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CM Revanth, Ministers, MLAs visit Medigadda barrage

Medigadda, Feb 13 (IANS) : Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy along with Ministers and MLAs visited the Medigadda barrage in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister along with Ministers, MLAs and MLCs reached the Medigadda barrage in special buses from

Hyderabad and inspected the barrage structure where some of the pillars sank and developed cracks. He has closely inspected the fractured area and went to the foundations of the barrage pillars and saw cracks. During the inspection, the elected representatives have seen the damaged concrete structures and iron rods that have come out from the pillars. Revanth

Reddy's team closely inspected the Godavari river bed area below the collapsed pillar block 7 No 20 and the entire wall of the 20th pillar which was broken. During the tour, along with Congress MLAs and MLCs, AIMIM MLAs and CPI MLA visited the Medigadda barrage. However, BRS and BJP MLAs have stayed away from Madigadda visit.



MP/MLA court orders to arrest Jaya Prada and produce her in court

Rampur, Feb 13 (IANS) : The MP/MLA court in Rampur has ordered the superintendent of police to arrest and produce actor-turned-politician Jaya Prada in court on February 27.

The Superintendent of Police was ordered to form a special team and arrest the former MP and present her in the court.

Senior prosecution officer Amarnath Tiwari said that the former MP did not reach the court on Monday for hearing even after a non-bailable warrant had been issued against her for the seventh time.

Former MP Jaya Prada, is 'absconding' in two cases related to violation of code of conduct.

PM Modi launches Rs 75,000-cr rooftop solar scheme to provide free electricity

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday launched the Rs 75,000 crore rooftop solar scheme for providing free electricity to consumers.

PM Modi said, "In order to further sustainable development

and people's wellbeing, we are launching the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. This project, with an investment of over Rs 75,000 crores, aims to light up 1 crore households by providing up to 300 units of free electricity every month."



Kaleshwaram does not mean only one barrage : Harish Rao

Medigadda (Hyderabad), Feb 13 (IANS) : The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has hit back at the Congress government in Telangana over its allegations about the Kaleshwaram project, saying Medigadda is one of the many components of the project. BRS senior leader and

former irrigation minister T. Harish Rao stated that not many people were aware of the comprehensive nature of the lift irrigation project. "Kaleshwaram does not mean just Medigadda barrage. Kaleshwaram means three barrages, 15 reservoirs 19 sub stations, 21 pump houses 203 km of tunnels.

Hyderabad Deputy Mayor calls on CM Revanth Reddy, may quit BRS

Hyderabad, Feb 13 (IANS) : Deputy Mayor of Greater Hyderabad M. Srilatha Shobhan Reddy along with her husband called on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday. The couple is likely to join the Con-

gress party soon. The Deputy Mayor is said to be unhappy with BRS leadership for sidelining her. She had not attended a meeting of the BRS corporators called by party's working president K.T. Rama Rao recently.



Lokesh dares Jagan for debate on corruption charges

Visakhapatnam, Feb 13 (IANS) : Telugu Desam Party (TDP) General Secretary Nara Lokesh dared Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for an open debate on the corruption charges against the latter.

Asking as to why the TDP supremo Nara Chandrababu Naidu, was sent to jail for 53 days for the no fault of his, Lokesh felt that Jagan will soon be behind bars for looting the state of Rs 1

lakh crore. "We are ready for an open debate on the corruption charges you are facing. Are you ready," Lokesh asked Jagan Mohan Reddy. The TDP leader was addressing a public meeting at Pathapatnam in Srikakulam district as part of his 'Sankharavam' programme. Pointing out that Jagan's own mother and sister do not have faith in him, Lokesh said that he kicked both of them out of the



house after coming to power. Regretting that the YSRCP leaders are making highly objectionable comments against Jagan's sister and APCC president Sharmila, the TDP General Secretary said that when there is no security for the family members of Jagan in the YSRCP rule, how other women can expect safety, and security in this government.

Sharmila poses questions to brother Jagan on 'Daga DSC'

Amaravati, Feb 13 (IANS) : Andhra Pradesh unit Congress chief Y. S. Sharmila has termed as 'daga' DSC the notification issued by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government to recruit 6,100 teachers.



The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in a group photograph with a group of students from MIT School of Government, in Pune on February 13, 2024.

Bank of Maharashtra Secunderabad Branch. Hyderabad Zone.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

The accounts of the following borrowers with Bank of Maharashtra having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFAESI Act on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned.

The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to Bank of Maharashtra; within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan/and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrowers' obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to Bank of Maharashtra.

Name & Address of the Borrower: M/s Shaktipeeth Processors, Prop: Narotam Kumar Yogi, Address: 4-7-156/112, Sai Nagar, Mushka Mahal, Attapur, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030. **Guarantor:** Mr. Narotam Kumar Yogi, Address: Plot No. 8, Flat 303, Jyothi Residency, Rajendra Nagar, Puppalaguda, R.R.D.T., T.S. PIN: 500089.

Outstanding Balance: Rs.2,81,32,930.70, Rounded off to Rs.2,81,32,931/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty One Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One Only) Plus unapplied interest at prevailing rate from date of default and other expenses.

NPA on: 29-01-2024 **Demand Notice Date:** 30-01-2024

Description of the Property Mortgaged: Equitable mortgage of house 1-143/11/5, standing on Plot Nos.53 & 54(Part), totally admeasuring and comprising an area of 300 Sq. Yards equivalent to 250.83 Sq.Mts., consisting Ground Floor plinth area 2400Sft, first floor plinth area 2400Sft, Second Floor plinth area 2400 Sft & Third floor plinth area 1500Sft, lying and forming part of Sy Nos. 33 & 43, situated at Peerzadiguda Village and Municipality, Medipally Mandal, (erstwhile Ranga Reddy District) Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana and bounded as follows: **East:** Neighbour's House on Plot No.54 (Part), **West:** 25 feet Road, **South:** Neighbour's, **North:** 30 Feet Wide Road.

If the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment to Bank of Maharashtra as aforesaid, then the Bank of Maharashtra shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers/ Guarantors as to the costs and consequences.

In terms of provisions of SARFAESI ACT, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors are prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Bank of Maharashtra. Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and/or penalty in accordance with the SARFAESI Act.

For more details notice may collect the unserved returned notices from the undersigned.

Date: 13-02-2024, **Place:** Hyderabad. **Sd/-** Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra

Bank of Baroda MASAB TANK BRANCH
8-2-631, RMK Plaza, 1st Floor, Road No. 18, 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034

E-AUCTION - SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on the basis "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21.03.2024 by public E-auction for recovery of the amounts mentioned there against as on 12.02.2024 due to Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor with further interest, costs, Charges and expenses thereon from 13.02.2024 as per details given below.

Name And Address Of Borrower/S, Guarantor/S And Mortgageor/S:

1.M/s G V Reddy, (Partnership Firm Represented By Its Partners **Mr. Gudimetla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy, Mr. Gudimetla Satish Kumar Reddy And Mrs. Gudimetla Venkata Srishakumari,** H. No.2-176, Krishnapalem, Near Main Road, Devarapalemmandalam, West Godavari, Pin-522502. **2.Mr. Gudimetla Satish Kumar Reddy** (Partner & Guarantor), H.No.4-44-8-9, Gv Reddy Street, P & T Colony, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534101. **3.Mr. Gudimetla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy** (Partner & Guarantor), H.No.4-44-8-9, Gv Reddy Street, P And T Colony, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534101. **4.Mrs. Gudimetla Venkata Srishakumari** (Partner & Guarantor), H.No.4-44-8-9, Gv Reddy Street, P And T Colony, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534101. **5.Mr. Totalisubbi Reddy,** (Guarantor) H.No.102-3/3 NE Layout, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam 530013. **6.Mrs. Konalavijaya Ganga Bhavani** (Guarantor), H.No. 4-44-8-9, Gv Reddy Street, P And T Colony, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh- 534101. **7.Mrs. Medapati Sai Kumari** (Guarantor) H.No.4-44-8-9, Gv Reddy Street, P And T Colony, Tadepalligudem, Andhra Pradesh - 534101.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Property 1: EM of Vacant residential land to the extent of 274 SqYds at Pbt No. 26, RS No. 296, Near D.No. 7-44-1, LP No. 69/86, ward No. 11, Satyavathi Nagar, Tadepalligudem Municipality, West Godavari. Property Belonging to **Mr. G. Satish Kumar Reddy & Mr. G. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, Bounded by:** North: Plot No. 25 (618'), South: Site of Plot No. 27, East: Site of Plot No.32, West: 33 ft wide road. (Date of Possession: 31st October, 2023)

Property 2: EM of residential land to the extent of 267.20 SqYds at Plot No. 32, RS No. 296, Near D.No. 7-44-1, LP No. 69/86-A, Plot No.32 in Karri Narsimha Rao Nagar H/O Karri Satyavathi Nagar, ward No. 11, Tadepalligudem Municipality, West Godavari. Property Belonging to **Mr. G. Satish Kumar Reddy & Mr. G. Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy, Bounded by:** North: Site of Plot No. 31, South: Site of Plot No. 33 East: 40 feet layout Road, West: Plot No. 26. (Date of Possession: 31st October, 2023)

Property 3: EM of Vacant residential land to the extent of 233.50 SqYds at RS No: 411/2, 41/13, Plot No: 3, Near D.No: 2-344/01, Balaji Nagar, 4th street, opposite A.P.S.P, Ramannayapeta village, Kakinada Rural Mandal, East Godavari district, Property Belonging to **Mrs. Medapati Sai Kumari, Bounded by:** North: Site of M.V Sitamahalakshmi, South: 25ft wide road, East: Site of Medapati Krishna Kumari, West: Site of Plot No. 2. (Date of Possession: 30th October, 2023)

Property 4: EM of Residential site of 240 SqYds at Plot No.43, Opp D No 4-416/4, L P No 492/1985, S No 185, FCI Colony, Street No 3, Ramannayapeta Village & Gram Panchayat, Kakinada Rural, East Godavari Dist. Property Belonging to **Mrs. Konalavijaya Ganga Bhavani W/o Mr. G. Satish Kumar Reddy, Bounded by:** North: 60 ft. or 18.29 Mts site in plot No.44, South: 60 ft. or 18.29 Mts vacant land as per layout, East: 36 ft. or 10.97 Mts 40 feet width road, West: 36 ft. or 10.97 Mts site in plot No.44. (Date of Possession: 30th October, 2023)

Property 5: EM of Residential site of 240 SqYds at Plot No. 44, Opp D No 4-416/4, L P No 492/1985, S No 185, FCI Colony, Street No 3, Ramannayapeta Village & Gram Panchayat, Kakinada Rural, East Godavari Dist. Property Belonging to **Mrs. Konalavijaya Ganga Bhavani W/o Mr. G. Satish Kumar Reddy, Bounded by:** North: 60 ft. or 18.29 Mts site in plot No.45, South: 60 ft. or 18.29 Mts in plot No.43, East: 36 ft. or 10.97 Mts 40 feet width road, West: 36 ft. or 10.97 Mts site in plot No.41 (Date of Possession: 30th October, 2023)

Type of Possession : Physical : Known Encumbrances : Nil

Due to the Bank: Total dues to the Bank: Rs.3,78,12,382/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Two Only) as on 12-02-2024 plus further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon from 13-02-2024.

Property	RESERVE PRICE:	EMD
Property 1	Rs. 24,66,000/-	Rs. 2,46,600/-
Property 2	Rs. 24,04,000/-	Rs. 2,40,400/-
Property 3	Rs. 50,44,000/-	Rs. 5,04,400/-
Property 4	Rs. 69,12,000/-	Rs. 6,91,200/-
Property 5	Rs. 69,12,000/-	Rs. 6,91,200/-

Bid Incremental Amount: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)

Date & time of auction: 21.03.2024 From 02.00PM to 06.00PM

Notes: 1) For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> of Secured creditor i.e. Bank's website, <https://fbip.in>, and e-auction service provider website: <https://www.mstcecommerce.com>. The auction will be online e-auctioning through website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com>. Interest bidders are requested to register themselves with the MSTC portal and obtain login ID and Password. 2) The Intending Bidders shall contact the branch one day in advance of Date of Inspection, if they intend to inspect the property. Contact Detail: **Shri T Naresh Gandhi, Chief Manager, Mob: 7993316559.**

Date : 13.02.2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place : Hyderabad BANK OF BARODA

CAN FIN HOMES LTD
Branch Office: H.No.15-8-1105, 1st Floor, Varadhaiah Nagar, Mamatha Hospital Road, Khammam-507002. Ph: 08742-238161, Cell No.7625079213. E-MAIL: khammam@canfinhomes.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers/ Guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities/ have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

S. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Guarantors with address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice*	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1	Mrs. Shaik Shareefa (Borrower) W/o Chand, 2) Mr. Shaik Rahman (Co-Borrower) S/o Chand, R/o. House No.8-1-109, BK Bazar, Khammam, Telangana-507001, India.	Rs.3,72,733/- (Three Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as on Demand Notice Date	H.No.8-1-109, 77.81 SqYds Equiling to 65-06 sq.meters, having total R.C.C Plinth area of 637.2 S.ft in, BK Bazar, Khammam Urban Mandal, Khammam District, Telangana State. Bounded on the East: House of Sri Mohammad Iqbal, West: Place of Buddha Susheela pertaining to same house Number, North: Open place of Vykuntam & Basement, South: Municipal Galli.	29-01-2024
2	1) Mr. Vanguri Naresh S/o Ramulu (Borrower), 2) Mrs. Vanguri Nagendra (Co-Borrower), W/o Naresh, R/o. H.No.7056/1 (Old) & New H.No.7-274, Polepally Revenue and Village, Khammam Rural, Khammam District-507003, India.	Rs.28,41,549/- (Twenty Eight Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Nine Only) as on Demand Notice Date	H.No.7056/1 & New H.No.7-274, Plot No.274, Sy. No.131 & 132 with an extent of 125 Sq.Yards its Equaling to 104-51 Sq.mtrs & Plinth area of 511.53 Sft, Polepally Grampanchayat & Revenue Khammam Rural, Mandal and Khammam District, Telangana State. Bounded on the East: Plot No.288, West: 30 Feet wide Proposed Road, North: Plot No.273, South: Plot No.275.	29-01-2024

*Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 12.02.2024, Place: KHAMMAM Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd.



Amit Shah cuts short Gujarat visit : CM Patel fulfills engagements

Ahmedabad, Feb 13 (IANS) : Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah curtailed his visit to Gujarat on Tuesday, making an urgent departure for the national Capital, New Delhi.

Shah, who had been in his Gandhinagar Constituency since February 12 for a series of engagements, left Gujarat on the second day of his visit.

He was scheduled to attend various events, including the much-anticipated inauguration of a new air-conditioned community hall in Shela, Ahmedabad, a project undertaken by the Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority (AUDA).

SP names Jaya Bachchan, Ramji Lal Suman, Alok Ranjan for RS seats

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : Outgoing MP Jaya Bachchan, former chief secretary Alok Ranjan and former MP Ramji Lal Suman, on Tuesday, were named as Samajwadi Party candidates for the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh. Samajwadi Party leader Rajendra Chaudhary said on Tuesday, "We have fielded Jaya Bachchan, Ramji Lal Suman and Alok Ranjan."

"Our party is very inclusive and we have taken forward our pitch for the PDA by giving tickets to women, a Dalit and a dominant caste member. This vindicates our stand that we are including all communities in our PDA pitch - with women and dominant castes being a part of it," said the senior SP leader.

Doctor ends life in K'taka; suicide note mentions Cong leader's name

Gadag (Karnataka), Feb 13 (IANS) : A doctor committed suicide in Gadag district of Karnataka leaving a note that allegedly blamed a local Congress leader, said officials on Tuesday. The Rona police, who have taken up the investigation, suspect that both the accused and the victim were involved in illegal sand mining and transportation.

Sharad Pawar petitions SC against EC decision recognising Ajit Pawar's side as 'real' NCP

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Sharad Pawar faction has filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the decision of Election Commission (EC) recognising the faction led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar as the 'real' Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and allotting it the party's 'clock' symbol.

As per the details available on the website of apex court, the plea arraying Ajit Pawar as respondent has been filed through advocate Abhishek Jebaraj on Monday evening. The Ajit Pawar side has already filed a caveat last week, saying that it should be heard, before the top court proceeds to pass any order. A caveat serves as a notice submitted to an appellate court by a litigant who wishes to be heard in case any orders are issued regarding an opponent's appeal that challenges the decision made by the lower judicial or quasi-judicial body. The NCP split in July last year, with a faction led by Ajit Pawar rebelling against his uncle. NCP founder Sharad Pawar to join the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena government in Maharashtra. After that, both sides laid claim to the party name and symbol.

Rajanna Sirsilla DPRO Dasharath has been transferred to Head Office of Information Department

Rajanna Sirsilla, Feb 13 (TIM Bureau) : DPRO Mamindla Dasharatham has been transferred to Hyderabad Head Office of Information and public Relations Department. "To this extent, the commissioner of the department issued an order. Sirsilla DPRO Mamindla Dasharatham has been transferred in the wake of the election transfers. At present, Mamindla Dasharatham is continuing as assistant director in the information head office and Rajanna Sirisilla is in charge of the district. Konaraopet mandal of the same district is Kolanur, their native village. Rajanna Sirisilla served the Mamindla Dashrath for five and a half years as District public Relations Officer. Worked as public Relations Officer of Siddipet, Kamareddy, Karimnagar, Jagityala district." Known as friendly officer. Siddipet and Rajanna Sirsilla worked effectively in Sirisilla district which was important in the past. He made special documentaries to make people aware of the government schemes. He



always coordinated the media and worked very hard to bring the government schemes to the people. Sharada, who worked as Additional public Relations Officer in Karimnagar DPRO office, has been transferred here and appointed as in-charge DPRO. "Today Mamindla Dasaratha met Commissioner of Information and public Relations Department M Hanumantha Rao as a courtesy.

Elta's efforts in the development of English language skills are commendable

Rajanna Sirsilla, Feb 13 (TIM Bureau) : District Education Officer A Ramesh Kumar said that the efforts of Elta for the development of English language skills are commendable. Under the auspices of the English Language Teachers Association Rajanna Sirisilla District, Spell Wizard and Drama Competitions between various schools at the district level were organized at Sirsilla Geeta Nagar Zilla Parishad High School on Tuesday.

DEO Ramesh Kumar attended the program as the chief guest. Students of Model School Rahimkhan Peta, Zilla Parishad won the first place in Drama Competitions in Model School, KGBV category, and students of Zilla Dis-

trict and was promoted as Gazetted Principal, was honored by the District Education Officer on behalf of Elta Rajanna Sirsilla District. Elta President Cherala Tirupathi, General Secretary Raju Lingalah, State Councilor Gannamaneni Srinivasa Rao, MEO Doosa raghupathi, School Principal L Sharada, Elta Members Purushottam, Padmalatha, Meenakshi, Ramesh, Rahim, Jamrut Sultana, Lakum Sadanandam, Cherala Prabhakar, Adepu Ganesh, Vasanth were present in the event. participated.




SHIRRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 Administrative office: 6th Floor(level 2), Building No.02, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shirram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shirram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shirram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shirram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No. 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.02, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, 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 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 12th Feb 2024.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Mukkera Thirupathi Reddy S/o. Narsimha Reddy Aged about 46 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. Core Digital (Digital Flex Printing), P.No.689, Nagaram, Keesara, Medchal-500083 R/o. H.No. 1-10/28/24/40, Shiva Sai Nagar, Nagarjuna Nagar, Kushiaguda, Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500062, Ph. 2) Mukkera Sujatha W/o. Thirupathi Reddy Aged About 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/o. H.No. 1-10/28/24/40, Shiva Sai Nagar, Nagarjuna Nagar, Kushiaguda, Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist-500062. (PROPERTY HOLDER), 3) Gunda Ravendrar Reddy S/o. G Shankar Reddy, Aged About 34 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. Media Scope Flex Business, Icom Company, Ahemadguda, Nagaram, R/o. H.No.10-76/18/6, Sathyanyarayana Colony, Nagaram, Keesara, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist -501301 lnd Address: H.No.2-18, Baswapur, Chaitapally, Jagadevapur Mandalam, Medak-502301. lllrd Addrs: H.No. 10-348/2, Road No.2, Sathyanyarayana Colony, Nagaram, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District-500083.	Rs. 65,86,354/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand and Fifty Four Only)

Mukkera Sujatha W/o. Thirupathi Reddy. Mortgage deed dated 03.09.2022 Registered as Document No 13337/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at UPPAL, ITEM No.1 All that the Business Unit under the name of "Core Digital" in Plot Nos.71 and 72 area admeasuring 524 sq.yards or 438.11 Sq.mts in Survey Nos. 76 & 877 at Block No.2 situated at Cheralipally Village, Kapra Mandal, GHMC Kapra Circle-, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State and bounded as Follows : **North :** Plot No.70. **South :** Plot No.73 **East :** 25' ft wide Road **West :** Neighbour's Land ITEM No.11 All that the Business Unit under the name of "Core Digital" in Plot Nos.73 in Survey Nos.76 & 877, admeasuring 255 sq.yards or 213.201 Sq.mts situated at Block No.2 Old Village, Cheralipally under GHMC Kapra Circle, Kapra Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State and bounded as Follows : **North :** Plot No.72 **South :** Plot No.74 **East :** 25' ft wide Road **West :** Neighbour's Land

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: Kapra Date: 12-02-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer Shirram Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that my client M/s.Sujana Universal Industries Limited, having its Factory Office at Plot No.10,11, & 12, Survey No.172, IDA Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana, is the sole and absolute owner of the property situated at Plot No.10,11, & 12, Survey No.172, IDA Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana, by virtue of Registered Sale Deed Document Nos.2229/96, 2234/96, 2235/96, 2287/96 and 2288/96, on 6th September 2023 after registration of partial release deed in SRO Sangareddy, our Authorised persons while coming back from SRO Sangareddy to Hyderabad have lost one folder containing 12 Link Sale Deeds (Nos:1841/1988, 1842/1988, 153/1989, 154/1989, 1755/1990, 1838/1990, 1844/1990, 1939/1990, 1909/1994, 1918/1994, 1924/1994 and 2343/1995) pertaining to the aforesaid property. It is hereby called upon the General Public that, if any body found or any claims or objections over the aforesaid property may handover to/approach the undersigned within 7 (Seven Days) from the date of Publication of this Notice.

Sd/-
SR & J Associates (Advocates)
#104, Ashoka Chambers, Opp. New MLA Quarters, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad-500 063.
Mobile Nos.98666 29676 / 93953 20879 / 94402 15272



In UP, 53% cancer in men is linked to tobacco

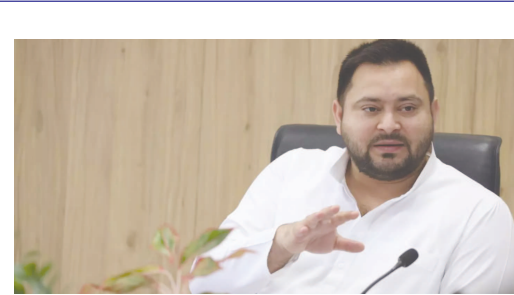
Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : Data from the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) national cancer registry suggests that the lone cause of cancer in every second male patient in Uttar Pradesh, is tobacco. Data shows that more than 53 per cent of all cancers caused in men were linked to tobacco. The corresponding figure for women is about 15 per cent, while the average for the state is 37.5 per cent. The ICMR report indicated that most of these cancers belong to oral cavity, lung and other upper aero digestive section

categories. A good majority of patients reach medical centres in advanced stages where options for curative therapies get limited. Experts at the department of Radiotherapy and Medical Oncology, SGGGIMS emphasised on the need for 'self-restraint to keep disease away'. "Embracing self-restraint and keeping oneself away from tobacco is the easiest and most effective preventive strategy one can adopt," said Punita Lal, senior faculty. In UP, an estimated 2.1 lakh cases of cancer appear every year, which is the highest

among Indian states. In general, the commonest cancer among men was in the mouth (20.4 per cent) while breast cancer (23.9 per cent) was the commonest site among women. The mortality rate of cancer patients (across all categories) in UP is about 55 per cent. Shaleen Kumar, another cancer expert, said that the theme for 2024 was 'close the care gap'. While director Prof RK Dhiman explained that gap in the care for cancer patients is a global concern that needs urgent redressal.

BJP announces 14 candidates for RS elections in 7 states

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The BJP on Tuesday released the list of 14 candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections in seven states, including seven from Uttar Pradesh.



SC quashes defamation case against Tejashwi Yadav over remarks on Gujaratis

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Supreme Court on Tuesday quashed criminal defamation proceedings pending against former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav for his "only Gujaratis can be thugs" remark. Last week, a bench presided over by Justice Abhay S. Oka reserved its verdict in the case taking note of the fact that a "specific" affidavit has been filed by Yadav unconditionally withdrawing his remarks. Earlier, the top court had indicated that it will quash the criminal defamation suit pending against Yadav before a magistrate's court in Ahmedabad in exercise of extraordinary powers conferred under Article 142 of the Constitution.

BJP trying to destabilise guarantee schemes in K'taka: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Feb 13 (IANS) : Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday charged that BJP is trying to destabilise the guarantee schemes in the state. If there are any objections to the guarantee schemes, BJP leaders should clearly state their opposition immediately and, similarly, announce in the states governed by the BJP that all current guarantee schemes will be discontinued. Why, instead, are BJP leaders trying to destabilise guarantee schemes in Karnataka? Do they harbour hatred for the people of Karnataka? Siddaramaiah questioned. Now, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who has

arrived in Karnataka, has vented his envy towards our government by saying "the treasury is empty because of the guarantee schemes". "If this is Amit Shah's firm opinion, he should participate in a public debate with me," he stated. "I can prove that our treasury is not empty because of the guarantee schemes; instead, there is an unfair distribution of taxes from the Centre to the state. This is also a challenge to Amit Shah," Siddaramaiah maintained. "When talking about Karnataka, the same BJP leaders who oppose the guarantee schemes in our state, are promising to implement the same guarantee schemes in the states they govern. The honourable Prime Minister



Narendra Modi, who opposed our guarantee schemes, has now stolen not only our guarantee schemes but also the name 'guarantee' and is advertising under the same name. This shows the anti-poor stance and intellectual bankruptcy of that party," CM Siddaramaiah stated. "Home Minister Amit Shah, who speaks against our guarantee

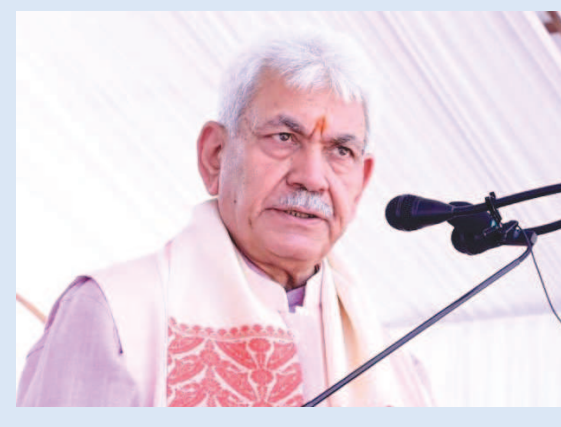
schemes, shows disdain for Kannadigas. Opposition to the Kannada flag, attempts at Hindi imposition, and the conspiracy to favour Amul over Nandini are all achievements of Amit Shah," he said. If the central government has to provide disaster relief, a high-level committee meeting chaired by Home Minister Amit Shah has to decide. Amit Shah, who is antagonistic towards Kannadigas, does not even call for such a meeting. Such people come to our state and lecture us, Siddaramaiah alleged.

Ready to contest LS polls if BJP high command wants : Jagdish Shettar

Bengaluru, Feb 13 (IANS) : Former Karnataka Chief Minister Jagdish Shettar, who recently re-joined the BJP from the Congress, said that he is ready to contest the Lok Sabha elections if the party high command wants. Speaking to reporters, Shettar expressed his readiness to contest for any parliamentary seat in the state, including the Dharwad constituency. "... otherwise, I will continue to work for the party. It is left to the discretion of the high command; no party leader has discussed the matter with me.

J&K's GDP has increased in last 4 years due to reforms: L-G

Srinagar, Feb 13 (IANS) : J&K L-G Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said that the GDP of the UT increased from Rs 1.6 lakh crore in 2018-2019 to Rs 2.64 lakh crore in 2021-2022, during the last four years due to the reforms brought by the administration. During his media interaction on Budget 2024-2025, Sinha said that some people will continue to do politics be it the reservations to SCs or land to the landless.



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POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 31-10-2023 calling upon the borrowers Mr. Madupu Srikanth S/o Mr. Anantharamaiah Chary and Mrs. Madupu Lakshmi Priya W/o Mr. Madupu Srikanth, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.31,16,644/- (Thirty One Lakh Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Rupees) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 8th day of February of the year 2024.

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of Rs.31,16,644/- (Thirty One Lakh Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Rupees) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that pieces and parcel of R.C.C. Roofed Ground Floor, House No.13-1/35A, Plot No.35 part Extent 120-00 sq.yds, having total RCC plinth area of 704.41 sft in Sy.No.92/A3, 92/A4/1, 80/AA1/AA & 80/AA1/EE4, Sai Ganesh Nagar, Road No.17, Edhulapuram Revenue, Pedda thanda Grampanchayatthi, Khammam Rural and District, Telangana State. North by: Others Open Place, East by: 33 Feet wide Road, West by: House of Sk. Reshma in Plot No.30 (H.No.13-1/35/30), South by: House of U. Umadevi in Plot No.35 part (H.No.13-1/35/0)

Date: 13.02.2024
Place: Khammam
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Lucknow under AI-enabled camera surveillance now

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : In a first, Lucknow will get artificial intelligence-enabled camera surveillance for the safety of citizens. A total of 1,000 AI cameras equipped with face recognition technology have been installed at key locations across the city. Municipal Commissioner and CEO of Smart City Lucknow, Inderjit Singh, said: "As part of the Safe City project, these CCTV cameras have been placed strategically and will capture suspicious movement of persons by scanning faces against police database and alert control rooms in case of any criminal activity." Modi is expected to inaugurate this hi-tech facility when he will be in the city for the ground breaking ceremony of GIS projects on February 19.

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Gundy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor/Level 2, Building No.02, Arium Q park, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-40071

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. (Formerly known as Shiram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name changed as Shiram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act and Section 13(4) of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S.No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice
1	1. Nanagari.Nareesh Goud, S/o.Ashaiah, Aged About 35 Years, Occ: Sri Bhavani Beauty and Hair Solution, R/o. Plot No.25,H.No.10-47/5,Malkapur Vill Kondapur Mdl, Sangareddy Dist-502001, 2. Nanagari.Harish Goud, S/o. Ashaiah, Aged about 30 Years, Occ: Business,Plot No.25,H.No.10-47/5,Malkapur Vill Kondapur Mdl, Sangareddy Dist-502001, 3. Nanagari.Ashaiah, S/o.Narayana,Aged: 58 Years,Occ:Employee in Agriculture market committee at Zaheerabad, Plot No.25,H.No.10-47/5,Malkapur Vill Kondapur Mdl, Sangareddy Dist-502001, 4. G.Arun Kumar, S/o.Yadagiri, Aged:43 Years, Occ: Pvt Employee, R/o.F.No.106, Block No.4, Vasantha Nagar, Nizampet, Hyderabad. Pin No.500090.Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	08-08-2023	23-12-2023
		Loan Amount Rs.	Amount Outstanding Rs.
		22,00,000/-	37,26,538/-

AMRPTTF2209300006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :All that the open plot bearing No.18.in Sy.No.179/A, admeasuring area 201.66 Sq.Yards. or 168.5 Square meters Situated at Malkapur Village & G.P., Kondapur Mandal, Sangareddy Dist. Bounded by: North : Plot No.17, South : Other Plot East : 30 Wide Road, West: Open Land.

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

Date:13-02-2024 Place: Kondapur Sd/- Authorized Officer, Shiram Finance Limited

RARE ASSET RECONSTRUCTION LIMITED
Regd. Office: 104-106, Gala Argos, Mr. Harikrupa Tower, Gujarat College Road, Ahmedabad-380006. Tel: 079-40092295

POSSESSION NOTICE (APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)))

The Undersigned, being the authorized officer of the Rare Asset Reconstruction Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Rare ARC"), under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002, calling upon the below mentioned Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Guarantors to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower 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 section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this 9th day of February of the year 2024.

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

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Rare Asset Reconstruction Ltd. for the o/d dues as mentioned above together with interest, future interest, penal interest and other charges thereon with effect from September 01, 2023 till realization of the total dues. The publication is being made:

- Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors:** Mr. Ismail Mohammad (Borrower), Mr. Shaik Hussain Mohammad (Co-Borrower) & Mr. Osman Syed (Guarantor-1), Mr. Khatija Bee (Guarantor-2). **Date of Notice:** 17.10.2022; **Date of NPA:** 05.08.2022; **O/s Dues as on 31.08.2023:** Rs.12,81,284/-
Property Description: All that it is a residential open plot bearing number 49, Total extent of 120 Sq.yards, in Sy.No.720, Ward No.2, Block No.5, Situated within the R.D of Sangareddy S.R.D of Medak and Forming part of Sangareddy Municipal Limits, Sangareddy area and being Bounded by: Boundaries: On the North: Land of Sudhakar, On the South: 20 feet wide Road, On the East: Functional Hall and On the West: Plot No.49/1.
- Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors:** Mr. Madhu Kodam (Borrower), Mr. Sathava Kodam (Co-Borrower), Mr. Kandikatta Ramprasad (Guarantor-1) & Mr. Kondabathini Prasad (Guarantor-2). **Date of NPA:** 10.01.2022; **Date of Notice:** 08.10.2023; **O/s Dues as on 31.08.2023:** Rs.15,16,166/-
Property Description: All that it is a Residential House (Tiled/ Acc Sheel) bearing House number 6-7-48/1, Total extent of 143 Sq.yards, Situated in the R.D of Geethanagar locality of Sirilla proper and Mandal, Rajanna Sirilla District, Telangana, and being Bounded by: Boundaries: On the North: 6-7-31 of G. Ramulu House, On the South: 6-7-50 & 52 of Maduri Kashiram House, On the East: 6-7-30 of Jindam Ashok and On the West: 18 ft wide Road.
- Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors:** Mr. Rajasheer Tiruvuri (Borrower), Ms. Nirosha Thiruvuri (Co-Borrower), Mr. Sarap Vihvagnakanth (Guarantor-1) and Mr. Ramarao Tiruvuri (Guarantor-2). **Date of NPA:** 27.11.2021 **Date of Notice:** 27.10.2023; **O/s Dues as on 31.08.2023:** Rs.14,98,550/-
Property Description: All the pertaining to residential house with C.T. Roofed House bearing Municipal No.2-12-1152/1 Old & 2-12-60, Total extent of 61 Sq.yards, situated in Ward No.(2), Block No.(12), at Imali Mahal, Bobbili, Veedi, Nizamabad and being Bounded by: Boundaries: On the North: 11'-0" wide Road, On the South: House of K. Narsaiah, On the East: Municipal Lane 14'-0" wide Road and On the West: House of Smt. Hameeda Bee.

Date: 09.02.2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Sangareddy, Nizamabad, Karimnagar Rare Asset Reconstruction Ltd.

Union Bank of India
SOMAJIGUDA BRANCH
6-6-347/9/4, Dwarakapuri Colony, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500073.
Email: ubin0550825@unionbankofindia.bank

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (15 DAYS NOTICE)
[RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002]

To: Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s): 1) Mr. G Ram Krishna (deceased), H.No.1-161/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 2) Mr. G Vijay Kumar, S/o. Ratnaiah, H.No. 1-2-13/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 3) Mr. G Praveen Kumar, S/o. G Ratnaiah, H.No.1-111, P&T Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 4) Mr. G Sridhar Kumar, S/o. Ratnaiah, H.No.7-10/45, Raghavendra Nagar, Nacharam, Behind Shiva Nursing Home, Hyderabad-500007. 5) Mr. G Ravikumar, S/o. Ratnaiah, H.No.1-1-50/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 6) Mrs. Gannaram Anuradha, Legal heir of Gannaram Ramakrishna, H.No.1-161/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 7) Mr. Gannaram Sampath Kumar, Legal heir of Gannaram Ramakrishna, H.No.1-161/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007. 8) Mrs. Gannaram Nikhitha, Legal heir of Gannaram Ramakrishna, H.No.1-161/1, Street No.1, Habsiguda, Hyderabad-500007.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

1. Union Bank of India, Somajiguda Branch, Hyderabad, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 03.03.2023 under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply with the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Possession notice dated 10.05.2023 issued by the Authorised Officer, as per Appendix IV to the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 were delivered to you and the same were also affixed to the properties mortgaged with the Secured Creditor, apart from publication of the same in newspapers. Please note that as per the said demand notices you were informed about your right to redeem the property within the time available under Section 13(8) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

2. As you have failed to clear the dues of the secured creditor, the immovable secured assets that have been taken possession of by the Authorised Officer, will be sold by holding public E-auction on 28.02.2024 from 12:00 Noon to 05:00 PM by inviting Bids from the public through online mode on www.mstcecommerce.com.

3. You are also requested to ensure participation by parties interested in buying the immovable secured assets in the sale as proposed above.

4. A copy of the terms of sale is enclosed for your reference. Please note that the Auction will be conducted through E-Auction mode on the date and time mentioned in the enclosed terms of sale.

The secured debt for the recovery of which the immovable secured asset is to be sold: Rs.14,85,730 ps as on 12.02.2024 with further interest, costs & expenses.

Description of immovable secured assets to be sold under Auction: All that property consists of 204 sq.yards of land with house therein bearing No.1-1-15(part) and 1-1-16 admeasuring 204 sq.yards, comprising Cellar, GF and 3 upper Floors with plinth area of 7906 sq.ft., in Sy.No.11/1, Plot No.2 and 3 (part) at Ambedkar Nagar, Habsiguda, Hyderabad Uppal Mandal, RR District standing in the joint names of Gannaram Ramakrishna (deceased), G. Vijaya Kumar, G. Praveen Kumar, G. Sridhar Kumar & G. Ravi Kumar. Boundaries: North: Road, East: H.No.1-1-14, South: H.No.1-1-19, West: H.No.1-1-17.

RESERVE PRICE	EMD	BID INCREMENT
Rs.4,54,21,000/-	Rs.45,42,100/-	Rs.1,00,000/-

Last date for submission of EMD: Till the time of auction.
Date & Time of auction: 28.02.2024 between 12:00 Noon to 05:00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com

Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer
Date: 13.02.2024 Union Bank of India

OPINIONmail



MODI GOVT'S WHITE PAPER ON UPA REGIME IS FULL OF DISTORTIONS AND CHERRY PICKING OF DATA

White Paper is a document containing information about pressing issues before the government explaining their plans before their introduction. It is therefore absurd and ridiculous for a government to issue a white paper, after a delay of 10 years while it slept, at a time when its term is set to expire, brings the document at the last session of the Parliament's term only two days before its conclusion, just before a country is going to elect a new government. PM Narendra Modi government did the same thing on February 8, 2024, and washes its hands off any responsibility of getting the white paper discussed in the Parliament of India, on the issues it contains, and on the plans the government intends to introduce to navigate through the predicaments facing the country. This is the worst of tricks played on the electorate of the country, when the term of the Parliament, the government, and even of the Prime Minister is set to expire, and Lok Sabha General Election is to be announced within weeks. Therefore, it is obvious that the true purpose of a white paper is defeated. Modi government had come to power in 2014, after defeating the UPA government led by the Congress ruling the country since 2004. That was the time when Modi government should have come with a white paper on the state of economy and governance, informing the citizen what his government plans to overcome the pressing issues before the country. But they slept for 10 years, did not inform the citizens and electorate, now have come with the White Paper, with the audacity that how fast their decision and performance in bringing the white paper on election eve. The purpose is therefore not to overcome the predicaments of the people, but to politically confuse the electorate on the election eve. The sanctity of the white paper is reduced to simply a political propaganda.

Nevertheless, Modi government defenced itself and said that despite the "crisis situation", they "refrained from bringing out a white paper" to avoid a "negative narrative" that would have "shaken the confidence of all." "Now that we have stabilised the economy and set it on a recovery and growth path, it is necessary to place in the public domain the seemingly insurmountable challenges – left behind as a legacy by the UPA government," the paper said.

Now let us come to the content that the Modi government's white paper contains. The degeneration of the purpose of a white paper can simply be seen on the very cursory glance, which emphasises on comparison of the performance of the UPA government (2004-14) and the PM Modi led government (2014-24). This makes the document political, that deviated from the real purpose of a white paper to solve the current problems the people are facing. The document rather focused on the problems the people were facing during 2004-14. Modi government's white paper does not inform the people what are the pressing problems before the people and the country, and what are the government plans to deal with them before the elections to the Lok Sabha are announced, that is within a month thereafter the government machinery would be in election mode, and within about 100 days the very term of the government would expire. When the new government comes, it is for the new government to decide how they would plan to resolve the pressing issues faced by the people of India. The quality of the white paper suffered a great deterioration further when the government just cherrypicked issues that it though appropriate to discredit the work done by the UPA government during 2004-14. The focus was on blackening the face of the Congress and the opposition parties in the UPA. It prompted the Congress to make a statement that "no amount of window dressing, campaigns, gimmicks, or lengthy speeches will not make the reality (under Modi government) disappear." Hunger, price rise, unemployment and abject poverty are a lived reality for a vast majority of Indians today, Congress leader KC Venugopal has said adding that the white paper is aimed at hiding "the dark truth" under Modi rule of the last 10 years.

(By Dr. Gyan Pathak)

EDITORIAL
the indian mail

RLD NEGOTIATING WITH BJP FOR LOK SABHA ALLIANCE IS A BAD SIGNAL FOR INDIA BLOC

Is RLD President Jayant Chaudhary under tremendous pressure to join NDA Or he wants to bargain with Akhilesh Yadav for a favourable seat sharing for Lok Sabha polls? On January 19 Akhilesh Yadav announced seat sharing with RLD while giving seven seats in Western UP having influence of powerful jat community. But RLD leader has started negotiations with BJP and the prospect of RLD has brightened with Prime Minister announcing Bharat Ratna to former Prime Minister Charan Singh. It may be mentioned that there was a time when late Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh grandfather of Jayant was undisputed leader of Jat community. Later on his son Ajit Singh and grandson Jayant enjoyed the support from the community. The seat sharing formula given by Akhilesh Yadav had three seats for Samajwadi Party candidates under the symbol of RLD. These seats are Muzaffarnagar, Kairana and Bijnore. a move that may have upset Jayant Chaudhary. The leaders and supporters of RLD are also unhappy with this formula. Internal survey conducted by RLD also reveal that party candidates can win from these seats on their own.



NITISH MEETS, MODI, SHAH, NADDA TO SORT OUT NDA SEAT-SHARING

Ahead of the floor test of the NDA government in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in their first meeting since the Janata Dal (United) president dumped the Opposition INDIA bloc and joined the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) last month, asserting that he would not leave it again. After meeting PM Modi, Nitish also met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP president JP Nadda. Both parties have to deal with a number of influential political issues ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, including the distribution of parliamentary seats for contesting election among them and their smaller allies and Issues pertaining to Rajya Sabha polls in the state may also be discussed during the CM's meeting with top BJP leaders. Six Rajya Sabha seats in Bihar are falling vacant, for which elections are scheduled to be held on February 27. There is also a speculation that Nitish wants the Bihar Assembly to get dissolved so that its election could be held along with the Lok Sabha polls expected

in April-May but the BJP, which has much more power than the JD(U) in the House, might not be receptive to the idea.

Lok Sabha MP Gaurav Gogoi during the thanks anticipation on the president's address accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of being a "maharaja" who has turned Parliament from a "temple of democracy" to a "king's court". The Congress leader also highlighted grim unemployment situation in the country. Gogoi said that around 42% of graduates below the age of 25 were unemployed in India. To buttress the desperation for jobs, he flagged a recent incident where 303 people, a large number of them from the prime minister's home state, hired a chartered plane and tried to enter the US illegally.



KERALA'S DELHI PROTEST : A BOOSTER SHOT FOR INDIA ALLIANCE

It indeed was a Red Letter Day in the history of Indian politics. Jantar Mantar in the National Capital saw on Thursday, February 8, a capital expression of anger against the Union Government's attempts to undermine cooperative federalism and its "discriminatory fiscal policies". The protest, organized by the Kerala Government, was a runaway success and witnessed a heart-warming manifestation of Opposition

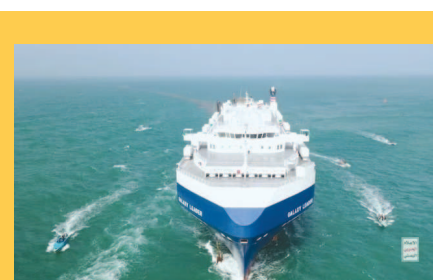
unity. The protest evoked solid support from the Delhi and Punjab Governments. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann (Aam Aadmi Party) attended the protest besides senior DMK minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah (National Conference), CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja and senior lawyer Kapil Sibal.

It was, however, sad to note the absence of the Congress from the

historic event, which beamed a potent message to the Modi Government, signalling the Opposition's determination to resist its 'anti-people policies'. Of course, the saving grace was the message of support from the Congress-Government in Karnataka, which also staged a protest against the Union Government a day before. The icing on the cake was the expression of support from Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge. Kharge's statement constituted a stinging rebuff to the Congress in

Kerala, which stayed away from the event. In his inaugural speech, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that the 'historic battle' is aimed at saving the spirit of cooperative federalism. "A democracy that was envisaged as a 'Union of States' is slowly being crippled into an undemocratic 'Union over States', thundered Pinarayi. "We are witnessing its manifestations across the country, especially in opposition-ruled states," he added.

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HOUTHIS HAVE ORGANISED HIGH TECH PLANS TO HIT AT WESTERN SHIPS IN RED SEA

The Houthis in Yemen are very clear about wanting to get back at the West. This is because of the airstrikes led by the US that have been hitting their missile and drone launching areas. In return, these actions were a reaction to over 30 attacks by the Houthis on ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

FARMERS PROTESTS SWEEPING EUROPE DEMANDING REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR PRODUCE

For the past two weeks, farmers in various European countries have been staging enraged protests against the denial of reasonable prices for their produce. In France, seven important motorways leading to Paris are under the blockade placed by the farmers. They camped

around the capital city with thousands of tractors. Beginning in France the biggest agriculture producer of European Union (EU), the protests soon spread over to Germany, where enraged farmers paralyzed half of Berlin. The farm stir has also spread to Romania, the Netherlands, Poland, Lithuania, Romania, Bulgaria, and Belgium.

Farmers in Spain, Italy, and Greece are preparing to organize huge rallies. Some young farmers were seen spraying farm manure and cow dung on government buildings and at some busy thoroughfares, old tires and agricultural waste set to fire. The agitators stopped vehicles carrying imported foodstuff and dumped the imports on the streets. While supermarket shelves are getting empty of fresh farm produce in Paris, shopping mothers find it hard to answer the questions raised by accompanying children.

These protests are similar to the historic Indian farmers' struggle of 2020 in which farmers camped in the outskirts and blocked the highways leading to Delhi.



Hungarian president resigns for pardoning accomplice in child abuse case

Budapest, Feb 13 (IANS) : Hungarian President Katalin Novak has resigned from the office of pardoning a man, who was convicted in 2022, for covering up his boss' sexual crimes against minors.

"As head of state, I am addressing you today for the last time. I am resigning from the office of President of the republic," Novak said on national television channel M1 on Tuesday. "I apologise to those I have offended and to any

victims who may have felt that I was not standing up for them. I was, am and always will be with children and families," she added.

Novak pardoned Endre K., the former deputy director of a children's home, in April 2023. The pardon, revealed by local news site 444.hu, led to protests on Friday in Budapest demanding her resignation, Xinhua news agency reported. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said on Facebook on Tuesday that he had submitted a constitutional amendment on behalf of the government to prevent a pardon from being granted to perpetrators of crimes committed against minors. "There shall be no mercy for paedophiles," Orban added.

Imran, Qureshi get bail in May 9 violence cases

Islamabad, Feb 13 (IANS) : An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has granted bail to former prime minister Imran Khan and former foreign minister Mehmood Qureshi in cases linked to May 9 violence. Khan has been granted bail in 12 cases while Qureshi has been granted the same in 13 cases, The Express Tribune reported. ATC Judge Malik Ejaz Asif said there was no justification to keep the PTI founder under arrest. The Judge gave Khan bail on a surety bond of Rs one lakh.



Afghanistan's permanent seat in UN must be given to Islamic Emirate : Senior official

Kabul, Feb 13 (IANS) : Afghanistan's Deputy Prime Minister for Political Affairs, Mawlawi Abdul Kabir, said Afghanistan's permanent seat in the United Nations must be given to the Islamic Emirate, the media reported. Kabir made the remarks on Tuesday in a meeting with Roza Otunbayeva, the UN secretary-general's special repre-

sentative for Afghanistan, saying that the international community should recognise the current government and all conditions for recognition have been met, Xinhua news agency reported.

The senior official also called sanctions on the Islamic Emirate and government officials unfair, stressing that the move would affect its interaction with the world.

Yemen's Houthis hold funeral for 17 militants killed in US, UK airstrikes

Sanaa, Feb 13 (IANS) : Yemen's Houthis held a funeral for 17 militants, who were killed in recent US and British airstrikes, targeting Houthi sites.

"The 17 heroes were killed in the American and British aggression on (Houthi) sites in northern and western Yemen," the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported on Tuesday, without providing further details. Meanwhile, the US military

said it conducted strikes for self-defence on Tuesday morning and evening, Xinhua news agency reported.

The US Central Command said in a statement posted on its website that its forces "conducted self-defence strikes against two mobile unmanned surface vessels (USV), four mobile anti-ship cruise missiles, and one mobile land attack cruise missile that were prepared to launch against ships in the Red Sea".



The command added that it "identified these missiles and USVs in Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen and determined they presented an imminent threat to US Navy ships and

merchant vessels in the region," stressing that its strikes aimed to protect the freedom of international shipping in the Red Sea.



Palestinian death toll in Gaza exceeds 28,000 : Ministry

Gaza, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Palestinian death toll from the ongoing Israeli attacks on the Gaza Strip has exceeded 28,000, the Gaza-based Health Ministry said. The Ministry said on Tuesday in a press statement that the Israeli army killed 117 Palestinians and wounded 152 others during the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of deaths to 28,064 and injuries to 67,611 since the Israel-Hamas conflict broke out on October 7, 2023. The Israeli army has been launching intensive airstrikes

on Rafah city in the south of Gaza since Tuesday night, killing at least 28 people, reported the state-run Palestine TV. On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu instructed the army to prepare a plan for a ground operation in Rafah to eliminate what remains of Hamas brigades, Xinhua news agency reported. The city was previously considered a safe zone from Israel's relentless bombardments and has provided shelter for more than half of the 2.3 million Gaza residents who fled for safety.



India, Rwanda hold defence cooperation committee meeting

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : India and Rwanda held the first edition of Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Rwandan capital Kigali, an official statement said on Tuesday. The JDCC was to discuss a wide range of opportunities to enhance defence cooperation between the two countries, the Defence Ministry statement said, adding that the detailed discussions were held in areas like training cooperation, joint military exercises, defence industrial cooperation etc. The Indian delegation highlighted the growing prowess of Indian defence manufacturers to export to friendly countries, while the Rwandan side evinced keen interest in augmenting training cooperation, expressing confidence in the growing capabilities of the Indian defence industry. It also highlighted areas where the Indian armed forces and industry could collaborate with their defence forces under the aegis of the Defence MoU signed between the two countries during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Rwanda in 2018. Earlier the Indian delegation called on Rwanda Defence Minister, Marizamunda Juvenal and conveyed the warm greetings of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



Death toll climbs to 35 after landslide in Philippines, with 77 missing

slide that crashed into villages in Davao de Oro province in south-

ern Philippines has climbed to 35 from 27, with 77 others remaining missing, authorities said.

The Maco municipal government said on Tuesday that 32 have been rescued from the landslide, which occurred on Tuesday night near a mining site in Maco town and buried several houses and vehicles, including two buses that ferry miners of the site, Xinhua news agency reported. Search and retrieval operations have been continuing to find the missing villagers buried under mud, rocks and trees that rolled down from mountainside.

Kamala Harris slams special counsel's claim about Biden's age, memory

Washington, Feb 13 (IANS) : US Vice President Kamala Harris, trusted lieutenant and running mate of President Joe Biden in 2024 presidential elections, is using her outreach and clout with African Americans, Hispanics and Asians and Indians in tandem with the White House working overtime in damage control exercise to discredit a special counsel's claims that Biden suffers from memory loss. She and the White House have dismissed the Trump appointed special counsel Robert Hur's report on classified documents, that Hur charged Biden took home when he was vice president under then President Barack Obama, as inaccurate, out of bounds and politically motivated.

President Biden reacted emotionally to the charges on his son's death, telling Hur that he damned well knew well and was shattered by his son's death and he (Hur) should have stayed out of it. Hur's uncharacteristic remarks about Biden's memory loss touched a raw nerve in the president. "As a former prosecutor, the comments that were made by that prosecutor: gratuitous, inaccurate and inappropriate," said Vice President Kamala Harris, who previously served as California's attorney general. "The way that the president's demeanour in that report was characterised could not be more wrong on the facts, and clearly politically motivated," said Harris, addressing the report after speaking at a White House event on gun violence prevention. She is now the roving ambassador of President Biden campaign-

ing in key swing states on how the democrats will keep abortion rights on the statute books as laid out in the Roe vs Wade case, sought to be demolished by the Republicans in the Congress. Along with the Presidential elections in 2024, the house of representatives also goes to polls to elect new law makers - the trend is against the republicans on the abortions issue but the classified documents case and border issue could spiral out of control if not contained, analysts say. The GOP lost three states on the abortion issue in the off year elections in 2023 and mid term elections in 2022. While the term of office for a senator is six years, that of a house representative of the congress is only two years. Putting damage control measures to contain the bombshell special counsel report that elevated con-



cerns about Biden's age and mental fitness, White House counsel spokesman Ian Sams sought to reject the findings at a briefing with reporters. Sams pointed to "a pressurised political environment" in which he said Republicans have "made up claims of a two-tiered system of justice between Republicans and Democrats." "When the inevitable conclusion is that the facts and the evidence don't support any charges, you're left to wonder why this report spends time making gratuitous and inappropriate criticisms of the

president," Sams said. Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed Hur as special counsel to lead the investigation into Biden's classified documents, and Robert Hur is a Republican and former Trump appointee as is the US attorney in Maryland. Hur's report, released Thursday, recommended no charges against Biden over classified documents found at the President's Delaware residence but cited evidence that Biden "wilfully retained" classified materials.



1748 gram panchayats in UP claim to be TB-free

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : At least 1748 gram panchayats -- out of 57,647 gram panchayats in Uttar Pradesh -- have claimed to have achieved Tuberculosis-free status. A government spokesman said that the Health Department will verify the claims and if found to be correct the villages will be honored with a certificate. Across various districts in the state, including Ambedkar Nagar, Barabanki, Kushinagar, Unnao, Mathura, and

Lucknow, numerous panchayats have stepped forward to claim TB-free status. State Tuberculosis Control Programme Joint Director Shailendra Bhatnagar said that only after a stringent verification process based on diverse parameters, the deserving panchayats would be given the TB-free certification by February 20. He said various activities aimed at promoting TB awareness and prevention had been incorporated into the panchayat development plans. "Communities had been thor-

oughly briefed on TB symptoms, prevention measures, debunking misconceptions, treatment adherence, available screening facilities, and the government's support system for TB patients," he said. The spokesman said that the block development officers were actively facilitating the verification process by submitting the requisite documentation for eligible gram panchayats at the block level to the district tuberculosis officer.

Rajasthan minister hits headlines after returning govt vehicle, PSO

Jaipur, Feb 13 (IANS) : Rajasthan's Minister of State for Environment Sanjay Sharma is hitting the headlines after he returned the government vehicle and Personal Security Officer (PSO) provided to him. Sharma also refused to take police escort, saying that the "public elected and sent us to the assembly, why should we be afraid? I have no fear of any kind". Sharma travels in his personal car to the state secretariat and the department without any fanfare. Even for field visits, the minister uses his personal car. The minister got a government vehicle and a PSO after becoming the minister on January 17.



DMK constitutes war room for LS polls, senior leaders given charge

Chennai, Feb 13 (IANS): Ahead of the Lok Sabha election, the DMK on Tuesday announced the setting up of a war room here which will be managed by senior leaders. The ruling DMK, which swept the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by winning 38 of the 39 seats, is in the process of trying to repeat the victory and win all the 39 seats from Tamil Nadu and the lone seat in Puducherry. As part of this goal in sight, the party machinery has been functioning at an accelerated pace for the past six months. To fine tune the election strategies and to communicate with the voters 24X7, the party has constituted a war room.

The DMK in an official statement on Tuesday announced the constitution of the war room. Senior leaders Anbagam Kalai and Austin will be in overall charge of the war room. Kalai, who is the state co-organising secretary of the party, will coordinate with booth committees and constituency coordinators. The DMK has posted one coordinator for each Assembly constituency and these coordinators will be responsible for each minor development in the booth committees. The war room will now coordinate between these booth committees and the constituency coordinators with a centralised control by the party co-organising secretary.

J&K Police announces cash rewards for persons providing information on anti-national activities

Jammu, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday announced cash rewards for those providing information of anti-national activities. According to a statement issued by the J&K Police, Rs 5 lakh will be rewarded to whoever locates a trans-border tunnel, used by anti-national elements to tranship terrorists,

explosives and contraband consignments. Rs 3 lakh will be rewarded to whoever sights a drone flown from across the border to drop narcotics, arms, ammunition, or explosive materials and which leads to the recovery of the dropped material. Similarly, Rs 3 lakh will be rewarded to whoever gives "actionable intelligence about person connected with receiving drone

deliveries and/ or transporting arms/ ammunition/ narcotics from border/LoC to hinterland or Punjab and the said intelligence gets corroborated during further action". "Rs 2,00,000 in each case will be rewarded to whoever provides information based on which inter-state narcotic modules is busted or whoever gives information about persons talking to Pakistan-based terror-

ist handlers or separatists in jails in India which leads to successful discovery of facts including recoveries/busting of modules during investigations/enquiries that are initiated on receipt of the information," the police said. Also, Rs 2 lakh will be rewarded to whoever gives information about persons who are communicating with terrorist handlers across the bor-



der or with their agents within J&K and branding citizens as 'Mukhbirs' (government informers) and passing on their personal details like photo, address, movements of off-duty policemen and other security personnel or government servants for their targeting and the information gets corroborated during investigations that are initiated on receipt of the information.



Assam Cabinet approves move to ban 'magical healing' in state

Guwahati, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Assam government on Tuesday approved a measure that would outlaw 'magical healing' in the name of therapy and suggest harsh penalties for anybody who engages in the act. The decision was made at a Cabinet meeting presided over by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday night. Accordingly, the Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024 was adopted by the ministerial council. The primary goal of the measure is to prohibit and eliminate the practice of magical healing in the name of treatment of certain congenital diseases such as deaf-

ness, dumbness, blindness, physical deformity, and autism. Taking to his X handle, Sarma wrote, "It will prohibit such healing sessions completely and provide strong punitive action against the 'healers' extorting the poor and downtrodden people in the name of treatment." Sarma said the Cabinet has also decided to implement changes in the state municipal cadres, adding that it has chosen 10 cities or towns for a specific programme on sustainable development. A state-level steering committee will monitor the implementation of the concept.

Youth should get chance in Lok Sabha too, says Sachin Pilot

Jaipur, Feb 13 (IANS) : Congress leader Sachin Pilot said on Tuesday that he has requested the party high-command to allow young party workers at the grassroot level and with a clean image to enter the fray in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in Rajasthan. "I have requested the party to give opportunity to new people with clean image and who have worked hard at the grassroot level. Rahul Gandhi ji and Kharge ji also want the same. Among the new generation, those who are aware, dedicated, and have worked at the grassroot level will be given a chance, this will be a good message to the entire Rajasthan," Pilot added. "During the Con-

gress' screening committee meeting held in New Delhi on Saturday, there was a discussion on all 25 seats of Rajasthan for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls. Feedback was taken from everyone; the report of the State Election Committee, the report of AICC observers, the sentiments of the workers was also discussed," he said. Pilot was on a one-day visit to Tonk, his assembly constituency. Speaking to the media in Rajasthan's Tonk, he added, "We have prepared a panel for 25 Lok Sabha seats in Rajasthan. There will be a Central Election Committee meeting soon and the final call will be taken on the names of the candidates who will enter the fray.



CAPFs constable exam to be conducted in 13 regional languages

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : For the first time, the Constable (General Duty) Examination for recruitment of constables in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) will be conducted in 13 regional languages in addition to Hindi and English. In a statement on Tuesday, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that the examination for around 48 lakh candidates will be conducted from February 20 to March 7 in 128 cities across the country. "This historic decision has been taken on the initiative of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to increase the participation of local youth in the Cen-

tral Armed Police Forces and to promote regional languages," an MHA official said. The question papers for the examination will now also be prepared in Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri and Konkani, he said. The Constable (GD) Examination is "one of the flagship examinations conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) attracting lakhs of youths from across the country. Therefore, the MHA and SSC have signed an MoU to facilitate the conduct of the examination in the 13 regional languages in addition to Hindi and English", the official said.

Small and mid-cap stocks driven up by speculative buying correcting, say analysts

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : An important ongoing trend in the market is the weakness in the broader market with sharp cuts in many mid and small-caps, says V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services.

Many such stocks driven up by speculative buying without consideration for the fundamentals are correcting. This trend is likely to continue since many such

stocks are excessively valued, he said. The explosive growth in the number of demat accounts and the newbies chasing mid and small-caps influenced by recency bias have contributed to this froth in the broader market. A correction in this segment is inevitable and desirable, he added.

Correction will give opportunities to buy fairly valued stocks in this segment like PSU Banks, he added.



US regulator seeks to probe Apple over Beeper Mini app shutdown

Washington, Feb 13 (IANS) : US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) commissioner Brendan Carr on Tuesday sought a probe into Apple over the Beeper Mini app that briefly enabled message interoperability between iOS and Android.

During the 'State of the Net Conference' event, Carr said the regulator should look into whether Apple's move "complies with the FCC's Part 14 rules" about accommodating users with disabilities.



Tata Motors cuts prices of electric cars by up to Rs 1.2 lakh

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : Tata Motors on Tuesday cut the prices of its electric cars by up to Rs 1.20 lakh as the company passed on to consumers the decline in the cost of battery cells of electric vehicles.

Tata Passenger Electric Mo-

bility will now sell its top-selling Nexon.ev at Rs 14.5 lakh -- down by Rs 20,000 -- while the price of its small electric car Tiago was reduced by Rs 70,000. The price of the long-range Nexon EV will now start at Rs 16.99 lakh.

"With battery cell prices having softened in the recent past and

considering their potential reduction in the foreseeable future, we have chosen to proactively pass on the resulting benefits directly to customers," Vivek Srivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer at the TPG-backed company said in a Press release.

HONOR set to launch HONOR CHOICE smartwatch with swim-proof durability

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) Expanding the artificial intelligence of things (AIoT) devices segment, HONOR is set to introduce latest smartwatch with a built-in HONOR Health app, designed to monitor the active lifestyle.

Packed with innovative features such as an AMOLED Ultra-thin display, built-in multi-system GNSS, one-click SOS calling, and ultra-long battery life, the smartwatch is 5 ATM water resistant that makes it a perfect companion for water ac-

tivities like swimming, surfing, etc. The smartwatch seamlessly integrates with your smartphone for a connected experience. Here are the top 5 features that make the HONOR CHOICE Watch a must-have:

- 1: Innovative display technology

The cutting-edge display technology of the watch helps the user experience unparalleled clarity with a resolution of up to 410x502 and a remarkable 332 PPI retina-level display precision on a spacious 1.95-inch screen, captivating your vision right on your wrist. Deeply focusing on the "vision"

on your wrist, this device combines 75 per cent screen-to-body ratio with a dynamic 60Hz refresh rate, delivering a seamlessly integrated and visually engaging encounter. Featuring 8 pre-installed and 21 dynamic "Always-on display" watch faces, this device provides uninterrupted convenience by staying active without the need for wrist-raising, ensuring it is always accessible.

- 2: Swim-proof durability with 5ATM

Designed with a 5ATM water resistance level, this watch is ver-

satile and perfect for swimming and surfing, showcasing exceptional waterproof capabilities. It remains undeterred by adverse weather conditions, serving as a dependable fitness partner ready to accompany you through any weather challenges.

- 3: All-in 1 built-in multi-system GNSS

This watch enables you to experience fast and accurate positioning, enhancing overall navigation and tracking capabilities with the built-in advanced technology of the GNSS satellite positioning chip. Supporting five major global satellite positioning systems- GPS+ GLONASS + GALILEO + BDS+QZSS, it guarantees precise location tracking, leaving a detailed trace of every step you take.



Adani Electricity unveils India's First Advanced Distribution Management System (ADMS) in Mumbai

Mumbai, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd has launched the country's first state-of-the-art Advanced Distribution Management System to fix power supply glitches within a short time for its 31.50 lakh consumers, officials said here.

The Network Operations Centre (NOC) -- which can locate a power disruption within seconds in its entire jurisdiction before it can lead to a large power outage - has come up at Powai.

The NOC can also predict and prevent power outages to help quick remedial actions, and help balance the flow of power across the entire network which can reduce the amount of energy that is lost and potentially reduce electricity bills. The ADMS-power NOC collects data from a network of sensors, which is then analysed in realtime

to give a complete picture of the city's electricity infrastructure, and helps pinpoint and address problems even before they become significant issues for the customers and complaints pour in. The ADMS will help identify the precise location of the fault that arises between two customer substations (CSS) -- equipment generally found in housing complexes that 'steps down' electricity voltage before supplying to the users in the vicinity.

There are 7,100 CSS' in the Adani Electricity's jurisdiction in Mumbai, and the new system will prove particularly beneficial in the coming summer months when there are frequent power issues which would henceforth be resolved quickly within 15-20 minutes instead of the average 34 minutes now.

Adani Electricity consumers will enjoy uninterrupted power supply for essential tasks and leisure with few power cuts, shorter duration of outages with quicker restoration times owing to ADMS' intelligent insights, improved power quality with consistent voltage and frequency to ensure seamless operation of all devices and appliances, and enhanced service excellence.

"The launch of the NOC with India's first ADMS marks a major highlight for Mumbai's power landscape.

We are making the city power network more reliable and efficient. By using advanced technology, the power network can predict and fix problems faster, improve the flow of electricity, and contribute to a greener future.



Aircraft engine maker Pratt & Whitney sets up new digital capability centre in Bengaluru

Chennai, Feb 13 (IANS) : Global aircraft engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney on Tuesday said it has established its new India Digital Capability Centre (IDCC) in Bengaluru.

The new centre will accelerate innovation and drive digital and business transformation for Pratt & Whitney worldwide.

According to Pratt & Whitney, the facility will be co-located with its engineering and supply chain operations centers of excellence.

"The expansion of Pratt & Whitney's digital technology presence in Bengaluru will allow us to leverage India's aviation and technology talent and accelerate our digital transformation," said Rahul Dharni, Vice President & Global Chief Information Officer, Pratt & Whitney.

Pratt & Whitney has begun recruiting its first tranche of employees for the IDCC and is expected to grow to over 300 employees by 2027.

"With \$40 million already invested in engineering and supply chain operations centres in the last two years, Pratt & Whitney continues to grow its presence and contribution to India's aerospace ecosystem with this additional multi-million-dollar investment in the IDCC," said Ashmita Sethi, President & Country Head, Pratt & Whitney, India. Pratt & Whitney's other investments in-country include a India Customer Training Center in Hyderabad and its research & development collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.

Indian stock market to attract more flows as funds avoid China

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Chinese stock market has underperformed severely, particularly over the past three years, says Alok Agarwal, Head Quant & Portfolio Manager, Alchemy Capital Management. This is similar to the 'lost decade' that their Japanese counterparts experienced in the 1990s, with stability enticing following a recent upturn.

Through Q1CY24, China's real estate and banking industries may continue to reverberate throughout the economy, counterbalancing the moderate expansion observed in numerous consumer sectors, he said. The lowest daily average turnover on the stock market since 2019 was 790 billion yuan in 2023, and leading emerging markets (EM) funds are still avoiding the Chinese stock market. Insufficient new credits point to a sluggish economic rebound and reduced Chinese oil consumption, while low industrial production and Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data could limit power output in 2024, he said.

If significant EM funds continue to pull out, China's equity risk could prolong stagnation. Top EM funds' average holdings of Chinese stocks have fallen to a five-year low, and very few have increased their positions, he added.



'We are poor people, not dishonest', Manjhi vows to stay with NDA in Bihar

Patna Feb 13 (IANS) : After two MLAs of the CPI-ML in Bihar met Jitan Ram Manjhi on Saturday, there was speculation in some quarters that the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) chief might play the 'big game' on February 12 and join the Mahagathbandhan. However, Manjhi himself ruled out any such possibility on Saturday, saying that he is with the NDA and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "We are poor people, but not dishonest. Me and my party are strongly standing by the NDA and PM Narendra Modi," Manjhi said. "We don't want to be trapped in the clutches of anyone, and hence all four of our MLAs are with us."



5 Manipur children rescued from Maharashtra school after 'mistreatment'

Imphal, Feb 13 (IANS) : Five children from Manipur have been rescued from a distressing situation at a private school in Maharashtra's Nashik, officials said here on Tuesday. An official of the Manipur Social Welfare Department said that following the request of the Manipur government, District Child Protection Unit officials in Nashik rescued five children from the private English medium school. According to the official, the students were rescued recently following reports of "severe punishment and mistreatment"

faced by the children, raising concerns about violations of child protection laws. The parents of the students raised alarm when they learnt about the harsh conditions their children were facing at the school. The children were taken to Nashik School with promises of free education at the private school, the official said. Besides these five, there are reportedly also other young children, including girls, who were taken to Nashik with the same promise of providing free education.

Man stabbed to death by cousin over monetary dispute in Delhi

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : A 58-year-old man allegedly was stabbed to death by his cousin on Tuesday in north-east Delhi over a monetary issue, an official said. The deceased identified as Zahooruddin (58), a resident of Chand Bagh area, was a shoe manufacturer by profession. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast) Joy Tirkey said that Zahooruddin was

stabbed by his cousin Shahid in Chand Bagh on Saturday at around 1:30 p.m. "Zahooruddin was taken to GTB Hospital, where he died during treatment at 2:40 p.m.," said the DCP. The DCP further said that a manhunt has been initiated to nab Shahid, a resident of Moona Nagar and a butcher by profession. The family members of the deceased have told



the police that there was a money dispute between Zahooruddin and Shahid. "Zahooruddin had given some money as loan to Shahid and the latter was showing reluctance in returning the same," said the DCP. A case under relevant sections of the IPC has been registered on the complaint of the deceased's son Sohail.



Congress expels Acharya Pramod Krishnam for 'indiscipline'

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Congress on Tuesday expelled Acharya Pramod Krishnam from the party for indiscipline. Congress General Secretary (Organisation) K.C. Venugopal in a statement said that keeping in view the complaints of indiscipline.



Cong to come out with pro-people manifesto for LS polls : DKS

Bengaluru, Feb 13 (IANS) : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said that the Congress' manifesto for the upcoming general election will be a pro-people one. Speaking at the meeting of the Congress Manifesto Committee, he said: "The Congress will prepare a people friendly manifesto which will help all sections of the society. A simi-

lar exercise was done while preparing a manifesto for the Assembly election and we launched the five-guarantee scheme based on the same. "The 10 years of Manmohan Singh government was about improving the lives of people, but the 10 years of BJP rule has not launched even a single scheme which changes the lives of people. Schemes such as Food security, MGNREGA, Right to Education

and others were introduced during the UPA rule," he said. "Though we are a progressive state, 61 per cent of the population lives in rural areas. As much as 96 per cent of the tax revenues come from urban areas, but the contribution of our farmers is immense and we cannot move forward without them," he said. "Congress government has always implemented any scheme which empowers the poor economically, socially and educationally. We had introduced Nyay in the previous election and many schemes were based on that. The idea of the Gruha Jyothi scheme took birth in a meeting between Siddaramaiah, Surjewala and myself. Now, PM Modi is trying to copy that by giving 300 units of free power through the solar grid," he said. "The same BJP which was criticising our guarantee schemes has now launched the Modi guarantee campaign. The BJP was criticising the guarantee scheme as a burden on the exchequer and is now launching similar schemes

in many states. Congress always believes in bringing change in the lives of people," he said. Calling upon the participants of the manifesto meeting to provide ideas which are rooted in reality, he said: "We have raised our voice against injustice meted out to our state. Other states are also raising their voice now. The Union government can set this injustice right if it wants to. "We are working on removing the Nagpur Education Policy. I have had discussions with my BJP friends who run educational institutions and they say it is impossible to implement NEP. BJP tried to push the NEP down the throat of Kannadigas in a hurried manner. We have formed a committee to review the NEP under the leadership of Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar."



Goa Speaker withdraws summon to former minister

Panaji, Feb 13 (IANS) : Goa Assembly Speaker Ramesh Tawadkar on Tuesday withdrew the summon he had issued to former minister Prakash Velip, claiming that he out a 'full stop' on issue after deliberating with the latter and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant. On Tuesday, Tawadkar had summoned Velip at 3 p.m. on Saturday for allegedly levelling allegations against him. "I would like to inform you all that yesterday, former minister Prakash Velip levelled baseless allegations against me when

the Assembly was in session. The allegations amount to insult to my position and the House. Hence, Velip will be summoned and an explanation will be sought from him," Tawadkar had told the House on Tuesday. On Tuesday, Tawadkar said, "I am a sensitive person who believes that nuisance should not spread in the society. Hence, I deliberated on the matter and resolved it amicably. I have put a 'full stop' on the issue," Tawadkar said, adding that even Velip knows that whatever he said was not correct.

Gujarat Govt launches probe after 7 patients lose vision post cataract surgery

Patana, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Gujarat Government has launched a probe after seven patients allegedly reported partial or complete loss of vision post a cataract surgery at the Sarvodaya Eye Hospital in Radhanpur town on February 2, officials said on Tuesday. The hospital is now under scrutiny, with authorities initiating a thorough investigation into the matter; officials said. According to Bharti Vakharia, a trustee of Sarvodaya Eye Hospital, seven of

the 13 patients who underwent the procedure experienced severe complications due to infections. Five of these patients were transferred to the M and J Institute of Ophthalmology at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital to receive further medical attention. Two were moved to a hospital in Visnagar, Mehsana district.



UP team visits Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management to acquire expertise

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has sent a specialised team from the Relief Department for a two-day training program in Gujarat to enhance their disaster management skills. Under the guidance of experts from the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management, the team will undergo rigorous sessions, focusing on proactive disaster preparedness and effective crisis management

strategies. Sudhir Garg, Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue, highlighted the Chief Minister's unwavering emphasis on minimising casualties during disasters. "The Chief Minister has instructed the department officials to conduct various learning and training initiatives. Recently, a training camp was convened at IIM Lucknow, where 25 Additional District Magistrates received comprehensive training on climate change, sensitivity, and disaster management from experts representing institutions like IIM Lucknow," he said. He said that a four-member team from the Relief Department has also been dispatched to the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management for specialised training on February 11. He said that the team aims to significantly contribute to minimising loss of life during calamitous events, including floods and other emergencies in Uttar Pradesh. The Chief Minister has also established three new State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) units in the state. The state government has also officially recognised 11 types of disasters as state-level calamities like: boat accidents, snakebites, sewer cleaning mishaps, gas leaks, and human-wildlife conflicts.



Minority body stages protest in Kolkata over Uyghur muslims issue

Kolkata, Feb 13 (IANS) : The members of a minority organisation under the banner of Islamic Association for Peace (IAP) on Tuesday staged a demonstration outside the Chinese Consulate at Salt Lake on the outskirts of Kolkata, alleging oppression by the Chinese government of the Uyghur muslims at Xinjiang and an alleged attempt by Beijing to show the entire Arunachal Pradesh as Chinese territory.



Police beef up security as tensions simmer after ABVP, JNUSU clashes

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : Delhi Police on Tuesday beefed up security and said it was in touch with the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration after a scuffle broke out during a General Body Meeting (GBM) on Friday night in which 15 people were said to be injured. "There was a scuffle in the student's GBM. We are in contact with the JNU administration and are examining the matter," said the Deputy Commissioner of Police (southwest), Rohit Meena. Police said that they have also beefed up the security outside the JNU campus to avoid any untoward incident. "Police teams are deployed outside the campus and if the varsity administration will make a request then the force will be deployed in the campus, too, to maintain law and order," said an official. Late on Friday night, a scuffle erupted between the RSS-affiliated ABVP and Left-backed groups at the Sabarmati Dhaba on the JNU campus during the meet-

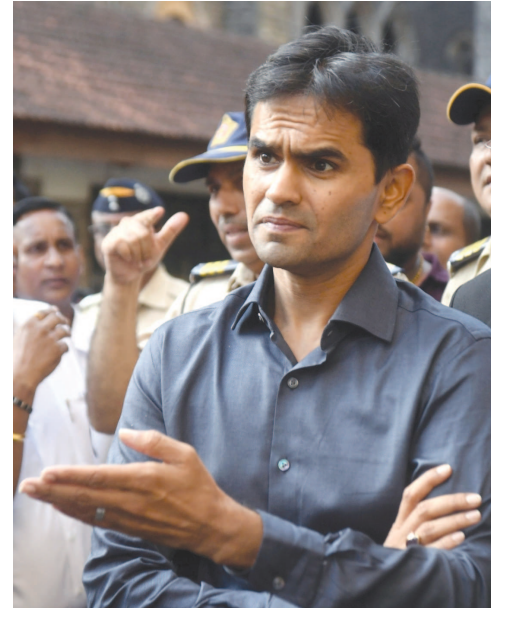
ing called to nominate members for the 2024 JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) polls' Election Commission. According to sources, around 15 students from both the student outfits sustained injuries during the clashes. Sources further said that an FIR has been registered on the complaint given by JNUSU members on Saturday morning while the ABVP will also be submitting a complaint and appropriate legal action will be initiated. The Democratic Students' Federation (DSF) accused members of the ABVP of disrupting the UGBM by coming onto the stage, harassing council members and speakers. Videos shared by both groups on social media show ABVP and JNUSU members engaged in heated arguments, while university security personnel attempt to restore order. Meanwhile, the JNUSU said that its President Aishe Ghosh was heckled and attacked by ABVP men.

Surprised by ED case, says IRS officer Wankhede on money-laundering case

Mumbai, Feb 13 (IANS) : IRS officer Sameer Wankhede on Tuesday expressed surprise over an alleged money-laundering case lodged against him by the ED, but assured he would cooperate fully with the probe agency. Wankhede, the former Zonal Director of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Mumbai, is facing allegations and a CBI probe for allegedly seeking a bribe of Rs 25 crore during the October 2021 raid on the Cordelia cruise ship in which actor Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan was also ar-

rested. "The ED had registered the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) in 2023. It is surprising that this ECIR is based on the CBI FIR which is already under question before the Bombay High Court," said Wankhede in a brief reaction in Maharashtra. However, he pointed out that since the matter was sub judice, he wouldn't say anything more on it, but would give an appropriate reply in court at the right time. Wankhede reiterated that he had full faith in the Indian Judiciary. The IRS officer's tenure as the NCB Mumbai Zonal Director is under the scanner of the CBI which had registered the FIR

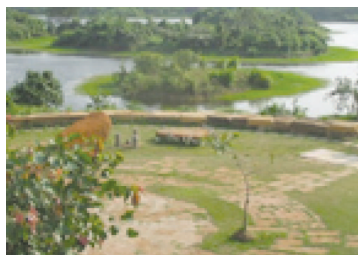
against him. The ED, which has filed a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act has now summoned Wankhede for questioning. An officer of IRS 2008, Wankhede had earlier moved the Bombay HC seeking protection from any coercive action by the ED. During the high-profile NCB raids on the cruiser Cordelia, 20 people were arrested



and certain quantities of drugs were recovered in that operation. Subsequently, Wankhede and others faced a NCB Vigilance probe into the lapses in the raid. The charges against Aryan Khan were dropped in May 2022 due to lack of evidence.

TN environmental group asks govt to stop Perungudi eco-park construction

Chennai, Feb 13 (IANS) : Tamil Nadu based environmental group Poovulagin Nanbaragal has urged the state government to drop the proposed construction of Perungudi ecopark. The organisation in an appeal to the government said that the Pallikarandai Eco Park in Chennai was created on 2.5 hectares of the Pallikarandi marshland. "After Pallikarandi marshland was announced as Eco Park, shops sprouted on both sides, the walk ways were constructed using concrete which led to the loss of serenity of the marshland and the surrounding area," the group said. The group said that mistakes done at Pallikarandi marshland should not be repeated at Perungudi and no construction of Eco Park should take place. The group said that the Madras High Court and the National Green Tribunal have directed the government to remove the encroachments.



CPI-M cries foul as Veena Vijayan's firm served notice to appear before SFIO

Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 13 (IANS) : With the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) probe reaching Exalogic, the IT firm owned by Kerala Chief Minister's daughter Veena Vijayan, the CPI-M on Tuesday alleged political witch hunting by the Centre. Exalogic has approached the Karnataka High Court with a plea to quash the SFIO probe and the court will take up the plea on Monday. On Saturday the CPI-M claimed that the Centre was targeting Pinarayi Vijayan as the Lok Sabha polls were round the corner. The CPI-M has come out with a circular which will now be sent out to its grassroot cad-

res alleging that Vijayan was being targeted through Veena for political reasons. Exalogic has just one Director, Veena Vijayan and the Bengaluru-based firm has now moved court to keep its dormant status. Trouble had been brewing for Veena for a while ever since the SFIO, acting on the findings of the preliminary probe by the Registrar of Companies (ROC) first reached the office of the Cochin-based mining firm-CMRL, which had given a contract to Exalogic. Then the scope of the probe was extended to the state capital-headquartered Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) that has around 13 per cent stake in CMRL.

On Tuesday, Exalogic was also served a notice and since Veena is the sole Director, she will now have to appear before the SFIO. Hence the CPI-M has come out strongly stating that all the dealings between Exalogic and CMRL took place through the bank and there was nothing untoward in it and the central agencies were now being used as a tool to target Vijayan. The CPI-M said that there has been no complaint from CMRL and the agencies were haunting Veena, just to target Vijayan. Prior to the ROC investigation, this issue was raised by Congress MLA Mathew Kuzhalsadan on the basis of a media report, which first surfaced last year.



Congress will secure victory across all 13 LS seats in Punjab : Kharage

Ludhiana, Feb 13 (IANS) : Extending solidarity with the protesting farmers over their demands with the Central government, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharage on Tuesday said the party would secure victory across all 13 constituencies in the upcoming

ing Lok Sabha elections in Punjab. Addressing the inaugural Punjab Congress Worker's Convention convened at Samrala near Ludhiana, Kharage said: "Today's gathering signifies a monumental moment for the Congress.

Centre to sign pact with TERI for institute for energy transition : R.K. Singh

New Delhi, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Union Power Ministry intends to sign a memorandum of agreement with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) for setting up an institute for energy transition at TERI campus in Hyderabad, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R.K. Singh said on Tuesday. "The Ministry of Power and New Renewable Energy is getting into an agreement with TERI for setting up an institute on energy transition. We will look to this institute to work out various pathways for transition, to identify the bottlenecks and the most viable ways of moving forward," he said at the 23rd edition of the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) here. "Right now, I am searching for

ways, we are experimenting, so we first came out with solar, then wind, then we combined the two with hybrid. Then we added storage so that it becomes round the clock. "Now, we are coming out with bids for round the clock using green hydrogen as storage. We will be coming up with a bid for round-the-clock energy using concentrated solar and molten salt as storage. If there were an institution which would study the various alternative paths available that will make life easier." Terming India the leader in energy transitions, Singh said: "In India, 44 per cent of the country's power generation capacity is from non-fossil sources. In actual physical terms, about 180,000 plus megawatts is the non-fossil capacity. The nuclear capacity is just about 7,800 megawatts. The remaining

is totally renewable. That constitutes 44 per cent of the established capacity, 427,000 megawatts out of which 180,000 MW is renewable." The minister listed how India has fulfilled its promises ahead of time and is among the few countries to have fulfilled its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) ahead of time. "India had pledged that by 2030, that it would have 40 percent of our power generation capacity as renewables. We are already beyond that. Again, India pledged in COP26 that by 2030 to have 50 per cent of capacity from non-fossil sources, mostly renewables. In fact, it will be actually 65 per cent - way more than what was pledged. India's per capita emission is among the lowest in the world. Despite we have pledged that we will reduce



our emission intensity by 33 per cent by 2030. "In sum, we are the only major economy which achieved both these Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) way before time. And when neutral observers graded us, they categorised us as the only major economy whose energy transition actions are in consonance with the sub-two degree rise in global temperature."

Highlighting pioneering initiatives of TERI, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, its Director General Vibha Dhawan said: "It is an honour for TERI to be working with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to explore the establishment of an Institute for Energy Transition as a world-class institute."

NIA conducts raids in Kashmir Valley, Jammu city

Srinagar, Feb 13 (IANS) : National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday carried out raids at different locations in the Kashmir Valley and Jammu city. Sources said that NIA -- assisted by the police and CRPF, conducted raids at some places in south Kashmir's district Kulgam and at Gujjar Nagar in Jammu city. Officials said that these raids are mainly taking place at premises owned by the members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI). They said that further details will be shared soon.





UP BJP to start connecting with beneficiaries of govt schemes

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Uttar Pradesh unit of BJP will roll out a "labharthi" (beneficiary) contact campaign across the state from February 25 to March 5. UP BJP general secretary (organisation) Dharampal Singh said, "Dur-

ing the campaign, the party will approach the beneficiaries with a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and affix a party sticker outside their homes and get them to make a missed call on 9638002024." "Between March 1 and 3 too, a special contact drive to

reconnect with beneficiaries would be undertaken," Singh said. UP BJP chief Bhupendra Chaudhary also focused on beneficiaries and added benefits of all government schemes had been extended automatically to all the poor and needy. "For the first time, there is a government that has approached the masses to ensure that they avail of the benefits of government schemes unlike in the past when these schemes existed only on paper," he said. The BJP is banking on the support of labharthis whose vote bank cuts across communities an castes, to ensure a re-run of its success story in UP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "The beneficiaries are present in every caste and community and they have benefitted from government schemes without any discrimination," said Bhupendra Chaudhary.



Tribute to ISRO: Thousands create largest online video album by holding abdominal plank in B'luru

Bengaluru, Feb 13 (IANS) : A Guinness World Record was created after thousands paid tribute to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for its accomplishments by creating the largest online video album of people holding the abdominal plank in Bengaluru. Guinness World Records adjudicator declared Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance as a new Guinness World Record holder for largest online video album of people holding the abdominal plank position. #PlankforAces saw 5,194 videos being uploaded by people from all segments, said an official release on Tuesday. Bajaj Allianz Life on Tuesday organised the fourth edition of

#Plankathon in Bengaluru's Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium to celebrate the Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) remarkable achievements with Chandrayaan and the Solar Mission, Aditya L1. The on-ground Plankathon event was a culmination of the company's popular campaign #PlankForAces that invited Indians to come together to thank the brilliant scientists at ISRO, by uploading their video of holding the abdominal plank. Addressing those present, N. Sudheer Kumar, Director, Capacity Building and Public Outreach, ISRO, said, "This is indeed an extraordinary event that showcases the collective Indian spirit. We appreciate and thank everyone

who has participated for their efforts. Your wishes will further fuel our endeavour to make India proud, as we set our focus on the new frontiers within space research." Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, said, anything less than the world-record breaking feat would have been inadequate to the applause ISRO deserves. Actress Taapsee Pannu commented, "The #PlankForAces movement was especially close to me and was equally inspirational as it was such a unique campaign on fitness that brought so many people together, as it was an opportunity to thank our scientists from ISRO!"

38 medical students punished for making reels at dist hospital in K'taka

Gadag, (Karnataka) Feb 13 (IANS) : A day after Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao terminated a doctor from service for doing pre-wedding photo-shoot inside an operation theatre at the government hospital in Chitradurga district, the Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) on Tuesday punished 38 medical students by extending their housemanship posting by 10 days for making reels in the institute premises.

The students had shot a number of reels, including dancing on popular Hindi, Kannada and Telugu film songs, which had gone viral on social media. The public had objected to the act of using the hospital premises, lab and operation theatre for filming entertainment videos.

The students shot videos during evening and night in the hospital premises, which were unnoticed by the authorities. After the students posted the videos on their social media platforms, they went viral, drawing the notice of the authorities. GIMS Director Basavaraja Bommanahalli said he came know about the reels on Saturday.

"I had summoned all the students of which 38 had shot the videos. It was a big crime on their part to use the hospital premises for shooting reels," Bommanahalli said. "They should have shot the reels in their private spaces. They should not have caused inconvenience to the patients. The students are claiming that they had shot them for the pre-graduation ceremony. But we did not give permission for any such act. Action has been initiated against them," he added.



I am Cong loyalist, not slave of high command : Minister Rajanna

Bengaluru, Feb 13 (IANS) : Karnataka Minister for Cooperation K.N. Rajanna on Tuesday said that he is a loyalist of the Congress but not a slave of the party's high command. "My high command is my people. I am a loyalist to the Congress but not a slave of high command," said Rajanna, who is considered to be close to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

He said that his conduct should be appreciated by the people.

"I don't fear high command. I am the high command myself. There are no high commands for me," Rajanna said. He said that there are state and national presidents of Congress and he will always respect their positions. "I will never challenge their decisions," he said. Rajanna had earlier also batted for creation of more posts of Deputy Chief Ministers in the state much to the disdain of State President and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.



Will breach Sec 144, reach Sandeshkhali if peace not restored in 24 hrs: Adhikari warns Guv

Kolkata, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in West Bengal Assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, on Tuesday, gave an ultimatum to the Governor saying he would defy Section 144 and lead a BJP delegation to violence-ridden Sandeshkhali unless CV Ananda Bose takes concrete steps to restore normalcy there in the next 24 hours.

On Tuesday, after staging a walk out from the Assembly, the BJP legislators led by Adhikari went straight to the Raj Bhavan and had a meeting with the Governor. "The state administration and police are trying to suppress the spontaneous agitation of the local people born out of the accumulated grievances against the local Trinamool Congress leaders there.



14,000 projects worth Rs 10 lakh cr to roll out in UP on Feb 19

Lucknow, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh is all set to kick-start another phase of development in the state with the Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC) 4.0 in which MoUs worth Rs 10 lakh crore, covering 14,000 projects, will be rolled out on February 19 in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Lucknow. These projects are expected to create 33.50 lakh employment opportunities in the state. According to the official spokesman, the projected investment rollout for GBC 4.0 is five times greater than the cumulative investment of over Rs 2.10 lakh crore implemented in the previous three groundbreaking ceremonies.



PM Modi has resurrected our culture, heritage & put them on world map : Shah

Mysuru (Karnataka), Feb 13 (IANS) : Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resurrected the culture and heritage of the country, and has put them on the world map. Addressing a gathering at the Suttur Mutt after inaugurating a guest house there, Shah said, "PM Modi has put our cultural heritage on the world map and brought honor. Including the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath corridor in Kashi, Mahakal Corridor in Ujjain, and the rejuvenation of Kedarnath and Badrinath pilgrimage centers, PM Modi has revitalized numerous cultural centers." The Home Minister said that PM Modi was ensuring the security of the nation while also focusing on making it prosperous. Attention was also given to Yoga, Ayurveda, and the preservation of languages by Modiji, Amit Shah stated.

Strengthen AAP during ensuing LS polls to bring development, pleads Kejriwal

Tarn Taran (Punjab), Feb 13 (IANS) : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday solicited support and cooperation of people to strengthen arms of AAP for bringing agenda of welfare and development at national centre-stage. Addressing the gathering here, the Chief Minister said the credit of bringing common people at the centre-stage of Indian polity goes to Arvind Kejriwal. He said Kejriwal had brought paradigm shift in politics by introducing value-based politics by rejecting the divisive politics. Mann said it is a matter of pride and satisfaction that huge scores of people are witness to this historic occasion. The Chief Minister said that huge response of people in the rally reflects trust of people in pro-people and development-oriented policies of the

state government. He said that contrary to trend of selling government properties, the Punjab government has taken a historic decision to purchase a private plant.

Mann said that the day is not far when state government will further purchase the remaining private power plants in state. The Chief Minister said that those who are now on path of 'parivar bachao yatra' had looted the state during their long tenure. He said these people had mercilessly ruined the state due to which they were ousted from power. Mann said that people don't trust even a single word of these leaders due to which they are envious of him. The Chief Minister bemoaned that



the Haryana government is putting barbed wire to stop the farmers of the state. He said this tendency of creating rift between Punjab and India must be avoided as it is not in the interest of country. Mann said that the issues with farmers should be resolved through dialogue. Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal said for the first time in last 75 years a private power plant has been purchased by the state government. He said

this plant has been purchased at a cheap price by the state government. The state government has purchased this plant worth Rs 5,500 crore at a meagre price of Rs 1,100 crore. The Delhi Chief Minister said 90 per cent households are already getting free power in state and with this plant now other sectors will also get subsidised power.



1 wounded in armed attack during Istanbul mayor election campaign

Istanbul, Feb 13 (IANS) : A woman was injured in an armed attack on Tuesday during the mayoral election campaign of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development Party in Istanbul, said Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya. Yerlikaya said on social media platform X that shots were fired with long-barreled weapons and pistols in the Kucukcekmece district at around 4:30 p.m. local time, Xinhua news agency reported. The attack took place during the election campaign of the Kucukcekmece party's mayoral candidate, Aziz Yeniay, in the Kanarya neighbourhood. One citizen was injured in the attack, and a large-scale investigation has been initiated into the incident, the Minister added. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan condemned the attack on his X account, saying, "We will never allow attempts to poison the electoral process by those who cannot tolerate the healthy course of the election process." The mayoral elections in Turkey will take place on March 31.

US, UK airstrikes hit Houthi targets in Yemen's Hodeidah



Sanaa, Feb 13 (IANS) : The US and Britain launched new airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen's Red Sea port city of Hodeidah, the media reported. The airstrikes hit the Al-Salif port of the Al-Salif district, northwest of the city, the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV said on Saturday, without providing more details. Eyewitnesses said the strikes on Tuesday afternoon targeted the Houthi-controlled maritime military base, Xinhua news agency reported. The strikes, which followed US attacks on two Houthi mobile unmanned surface vessels, four mobile anti-ship cruise missiles, and one mobile land attack cruise missile on Friday, were the latest in a series of similar attacks conducted by the US-British coalition in the Red Sea against Houthi targets since November last year.

Emergency declared in 96 districts in Peru due to heavy rains

Lima, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Peruvian government has declared a state of emergency for at least 96 districts in 15 regions of the country due to damage caused by heavy rains in recent weeks. The government's decision, which will be in force for 60 days, allows for "the execution of immediate and necessary emergency measures and actions for response and rehabilitation as appropriate," Xinhua news agency reported. A law facilitating food dona-

tions and the transportation of donations during natural disasters has been activated. Likewise, some services may be provided "free of charge," such as catering, medical treatment, transportation, dispatch logistics, and any other service that may help those affected by the rains. The National Service of Meteorology and Hydrology has forecast moderate to heavy precipitation, in the mountains, and moderate to extreme rainfall on the northern coast.



Iranian FM discusses Gaza situation with Palestinian resistance group leaders

Tehran, Feb 13 (IANS) : Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian has exchanged views with the leaders of the Palestinian resistance groups on the latest developments of the conflict in Gaza. During a meeting in the Lebanese capital Beirut, Amir-Abdollahian was briefed on the latest situation in the Gaza Strip and West Bank by leaders of Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad movement and the Popu-

lar Front for the Liberation of Palestine, according to a statement published on the Iranian Foreign Ministry's website on Tuesday. Amir-Abdollahian said the cessation of the Israeli "crimes" against Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank was a priority, Xinhua news agency reported. He stressed that the Palestinian resistance groups should adopt an "integrated and united" stance in their effort towards ending the conflict in Gaza,

ensuring the delivery of aid, and exchanging captives between Hamas and Israel. Amir-Abdollahian called on other regional and international players to refrain from imposing their plans on Palestinians and let them decide about their own future. The Palestinian resistance groups praised the Iranian government and people as well as other resistance groups in the region for their roles.

Lebanon to resume returning Syrian refugees to homeland : Minister

Beirut, Feb 13 (IANS) : Lebanon will soon resume returning Syrian refugees to their homeland, Lebanese Minister of the Displaced, Issam Charafeddine, said. "The Lebanese government assigned me to resume return trips of Syrian refugees to Syria by convoys," Charafeddine said on Tuesday, according to a statement released by the Cabinet after a

meeting, Xinhua news agency reported. "We held positive meetings with the concerned parties, especially the new Minister of Local Administration in Syria, and they are committed to this issue," the Minister added. In 2022, Charafeddine announced a government plan to repatriate 15,000 Syrian refugees to Syria each month, insisting that "the war is over and the country has become safe".



Iraq calls for int'l intervention to thwart Israeli military plan in Rafah

Baghdad, Feb 13 (IANS) : The Iraqi Foreign Ministry has urged the international community to thwart an Israeli plan to launch a military operation in the southernmost Gazan city of Rafah. The Ministry said on Tuesday in

a statement that it was following with great concern the reports about an Israeli plan to carry out a ground operation that would lead to "a new humanitarian catastrophe and massacre" in Rafah, Xinhua news agency reported.

Indian-American scientist's essay published on NASA EarthData

Washington, Feb 13 (IANS) : Indian-American scientist Rahul Ramachandran's essay has been published on NASA EarthData website. The essay titled 'From petabytes to Insights: Tackling Earth Science' Scaling Problem' addresses the challenge of scaling in Earth science due to increasing data volumes.



Amid political uncertainty, Pak biz tycoons shift business to Dubai

Karachi, Feb 13 (IANS) : During the past 20 months, Pakistani businessmen and rich individuals have not only been investing heavily in Dubai's real estate but also establishing export-import trading houses there, media reported. "This is not a surprise that the Pakistanis have been investing in the real estate of Dubai but important is the establishment of trade and business houses by Pakistanis," said Anwar Khawaja, a Karachi-based investor having businesses in Dubai also.

"Many big business tycoons in Pakistan have partially or fully shifted their business to Dubai depriving the country of income and jobs," he said. However, he said many have justification. The political and economic uncertainties along with the deteriorating law and order situation frightened the business commu-

nity who regularly pay 'extortion money' to one or another group in Karachi, Dawn reported. He said top business families are permanently living in Dubai, purchased houses and established trade with foreign countries. They also operate as a base for the trading of Pakistani goods; exports and imports to other countries, Dawn reported. "This is easy to do trade from Dubai since there is no problem with opening accounts for exports or imports. They earn and invest in Dubai particularly the real estate is the paradise for making money," he said. While several analysts suggested for immediate formation of a new government in Islamabad, as the only way to get rid of uncertainties, others said the new government would have to work on war footing to improve economic indicators, Dawn reported.

Biden's re-election team hits back at Trump and his counsel

New York, Feb 13 (IANS) : US President Joe Biden's re-election campaign managers launched a frontal attack on his predecessor Donald Trump's confused state of mind and slurring in his speech in retaliation to his appointee counsel Robert Hur alleging Biden suffered from memory loss, even about his son's death. The Biden-Harris HQ account shared multiple clips from Trump's speech at the National Rifle Association (NRA) presidential forum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on

Friday showing him in a confused state of mind and slurring in his speech, media reports said. The attacks were a retaliatory move against Trump-appointed Special Counsel Robert Hur's 388-page review of Biden following sensitive materials being found at the President's private residence in Delaware and former office at the Penn Biden Center in Washington, D.C., in December 2022 and January 2023. Though Hur said Biden's lapses did not want criminal charges but cited concerns about the President's cognitive abilities; it was



said that Biden's memory was significantly limited and that he struggled to remember basic and key facts. Trump seized the opportunity taking off from Hur's report saying that the 81-year-old President's decline meant he was unfit to run for the second term as President. Biden's team hit back raising similar concerns about

Trump. In recent months, the 77-year-old has described Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban as the leader of Turkey; referred to Nikki Haley as former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi; and also suggested that former President Barack Obama was still in office, media reports said.

Sushmita Sen : I could write a book on Aarya

Actress Sushmita Sen has spoken about her journey on 'Aarya' and shared that she could write a book on the character, describing how much it has changed and moved her. "I could write a book on Aarya, describing how much this character has changed and moved me. Trying to sum up Aarya in two lines is a tough task because this character means so much to me." The 48-year-old actress said that the character Aarya embodies the strength and power of a woman. "In this season, you'll see her facing tough times, feeling broken, and almost giving up. There's a scene in which she's even pointing a gun to her head; but here's the beauty: that doesn't make her any less strong. It just shows strength comes in different forms, whether you're winning or facing challenges head-on."



Arjun Rampal says he never went away, is only selective with scripts

Actor Arjun Rampal, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming action film 'Crakk', has said that he never went away from the silver screen. Furnishing the reason behind his limited presence on the big screen, the actor said that he has become very selective about what to take up. In Hindi cinema, Arjun was last seen in 'Dhaakad' in which he essayed the role of a villain locking horns with Kangana Ranaut's character of Agent Agni. This time around, Arjun is set to square off against Vidyt Jammwal in 'Crakk' as the former essays the role of an antagonist in the film. The film also stars Nora Fatehi and Amy Jackson. Talking to the media on Friday about his "return" to silver screens in Hindi cinema, the 'Rock On!!' actor said: "I never went away, I've always been here. It's just that I choose my films judiciously because hasty decisions often don't turn out well. I want to ensure that whatever work I do, it connects with the audience and to be able to sketch up a good performance I need to commit myself fully to the script and the character."



Rakul, Jacky to get married on Feb 21, wedding card surfaces

Bollywood actress Rakul Preet Singh and producer-actor Jacky Bhagnani are all set to tie the knot on February 21. A copy of the wedding card shows that the couple will be having their "phasas" on Wednesday, February 21. The painted card has the mandap surrounded by coconut trees and the sea in the backdrop. The opening card is in blue and white which has the hashtag #ABDONOBHAGNA-NI. After dating for a few years, Rakul and Jacky have chosen Goa to be the venue for their wedding. The two had

reportedly fallen in love in the same location, according to reports. Jacky's debut film was Kal Kissne Dekha, which came out in 2009. He then starred in films such as 'F.A.L.T.U.', Ajab Gazabb Love, Rangrezz and Youngistaan among many others. Rakul Singh made her acting debut with the Kannada film Gilli in 2009. She stepped into the world of Hindi cinema with Yaariyan after which she starred in films such as 'De De Pyaar De', 'Runway 34', 'Chhatrawali', 'I Love You' and 'Doctor G' among many others.



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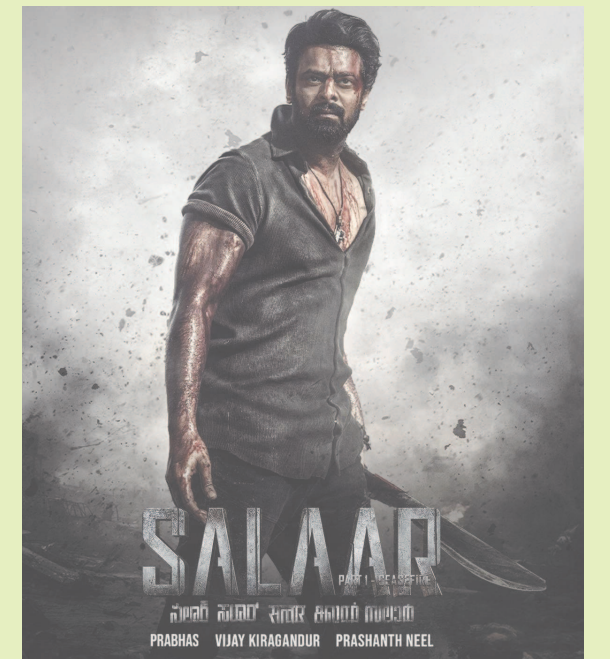


Samantha Ruth Prabhu resumes work after Myositis battle

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who was earlier diagnosed with Myositis, has resumed work. The actress took to the Stories section of her Instagram and shared that she is back to work. She also shared that she was "completely jobless" ever since she announced taking a break from acting. The 'Super Deluxe' actress further shared that she will be working on a health podcast. The podcast will debut next week. "Yes, I am going back to work, finally. But apart from that, in the meantime, I was so completely jobless. But, I am doing something fun with a friend. It's a health podcast. It is quite unexpected, but it is something that I really, really love. I am extremely passionate about and I am very excited that it is releasing next week. I hope that some of you really find it extremely useful. And, I think I have enjoyed making this (sic)," she said. The actress had announced break from acting in July last year, after she wrapped up the shoot for the Indian counterpart of the streaming series 'Citadel'. At the time, the actress took to her Instagram handle and shared with her followers that she will be prioritising her health in the coming months.

Prabhas : Journey of 'Salaar' has been an emotional rollercoaster

Prabhas' 'Salaar Part 1 - Ceasefire' is all set to release digitally in Hindi on February 16 and the actor described the journey of putting the film as an incredible and an emotional rollercoaster. Prabhas, who essays the titular role of Deva in Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire, said: "I am absolutely thrilled to kick off the year celebrating the success of Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire! The journey of putting this film has been incredible and an emotional rollercoaster for us." "My fans in North and Central India have been storming social media to know when Salaar will come in Hindi on streaming and this one is for all of them, here you go, watch the film on Disney+ Hotstar!" Director and writer of the film, Prashanth Neel said: "I've always been a fan of rebellion stories filled with power-packed action and impactful music. However, with Salaar, I aimed to create a story where every hero is also a villain in some way." "Whether you resonate with Vardha's struggles or Deva's might, at the end of the day, both are burdened by their own battles."



Sriya Reddy: 'OG' is intense, heartfelt, and brings me back to my childhood

Actress Sriya Reddy will be seen starring in 'OG' with Pawan Kalyan and Emraan Hashmi. She said that the film is intense, heartfelt, and brings me back to my childhood. "As someone who appreciates quality cinema, I couldn't be more thrilled about this upcoming project," Sriya said on being a part of the film. About the movie, Sriya shared: "I would summarise by stating that it's intense, heartfelt, and brings me back to my childhood..." The also mentioned: "My character is strong and invincible; you will be surprised by the character so different from Radha Rama!" Along with Pawan Kalyan, 'OG' also stars actor Emraan Hashmi in shades of gray. The gangster drama is helmed by Sujeeth, who made his directorial debut in 2014 with the Telugu film 'Run Raja Run' at the age of 23. With major portions of the film shot in Mumbai and Hyderabad, the film is said to have great action drama, including high-octane sequences. In the movie, Pawan Kalyan and Emraan Hashmi will be seen locking horns.



'OG' talks about a dreaded gangster named Ojas Gambheera, also known as "OG", who returns to Mumbai after disappearing for 10 years on a personal crusade to finish crime bosses.

Rajanikanth, Kapil Dev amp up star value of Aiswarya's 'Lal Salam'

With Tamil mega star Rajinikanth making an extended cameo in his daughter Aiswarya's third film, 'Lal Salam', the film is being hailed on its opening day for its message of communal amity. Kapil Dev, Team India's 1983 World Cup-winning captain, also has a substantial role in this cricket-centric movie. Aiswarya, who is helming a movie after a seven-year hiatus, is being lauded for her excellent direction, but the screenplay at times moves a tad too slowly. Nonetheless, the 150-minute movie has

opened to a huge response with the mega star entering in style as Moideen bhai. Rajinikanth's 2023 film, 'Jailer', which made Rs 607 crore at the box office, is rated by IMDb as the third highest-grossing Tamil movie of all time, the first being Shankar's film '2.0', featuring the mega star in the lead. Made by Subhaskaran Alirajah for Lyca Productions, the film manages to touch a responsive chord with viewers. Fans speaking after the early shows have predicted that the film will be a resounding success. Its second half particularly transports viewers to a different level with Tamil actors Vishnu Vishal and Vikranth putting in superlative performances. The funny acts of the Tamil film industry's ace comedian, Shenthil, also liven up the movie.



Shahid Kapoor says 'Deva' is 'massy', 'has many action sequences'

Actor Shahid Kapoor has spoken about his upcoming actioner 'Deva' and shared details about the film, which he calls as "massy". The actor was recently on a candid Instagram Live session when he was asked multiple questions about his next film leading him to share insights on the highly anticipated action thriller 'Deva.' He said: "'Deva' my next action thriller film has many action sequences, (The film) is a massy film, and (I play) a very hard character. And will be released on 11th October."

