while simultaneously exploring themes of ageing, loneliness, regret, and mortality. Unfortunately, neither aspect feels fully satisfying. The emotional drama becomes overly heavy-handed at times, while the science-fiction elements never become exciting enough to compensate for the slow storytelling. The heavy inspiration from Stranger Things is obvious throughout the series, but The Boroughs lacks the energy, emotional impact, and gripping

momentum that made that show successful. The performances are perhaps the only redeeming aspect. Alfred Molina delivers a restrained and believable performance, while Geena Davis, Alfre Woodard, and Denis O'Hare do their best to elevate weak material. However, even strong performances cannot



completely save a series weighed down by uneven writing and repetitive scenes. In the end, The Boroughs feels like a missed opportunity. What could have been a fresh and emotionally layered sci-fi mystery instead turns into a tedious and overlong drama that rarely manages to hold attention consistently.





BIZ BRIEFS

BharathCloud, BDIA in pact

BharathCloud engaged in discussions at Bharat Digital Samvad, the inaugural national forum organised by the Bharath Digital Infrastructure Association (BDIA), in New Delhi. The summit brought together policymakers, cloud infrastructure leaders, regulators, enterprises, and technology stakeholders to discuss India's digital sovereignty, AI infrastructure readiness, and the future of domestic cloud ecosystems. The event also initiated the official launch of BDIA as an association of not-for-profit industry dedicated to developing and improving India's digital infrastructure.

Classic Legends' new initiative

Classic Legends has announced the launch of the 9-day "Legends' Care Camp", a nationwide service initiative across its authorised Jawa, Yezdi and BSA dealership network from May 23 to May 31, 2026, reinforcing the company's continued focus on customer satisfaction and after-sales experience. The service camp will be organised across multiple cities and will offer customers comprehensive vehicle health check-ups along with exclusive benefits on service, spare parts, labour and genuine accessories. As part of the initiative, trained technicians will conduct a detailed 72-point motorcycle inspection.

Bajaj Finserv AMC's report

In its latest outlook, Bajaj Finserv AMC believes global markets are entering a more challenging phase marked by moderating growth, elevated inflation, and heightened geopolitical uncertainty. According to the latest IMF projections, global growth is expected to slow to 3.1 per cent in 2026 from 3.4 per cent last year, while inflation is projected to rise to 4.4 per cent, largely due to elevated energy prices and supply-side disruptions.

ITC focuses on biodiversity

As the world marks International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme 'Acting Locally for Global Impact', ITC's large-scale and integrated biodiversity conservation initiatives demonstrate how grassroots action can deliver impactful ecological outcomes, build climate resilience and support livelihoods creation, the company said. ITC's biodiversity programme in collaboration with State Governments cumulatively covers nearly 7.8 lakh acres across 10 states in India till date and the aim is to cover 1 million acres under the initiative by 2030.

BLSe releases FY26 results

BLSe (BLSe), a technology-enabled digital service provider, announced its consolidated audited financial results for the quarter and full year period ended March 31, 2026. The company's total income increased to Rs. 1,142.8 crore in FY26 as compared to Rs 545 crore in FY25, up by 109.7 per cent YoY. EBITDA of the company increased to Rs. 99.9 crores from Rs. 86.1 crore in FY25. PAT rose to Rs. 69.3 crore as compared to Rs 58.8 crore in FY25.

When oil and rain conspire against your wallet

Rising fuel prices, El Niño, weakening rupee, and constrained govt spending create a squeeze on real incomes

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HERE is a number worth pausing over: 6.7 per cent. That is how fast India Ratings and Research - one of the country's most credible independent credit rating and economic research agencies, affiliated with the global Fitch Group - expects the Indian economy to grow in the financial year 2026-27. Not a bad number by global standards. But it represents a meaningful deceleration from the 7.6 per cent growth recorded in FY26, and the reasons behind that deceleration matter enormously to the ordinary Indian household navigating the crosscurrents of rising prices, a weakening rupee, and a world that seems perpetually on the edge of the next crisis.

Let us translate the economics into plain language - because this forecast is not an abstraction. It will show up in your petrol bill, your grocery basket, your EMI, and your savings account.

The Oil Problem — And Why It Is Your Problem

The single biggest villain in this economic story is crude oil. India imports roughly 85 per cent of its petroleum needs, making it one of the world's most oil-import-dependent large economies. When global oil prices rise - driven, as they currently are, by the ongoing West Asia conflict - the impact on India is swift, broad, and deeply personal.

India Ratings has built its base-case forecast on oil averaging USD 95 per barrel across FY27, with higher prices assumed in the first half of the year before moderating. Under this assumption, GDP growth comes in at 6.7 per cent. But here is the sensitivity analysis that should make policymakers and citizens alike sit up: every USD 10 per barrel increase in crude prices reduces India's GDP growth by 44 basis points - nearly half a percentage point. If oil averages USD 120 per



barrel - not an inconceivable scenario if the West Asia situation deteriorates - growth could fall to 5.6 per cent. That is a significant economic setback.

For the middle-class family, this translates into the cost of a litre of petrol and diesel. The government has already raised retail petrol and diesel prices by Rs. 3 per litre and compressed natural gas prices by Rs. 2 per kg in May 2026, following earlier hikes in March and April. Another round of increases - Rs. 5 more per litre in the first quarter of FY27 under India Ratings' assumptions - is anticipated. The household budget that has been absorbing one inflation shock after another is being asked to absorb yet another. Every additional rupee per litre of petrol is not merely a transport cost - it is a multiplier that raises the price of every good that travels on Indian roads, which means virtually everything you buy.

El Niño - The Weather Risk Nobody is Talking About Enough

The second major headwind is something less amenable to policy intervention: the weather. India Ratings specifically flags the likely emergence of El Niño weather patterns from mid-2026 as a significant risk to agricultural output and food prices. El Niño - a periodic warming of the Pacific Ocean surface temperature - historically



disrupts the Indian monsoon, reducing rainfall below normal levels and damaging crop production.

Agriculture still employs approximately 45 per cent of India's workforce, even as its share of GDP has declined. A bad monsoon does not merely reduce farm incomes - it reduces rural consumption spending, which in turn slows the entire demand-driven economy. India Ratings has assumed rainfall at 92 per cent of the long-period average - already below normal - and projects agricultural GDP growth of only 2.1 per cent in FY27. If El Niño is more severe, even this modest projection could prove optimistic.

For the urban middle-class consumer, the connection is direct: food inflation. Retail inflation is already projected to rise to 4.4 per cent in FY27 from 2.1 per cent in FY26. Wholesale inflation, which is a leading indicator of future retail prices, has already jumped to a 42-month high of 8.3 per cent in May 2026. Vegetables, cereals, pulses, and dairy - already subject to supply pressures - will be



crude oil, fertilisers, electronic components, and the hundreds of goods whose production chains run through imported inputs. For the family that is already absorbing higher petrol prices, a weakening rupee compounds the problem by making the underlying dollar cost of energy even more expensive in domestic currency terms.

Further squeezed by the monsoon disappointments. The government has already shown how sensitive it is to food price pressures: import duties on gold were raised to contain the current account deficit, and milk brands like Amul and Mother Dairy have already raised prices by Rs. 2 per litre each. This is only the beginning of what could be a difficult food price environment through the year.

The Rupee - Quietly Losing Ground

There is another tax that falls on every Indian who buys anything imported - and that includes fuel, electronics, edible oils, and medicines among many other goods. It is called currency depreciation, and it is working silently and continuously against the Indian household.

India Ratings projects the rupee-dollar exchange rate to average Rs. 94.28 to the dollar in FY27 - a depreciation of 6.7 per cent from the FY26 average of Rs. 88.35. A weaker rupee makes every import more expensive in rupee terms. It directly inflates the cost of

the trade deficit - the gap between what India imports and exports - is projected to widen to USD 421.2 billion in FY27, the highest since FY13. India's current account deficit (the broader measure of the country's external balance) is expected to deteriorate to 2.6 per cent of GDP. This is manageable but uncomfortable and it places continued downward pressure on the rupee.

The Government's Balancing Act - And Its Limits

The government is attempting to navigate these pressures through a combination of fiscal prudence and targeted support. The fiscal deficit target for FY27 is 4.3 per cent of GDP - tighter than last year's 4.4 per cent. A fiscal stabilisation fund of Rs. 1 trillion created in FY26 will provide some cushion. The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0 (ECLGS) has been activated for MSMEs and other borrowers facing liquidity stress from the West Asia-driven disruptions.

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But the government's room for manoeuvre is genuinely constrained. Fuel subsidies, fertiliser subsidies, and the need to support El Niño relief measures - if the monsoon disappoints - will all press against the fiscal deficit target.

India Ratings notes that Niti Aayog has recommended deferring major construction activities for two years to reduce fiscal pressure - a significant recommendation that, if accepted, would slow government capital expenditure and reduce infrastructure investment precisely when private investment remains below its potential. A 10 per cent reduction in government capital expenditure, the report notes, would reduce GFCF (Gross Fixed Capital Formation - a measure of investment in the economy) growth from its current trajectory and pull GDP growth down to 6.0 per cent. This is the capex dilemma at the heart of Indian economic management today: the government needs to invest to sustain growth momentum, but it also needs to consolidate fiscally to maintain credibility with investors and ratings agencies. Threading that needle in a year of high oil prices and potentially poor rainfall will test policymakers considerably.

What This Means for You
At 6.7 per cent, the Indian

economy is still growing faster than almost any other major economy in the world. The structural story - demographics, digital infrastructure, manufacturing expansion, services exports - remains broadly intact. These are not trivial advantages, and they provide genuine reason for medium-term optimism.

But growth at the aggregate level and the experience of growth at the household level are different things. The combination of rising fuel prices, potential food inflation from El Niño, a weakening rupee, and constrained government spending creates a squeeze on real incomes - particularly for salaried and self-employed middle-class families whose nominal incomes are not rising fast enough to offset these pressures.

The practical implication is straightforward: this is a year to be financially conservative. High consumer price inflation, rising borrowing costs, and currency weakness argue for reducing discretionary spending where possible, building a liquidity buffer in household finances, and being cautious about taking on new floating-rate debt. The RBI's tolerance band for inflation (2-6 per cent) means the central bank will not cut rates aggressively in this environment - which means EMIs are unlikely to get cheaper any time soon.

India's economy is resilient and its long-term trajectory is positive. But the year ahead will test that resilience - and the households best positioned to navigate it will be those that see the headwinds clearly rather than those who assume that 6.7 per cent GDP growth means that everything is comfortably fine. It is not, for everyone, and it is important to say so.

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BUILDING YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE: A GUIDE FOR EVERY STAGE

Whether you are just starting out or already climbing - your profile must speak the right language



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A LinkedIn profile is not a one-size-fits-all document. Just as the clothes you wear to a campus interview differ from what you wear to a boardroom, the way you present yourself on LinkedIn must reflect exactly where you are in your career - and where you are headed. Over the past few weeks, we have talked about resumes, interviews, and first impressions. Today, let us go deeper into one of the most powerful tools you carry with you every single day: your LinkedIn profile. And let us talk about it honestly, for three very different kinds of professionals.

For the First-Timer: You Have More to Say Than You Think

If you are a fresher starting at a blank LinkedIn profile and wondering what on earth you have to offer, stop. You have more than you realise - you simply have not learned to frame it yet.

Begin with your headline. Do not write "Fresher"



or "Looking for Opportunities" - these are the two most common mistakes I see, and they immediately signal a lack of confidence. Instead, write what you are: "B.Tech Graduate | Aspiring Data Analyst | Python & SQL Enthusiast" or "Commerce Graduate | Passionate About Finance & Auditing." Lead with identity, follow with direction.

Your About section is where you tell your story. Write three to four sentences about what you studied, what excites you professionally, and what kind of work you are looking for. Mention a college project, an internship, a competition you participated in, or a skill you taught yourself.

Recruiters hiring freshers are not looking for experience - they are looking for curiosity, initiative, and the potential to grow. Show them that. Add your education, any internships, certifications from platforms like Coursera or LinkedIn Learning, and at least five relevant skills. Ask a professor or

internship manager for a recommendation. Even one genuine recommendation on a fresher profile is worth a hundred self-descriptions.

For the One-to-Two Year Professional: Move From Potential to Proof

You have crossed the first milestone. You have real experience now - projects completed, problems solved, lessons learned. Yet many professionals at this stage still carry a LinkedIn profile that looks like it was set up in college and never touched again. That is a missed opportunity.

At this stage, your profile must shift from potential to proof. Update every role with specific achievements, not just responsibilities. There is a critical difference between "Handled social media accounts" and "Grew Instagram engagement by 40 per cent in six months through targeted content strategy." Numbers, results, and outcomes are what make recruiters lean forward.

Revisit your headline. You are no longer an aspir-

Today, let us go deeper into one of the most powerful tools you carry with you every single day: your LinkedIn profile. And let us talk about it honestly, for three very different kinds of professionals

At this level, your headline should position you as a specialist or a leader in your domain. "Supply Chain Manager | End-to-End Logistics Optimisation | Delivered 20% Cost Reduction Across 3 Plants" is a headline that opens doors. Your About section should read like a professional manifesto - what you stand for, what you have built, and where you are taking your career next.

At this stage, activity on LinkedIn carries real weight. Share your professional perspective on industry developments. Write a short post about a challenge you solved at work. Comment meaningfully on articles by leaders in your field. Mid-level professionals who are visible on LinkedIn are consistently the ones who receive the best unsolicited opportunities - because they have built a reputation, not just a resume. Remember: at this stage of your career, recruiters are not just reading your profile. They are watching how you think.

Wherever you are in your journey - start today. Open your profile, read it as a stranger would, and ask yourself honestly: does this person sound like someone I would want to hire? If the answer is not an immediate yes, you know what to do.

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Kadamba gets 2026 Monde Selection Gold Medal

Kadamba Indian single-malt whisky from Goa-based luxury spirits conglomerate valued at Rs1,200 crore Cheers group led by Dr Mohan Krishna Balivada, received 2026 Monde Selection Gold Medal recently. And, receiving Monde Selection Gold medals continuously year on year is a significant achievement that serves as a powerful testament to 'Kadamba Indian Single-malt' brand's commitment to sustained quality and excellence. Since 1961, the Brussels-based International Institute for Quality Selections has provided this independent, expert-driven evaluation, often referred to as the "Olympics of Food Products".

The 65 year-old Monde Selection is one of the oldest and most respected international quality institute, that evaluates products using over 120 independent experts - including Michelin-starred chefs, chemists, and oenologists - across over 30 criteria, including sensory evaluation, taste, packaging, and composition. A yearly, consecutive award means the product has repeatedly passed these strict international standards. It is a powerful "360° Quality" validation, indeed.

"We are thrilled to announce a monumental milestone for Kadamba Single-malt whisky, team and for our dedicated community of consumers and Single-malt global enthusiasts. Our flagship



Kadamba has been officially granted the prestigious Gold Quality Award at the 2026 World Selection by Monde Selection" says Ashwin Balivada CEO of Cheers Group and alumnus of Cambridge University Business Management graduate school.

Kadamba Indian Single Malt whisky continues its winning streak, earning the prestigious 2026 Monde Selection Gold Medal and being crowned "Best World Whisky" at the 2026 John Barleycorn Awards in the USA. It has Pan-India presence and expanding internationally to USA, Canada, Europe, UAE, Asia, and is currently expanding on high demand its Goa distillery into a carbon-neutral facility with international visitor centre to pop up Goa tourism.

Indian single malt whiskies are rapidly transforming India from a historical whisky consumer into a premium global exporter. Premium liquor exports generate over \$400 million. By earning foreign exchange and beating global giants, distilleries are proving that "Made in India" premium spirits hold commanding power internationally, the company said.

It is an encouraging performance by our Greco-Roman wrestlers to finish the opening day with five medals. The wrestlers showed great determination and discipline on the mat, and this performance reflects the steady progress Indian Greco-Roman wrestling has been making at the continental level
- Sanjay Singh, President of WFI



U23 ASIAN WRESTLING C'SHIP
Suraj, Sagar win silver as India bag 5 Greco-Roman medals

NEW DELHI: Suraj Singh and Sagar Singh led the charge with silver medals as India made an impressive start to its campaign in the U23 Asian Wrestling Championships by securing five medals in the Greco-Roman category on the opening day of the competition at the Tien Son Sport Center in Da Nang, Vietnam, on Saturday.

While Suraj Singh and Sagar Singh claimed silver medals in their respective weight categories, Kumar Sachin, Rohit, and Hardeep added to the tally with bronze medals in their respective weight categories.

Suraj Singh impressed in the 60kg category with a solid run to the final before going down 0-4 against Kazakhstan's Aibek Aitbekov in the gold medal bout to finish with silver.

In the 67kg category,



Sagar Singh also produced a commendable performance throughout the tournament. However, he suffered a 0-9 defeat by technical superiority against Uzbekistan's Aytjan Khamkhanov in the final and settled for the silver medal.

Kumar Sachin added a bronze medal in the 77kg category despite going down 3-10 against Kazakhstan's Alikhan Dursunov, while Rohit narrowly missed out after suffering a hard-fought 3-5 defeat against Uzbekistan's Bekhriz Barnoev in the 97kg division. Hardeep also fell short in the 130kg bout, going down 0-4 against Kazakhstan's Jokhar Uzarov.

4 Indians enter Asian Jr Individual Squash finals

PANZHUIHUA (CHINA)

ARYAVEER Dewan (boys' U-19), Shiven Agarwal (boys' U-17), Anika Dubey (girls' U-17), and Amarya Bajaj (boys' U-13) advanced to the finals in their respective categories at the 33rd Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships in Panzhihua, China, on Saturday. Aryaveer, seeded 3/4, defeated Malaysian top seed Nickhileswar Moganandharam in four games in the semifinals and will meet either Md Alnasafan (KSA) or Jonghyeok Lee (Kor) for the crown. Aryaveer had beaten the Malaysian for the U-17 title last year.

Meanwhile, Shiven, seeded 5/8, beat fellow Indian Squash Academy trainee Lokesh Subramani in a close four-game semifinal and will take on Pakistan's 9/16 seed Nauman Khan for the U-17 title. Anika, seeded 3/4 and



bronze medallist in this age group last year, will battle with Malaysian top seed Harleem Tan for the U-17 crown after her semifinal opponent retired midway through their match.

Amarya, seeded 3/4 and bronze medallist in the boys' U-13 category last year, beat Malaysian second seed Muhammad Sharhan Mohd Saiful in four close games in the semifinals. He will take on top seed Leung Ngo San of Hong Kong in the U-13 final.

Results involving Indians (semifinals):
U-19 Boys: 3/4-Aryaveer Dewan bt 1-Nickhileswar Moganandharam (Mas) 11-

6, 11-4, 3-11, 11-6.

U-17 — Boys: 5/8-Shiven Agarwal bt 5/8-Lokesh Subramani 4-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9. Girls: 3/4-Anika Dubey bt 2-Jinoreeka Ning Manivannan (Mas) 9-11, 3-2 ret.

U-13 — Boys: 1-Leung Ngo San (HK) bt 3/4-Abhyuday Arora 11-8, 8-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-4; 3/4-Amarya Bajaj bt 2-Muhammad Sharhan Mohd Saiful (Mas) 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8. Girls: 1-Kareena Sashikumar (Sgp) bt 3/4-Shanaya Parasrampuriah 11-5, 11-6, 13-11; 3/4-Rio Yoshino (Jpn) bt 2-Divyanshi Jain 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 4-11, 12-10.

Super Chess Classic: Pragg draws with Vachier-Lagrave

BUCHAREST (ROMANIA): Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa missed a few winning attempts and was held to a draw by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France even as the race for the title tightened at the end of the penultimate round of the Super Chess Classic here.

On what turned out to be another excitement-filled day, the clash between overnight leaders Fabiano Caruana of United States and Vincent Keymer of Germany ended in a draw while world championship challenger Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan scored his second victory on the trot over Dutchman Jorden Van Foreest Friday night.

It was not a day the two Dutch GMs would like to remember as Anish Giri went down to lowest ranked Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania.

76th Jr National Basketball C'ship
TN off to flying start; Kerala, K'taka continue winning run

PUDUCHERRY

REIGNING champions Tamil Nadu launched their campaigns on a triumphant note, securing dominant victories in both the men's and women's categories on the opening night of the 76th Junior National Basketball Championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Puducherry.

In a late-night fixture on Friday, the Tamil Nadu men's team outlasted Delhi 54-37, powered by a stellar 16-point performance from Yadesh Kumar, well-supported by 10-point contributions each from Sumanesh V, Manish R M, and Vishal V. Delhi's resistance was led by Mohamed SainGauri and Gagin Atri, who scored 10 points apiece.

In the women's division, Tamil Nadu registered an equally emphatic 74-36 victory over Punjab. M Kaviya spearheaded the attack with 16 points, while Sumitha Devi (12), Shanjana P K (10), and Dheivithya S (10) ensured a balanced team effort to overshadow Punjab's Tishmeet Kaur, who fought hard for her 17 points. The prestigious eight-day mega sporting event is being organised by the Pondicherry Basketball Association under the aegis of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).

The second day of the championship witnessed high-voltage drama as powerhouse teams consolidated their positions. In Group A of the men's section, Kerala survived a nerve-wracking encounter to scrape past Uttar Pradesh 57-55 in a see-saw battle that saw multiple lead changes.

Milen Jose Mathew led the charge for Kerala with 16 points, aided by Abhishek R Pradeep (14) and Adwaid A S

(11), narrowly neutralizing a fierce 16-point performance by UP's Raj Sibgh. The quarter-wise scoreline of 17-12, 10-13, 17-12, and 13-18 reflected the razor-thin margins of the contest.

Meanwhile, in Men's Group B, Karnataka cruised to their second consecutive victory with a commanding 87-46 demolition of Rajasthan, courtesy of a scoring blitz from Samath Manur (26 points), Vijayendra Vedanthi (20 points), and Harshan Yatish (11 points). Rajasthan's offense was limited to scattered efforts by Muhammad Raza Khan (12) and Manish Kumar Maal (10).

The women's fixtures on day two delivered equally thrilling action, highlighted by a down-to-the-wire Group A clash where Haryana edged past Punjab 68-63. Kanika and Jahnavi Sheoran notched 15 points each, while Myrah Sabbar chipped in with 10 to help Haryana withstand a potent Punjab attack led by Vanshika Kaur (19), Priya (17), Tishmeet Kaur (11), and Pawanpreet Kaur (10).

In Group B matches, Uttar Pradesh displayed strong offensive depth to defeat Gujarat 85-69, riding on Neha's brilliant 22-point game, with Anshika Sharma (15) and Pragna Singh (11) playing crucial supporting roles against Gujarat's Dinal Viththani (13) and Nithya Agraal (10). In the same group, Kerala maintained their perfect start by convincingly beat Maharashtra 81-59. Kerala's multi-pronged attack featured Aritha K (17), Vaigha T (16), and Liya Maria (15), which ultimately overwhelmed Maharashtra despite a spectacular, game-high 29-point lone crusade by Aarya Phatangare.

RR play for playoff spot, MI for pride

MUMBAI: Before the start of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, neither the Mumbai Indians nor the Rajasthan Royals would have imagined that their last match of the preliminary round at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday would turn out to be so crucial not only for them but for the entire league.

Both teams have everything to play for -- RR for the playoff spot, MI for their pride, and to avoid finishing at the bottom of the pile.

The outcome of the match will decide the fourth spot in the playoffs -- if Rajasthan Royals, who are on 14 points, win the match, they will move to 16 and beyond the reach of Punjab Kings, who are on 13 and at



maximum move to 15 points at most by winning their last league match against Lucknow Super Giants.

Winning the match will also help five-time champions Mumbai Indians avoid the wooden spoon as they are currently tied with Lucknow Super Giants on eight points and have a better Net Run Rate.

So, the last day of league action in the IPL 2026 will start with a make-or-break afternoon for Rajasthan Royals, who will be getting into it with their fortunes in their hands, with the two teams engaging in the final

day game of the season.

The winner of the inaugural edition of IPL has had an up-and-down season so far and are coming into Sunday's encounter after ending a three-match losing streak with a win over bottom-placed LSG. They had started their campaign with four wins, but then lost their way, posting indifferent results due to inconsistent performances.

In contrast, the Mumbai Indians, meanwhile, have endured a season to forget. They made history by winning their season opener for the first time in 14 years, but things went downhill soon after as they lost matches in clusters.

IN ACTION TODAY
MI vs RR at 3.30 pm in Mumbai
KKR vs DC at 7.30 pm in Kolkata

TG20 unveils franchise owners for Telangana Cricket League

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

IN a major boost to cricket in Telangana, the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) on Saturday announced the founding franchise owners for the inaugural edition of TG20, the State's first franchise-based T20 cricket league. The announcement was made during the "TG20 Origins - Shape the Future" event held at ITC Kakatiya in Hyderabad.

The league will feature eight teams representing different regions of Telangana. M/S Ushodaya Enterprises Pvt Ltd secured the Hyderabad franchise with the highest bid of ₹7.5 crore, while Boorugu Infra/Pranava won the Ranga Reddy franchise for



₹7.2 crore. Other franchises include Warangal, Medak, Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar and Khammam. TG20 aims to provide a structured platform for emerging cricketers from Telangana and strengthen grassroots cricket in the State. The league will feature local talent alongside established domestic players and experienced coaching staff. The organisers said discussions are underway

with JioStar for live telecast on Star Sports Telugu and streaming on JioHotstar. Marriott Hotels will host teams and officials during the tournament. HCA Secretary M. Jeevan Reddy described TG20 as a "defining moment" for Telangana cricket, while TG20 Governing Council Chairman V. Agam Rao said the league would combine sporting excellence, entertainment and commercial growth.

132 NCC cadets stranded in Manipur airlifted to Assam

IMPHAL

IN view of the prevailing situation in Manipur, 132 NCC cadets were evacuated to Guwahati and Jorhat in Assam by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Saturday, officials said.

A senior official said that in the true spirit of jointmanship and commitment towards the safety and welfare of youths, 132 NCC cadets who attended the NCC North Eastern Region (NER) Flying Camp in Imphal from May 11 to May 20, 2026, are undergoing emergency evacuation to Guwahati and Jorhat by the IAF amid the prevailing security situation and restrictions on road movement in Manipur.

"The evacuation has been planned by the NCC NER Directorate in consultation with the Headquarters Director General NCC and in coordination with the Headquarters Eastern Air Command," the official said.

He said that the swift and timely action ensured that the cadets safely reached their destinations in time for their examinations, bringing immense relief and happiness to their parents and family members. "The NCC cadets have also conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for the care, support and timely assistance extended to them. Special thanks have been extended to the Defence Minister, the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Air Force for their unwavering support," the official added.

Chinese-made weapons seized in Mumbai

MUMBAI

IN a major crackdown, the Anti-Extortion Cell of the Mumbai Crime Branch has arrested three alleged criminals who had reportedly arrived in the city to sell illegal foreign-made weapons, officials said on Saturday.

They added that the accused, all from outside Maharashtra, were apprehended during a late-night operation carried out on the basis of specific Intelligence inputs.

According to police officials, credible information was received indicating that certain individuals carrying weapons were on their way to Mumbai.

THREE ARMS SUPPLIERS ARRESTED



Acting swiftly on the tip-off, the Crime Branch laid a trap near a public toilet located on P D Mello Road close to St. George Hospital.

Around 10:45 P.M. on Friday, the three accused were caught red-handed

during the operation.

Police recovered three firearms, magazines and 45 live cartridges from the possession of the accused. Officials said the ammunition and weapons bore the inscription

'Made in China'. However, investigators are now trying to determine the actual source and route through which the weapons entered the country, making the origin of the Chinese-marked arms a key aspect of the ongoing probe.

The arrested accused have been identified as 24-year-old Jashanpreet Mangal Singh and 24-year-old Sukhwinder Singh, both residents of Patiala in Punjab, and Arbaz, a resident of Jhalawar in Rajasthan, officials mentioned.

They said all three have serious criminal backgrounds and multiple cases registered against them.

Investigators further

revealed that two of the accused had allegedly been absconding since 2022 in connection with a murder case and had been on the radar of law enforcement agencies for a long time. Arbaz alone is stated to have as many as 19 criminal cases registered against him.

According to preliminary investigations, the accused were allegedly planning to supply and sell the weapons to local criminals operating in Mumbai and nearby areas.

Following the arrests, a case under relevant sections of the Arms Act has been registered against them at Mumbai's M R A Marg Police Station.

Further investigation into the case is currently underway.

Miscreants vandalise Kolkata school, probe on

KOLKATA: A group of miscreants allegedly went on a rampage inside a girls' school in south Kolkata in the early hours of Saturday, prompting a police probe.

The incident took place around 4.30 a.m. at Kamala Chatterjee Girls' High School under the jurisdiction of Gariahat Police Station. Acting on a complaint, the police have initiated an investigation.

The school authorities said that one of their buildings is not their own; rather, it is a rented premise where classes for the primary and secondary sections are held.



They claimed that the act of vandalism was specifically carried out within this particular building.

The school is equipped with surveillance cameras, which captured a group of youths scaling the main gate in the early hours of Saturday morning to gain entry into the school premises. Subsequently, they proceeded to vandalise the building. School

Headmistress Debjani Das said, "When I arrived at the school in the morning today, I saw that everything had been damaged. Everything was recorded on the CCTV camera. A complaint has been filed with the police as well as the district school inspector."

According to sources in the District School Education Department, the next step will be taken after speaking to the headmistress next Monday. The vandalism inside a school in Kolkata has raised questions about the safety and security in educational institutions.

Encounter breaks out in Rajouri during search ops

JAMMU: An encounter started on Saturday between terrorists and the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

Officials said on Saturday that an encounter had started between terrorists and security forces in Dorimal forests of Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir.

"At least 2-3 Pakistani terrorists are believed to be trapped, operation is underway", officials said. Following specific Intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists in Dorimal forest area of Rajouri, security forces

started a cordon and search operation.

"As the security forces closed in on the hiding terrorists, they opened fire, after which an encounter started which is now going on.

"Reinforcements have been rushed in to plug all exit points of the hiding terrorists", an official said.

The two border districts of Rajouri and Poonch have witnessed a significant surge in counter-terror operations and encounters since the area has served as the primary infiltration and revival corridor for terrorists in the past.



COIMBATORE GIRL'S MURDER SHOCKS TN

CM Vijay promises justice; two accused arrested

COIMBATORE

A wave of grief and outrage swept across Tamil Nadu after the brutal abduction and murder of a 10-year-old girl in Coimbatore, triggering renewed concerns over the safety of women and children.

As the incident sent shockwaves across the state, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay expressed deep anguish over the tragedy and assured strict action against those responsible.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Chief Minister described the incident as an "inhuman and unforgivable criminal act" that has caused immense pain and shock. He said such barbaric acts can never be tolerated in a civilised society and extended his deepest condolences to the grieving family of the child.

"I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family that is suffering the unbearable loss of their beloved daughter. The government stands with them in this difficult time," CM Vijay said.

The case took a major turn after police arrested two persons identified as Karthik (33), a native of Nagapattinam who had been residing at Pallapalayam near Coimbatore, and his associate Mohanraj in connection with the crime.

Police sources said the accused were known to the victim's family and are suspected to have abducted the child before allegedly murdering her.

Investigators revealed that Karthik sustained injuries while attempting to escape from police custody. According to officials, he suffered fractures to his leg and hand during the escape attempt.

The injured accused was later secured and brought under police custody for further investigation.

Meanwhile, Mohanraj was produced before Judicial Magistrate Arun Kumar at the Suler Judicial Magistrate Court on Saturday. The court ordered that he be remanded to judicial custody until May 27. Chief Minister Vijay stated that he had directed police authorities to carry out a thorough and time-bound investigation and take all necessary steps to ensure the immediate filing of the chargesheet.

"The Tamil Nadu government will act firmly to ensure severe punishment under the law for those who commit heinous crimes against women and children. All immediate and necessary actions will be taken," CM Vijay said. Police officials said the investigation is continuing and more details are expected to emerge in the coming days.