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### Dalit Speaker faced humiliation in Telangana Assembly: Seethakka

Minister for Panchayat Raj Seethakka stated that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was disrespected in Parliament, and the Dalit Speaker faced humiliation....

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### Allu Arjun Reigns Supreme: 2024's Tollywood King!

The world of Telugu cinema in 2024 has been a whirlwind of hits, flops, and blockbusters, much like a suspenseful movie itself. Among all the twists and turns, one hero emerged as the...

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### LIC Stall at Hyderabad Book Fair

Sri Puneet Kumar, Zonal Manager has today inaugurated a stall of Life Insurance Corporation of India in the Hyderabad Book Fair, NTR Stadium, Hyderabad today....

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## FIR against Rahul Gandhi diversion tactic of BJP: Telangana CM

Hyderabad, Dec 20 (IANS): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday termed the First Information Report (FIR) registered against Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi as a "diversion tactic" of the BJP. The Chief Minister alleged that BJP registered an FIR against the Congress leader for defending the legacy of Babasaheb B. R. Ambedkar. "This FIR is a diversion tactic in response to Rahul ji protesting against the Union Home Minister, for his highly objec-

tionable words about our beloved and revered icon, Dr Ambedkar," the Chief Minister said in a post on 'X'. "With 26 FIRs already against him, Rahul ji will fight against the divisive agenda of BJP tirelessly. Sadly, the Delhi Police has not acted against BJP leaders who physically attacked our women MPs," he added. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President Y. S. Sharmila has also alleged that BJP is trying hard to divert public attention from Amit Shah's remarks on Ambedkar.



"The incidents that took place in Parliament on Thursday are proof of this. The BJP and the RSS have always been against Ambedkar. That is why they want to erase the memories of Ambedkar," the Congress leader said. Sharmila said that they were demanding the resignation of Amit Shah from the Union Cabinet and an apology from him for his remarks but BJP started a new drama.



## Uproar in Telangana Assembly over ACB case against KTR

Hyderabad, Dec 20 (IANS) : Corruption case booked against former minister K. T. Rama Rao in connection with the Formula-E car race rocked the Telangana State Assembly on Friday with the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) insisting on a debate on the issue. The House witnessed uproarious scenes as the BRS members stalled the proceedings to demand the debate. As soon as the House met for the day, the BRS raised the issue of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) booking a case against the BRS working president and demanded a debate. Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar rejected the demand for the debate and tried to proceed with the listed agenda for the day. The

BRS tried to disrupt the proceedings by raising slogans against the government. Congress MLA R. Prakash Reddy said when the Governor has given permission to register a case against KTR and the ACB has taken up the investigation, there is no scope for discussion in the House. He alleged that BRS was trying to create confusion among people.

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## Over 42,500 Supreme Court judgments translated into regional languages using AI

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : With an increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in legal work, 36,324 Supreme Court judgments have been translated into Hindi and 42,765 verdicts have been translated into 17 regional languages, as on date, and made available on the e-SCR portal,

the Parliament was informed on Friday. Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal said, in a written reply in Lok Sabha, that AI Translation Committees of the High Courts are monitoring the entire work relating to translation of the Supreme Court and High Court judgments into vernacular languages.



## Five-time Haryana CM, INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala passes away

Chandigarh, Dec 20 (IANS) : Five-time Haryana Chief Minister and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) supremo, Om Prakash Chautala passed away on Friday at the age of 89 after a cardiac arrest at his residence in Gurugram. Om Prakash Chautala was son of Devi Lal, the former Deputy Prime Minister and survived by two sons -- Abhay Singh Chautala and Ajay Singh Chautala.

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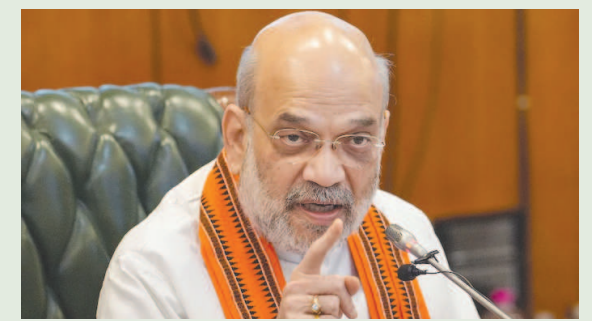
## Over 4 lakh jobs backlog for SC, ST, OBC filled since 2016 : Centre

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : More than four lakh backlog vacancies in government jobs reserved for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Other Backward Class (OBC) candidates have been filled since 2016, the Parliament was informed.

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## India's borders with Nepal, Bhutan never a cause of concern because of SSB : HM Amit Shah

Kolkata, Dec 20 (IANS) : India's international borders with Nepal and Bhutan were never been a cause of concern for the Indian government because of the presence of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) there, according to Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "When there is fencing at the international borders, the headache of the border guard agencies is less. But in the case of open borders, the responsibilities of the border guard agencies are much more.



## SC lawyer petitions for action against LoP Rahul Gandhi, seeks expulsion

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : A lawyer of the Supreme Court on Friday lodged a formal complaint against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for alleged "criminal acts of physical assault and incitement" against BJP MPs within the premises of Parliament. In a petition addressed to Lok Sabha Speaker, the complainant said that on Thursday, when Members of Parliament belonging to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) were peacefully demonstrating at the Makar Dwar entrance of Parliament against the blatant misinformation

being propagated by Opposition parties, particularly led by the Indian National Congress, Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition (LoP), "physically harmed"

NDA Members of Parliament. "At approximately 10:40 AM to 10:45 AM, Mr. Rahul Gandhi arrived at the scene. Despite requests from Parliament security to take the designated entry path.



## Government orders forensic audit on 'Dharani' portal : Ponguleti

Hyderabad, Dec.20 (NSS): Minister for Revenue Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced that the State government is initiating a forensic audit of the Dharani portal, which serves as the land records management system. During a discussion on the Bhu Bharathi Bill in the Assembly on Friday, the Minister stated that a comprehensive investigation would be undertaken regarding the Dharani system.



# Uproar in Telangana Assembly over ACB case against KTR

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The Speaker asked BRS members to participate in the debate on the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Bill, 2024. He remarked that the "Formula E-race relates to one person while the Bhu Bharati Bill relates to people." When Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy was speaking on the Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Bill, 2024, BRS members tried to advance towards the Speaker's podium while marshals intervened to stop them. Some BRS members threw pieces of paper towards the Speaker. Amid the pande-

monium, some Congress MLAs tore papers and flung them towards BRS members, leading to utter chaos. BRS members alleged that Congress MLA Veernapally Shankar showed a shoe to a Dalit legislator. They demanded that a case be booked against the Congress MLA. Amid the uproar, the Speaker adjourned the House for 15 minutes. When the House re-assembled, the BRS continued its protest demanding debate on the ACB case. Despite repeated appeals by the Speaker to allow the House to continue its proceedings, the BRS members re-embarked in the well, demanding a debate.

# SBI MEGA PROPERTY SHOW – 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

Hyderabad, Dec 20 **TIM Bureau** : State Bank of India, Hyderabad Circle is organizing the Biggest Mega Property Expo, a 3 day event on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at Hitex Exhibition Hall-4, Madhapur, Hyderabad. For the last 4 years, SBI has been conducting this mega event bringing together a host of prominent builder fraternity on one platform. The program me was inaugurated by Shri Rajesh Kumar, CGM, Hyderabad Circle, joined by Smt.Manju Sharma, Chief General Manager REHBU, Corporate Centre, Mumbai, General Managers Shri.Prakash Chandra Barorand Shri Ravi Kumar Verma of



Hyderabad Circle and other senior dignitaries of the Bank. From Builders fraternity Shri V Rajasekhar Reddy, President CREDAI, Hyderabad, Shri. Shekar Reddy, Vice President IGBC also graced the occasion. Shri R.Balanand, DGM, REHBU Hyderabad Circle in his welcome address, mentioned that the confidence and trust reposed by the Builders fraternity and customers in SBI is immense. He said wide

Publicity has been given to this event and many builders have evinced keen interest being a part of Mega property show. More than 50 top builders from the city are taking part in the event. Shri Rajesh Kumar, CGM Hyderabad Circle in his inaugural address welcomed all the dignitaries. He said that SBI has been awarded as the 4th most trustworthy bank globally.

# Five-time Haryana CM, INLD supremo Om Prakash Chautala passes away

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Om Prakash Chautala was born on 1 January 1935 in village Chautala of Sirsa and became the Chief Minister for the first time on 2 December 1989. The former Haryana Chief Minister breathed his last at around 12 noon in Medanta hospital in Gurugram. He had difficulty in breathing and was undergoing treatment in Medanta for the last three-four years. On Friday, when his health suddenly deteriorated, he was brought to the emergency ward of Medanta but he suffered a cardiac arrest and could not be saved. Abhay Singh Chautala is a former MLA from the Ellenabad constituency and has also been the Leader of Opposition in the Haryana Legislative Assembly from October 2014 till March 2019.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)					
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower (s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand of Possession	Date of Notice Issued	
Mrs. Gattupally Sudhakar, Mrs. Gattupally Padma, Mrs. Gattupally Srihitha, (Prospect No. IL1042043)	All that piece and parcel of House No. 1-23, Land Area Ad.Measuring: 1269 Sq.ft., Carpet Area Ad.Measuring: 700 Sq.ft., Built Up Area Ad.Measuring: 948 Sq.ft., Keshavapada Village, Shabad Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana, India. Property Area: 645.84, 350.00, 290.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No. 750, South: Plot No. 750, East: Plot No. 750, West: House of P. Ramadevi.	Rs. 10,39,359/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Only)	19-Sep-2024	18-Dec-2024	
Mr. Makam Venkata Ramana, Mrs. Makam Maneramma, Venkataramana Centring Works, (Prospect No. IL1035580)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.707, Survey No.28, 29, 33, at Pothula Nagepalli Village, Dharmavaram Mandal, Ananthapuram Dist., AP-515001. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area. Property Area: 645.84, 350.00, 290.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No. 706, South: Plot No. 750, East: Plot No. 750, West: 30 Feet Wide Road.	Rs. 335,268/- (Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Eight Only)	19-Sep-2024	18-Dec-2024	
Mr. M.H. Suresh Babu, Mrs. Malluraju Ganu Yashochamma, Suresh Babu Milk Business, (Prospect No. IL1056170)	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing: Sy.No.163-7, D.No.1-1, Santhabandur, Hindupur, Near Anjaneya Swami Temple, Sri Sathya Sai, AP, India-515111. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area. Property Area: 1473.00, 1350.40. Bounded By: North: M.Hanumanthappa Land, South: D. Gangamma Land, East: Rastha, West: M. Anjanappa Land.	Rs. 23,97,970/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Only)	19-Sep-2024	18-Dec-2024	
Mr. Gangireddy Uthamreddy, Mrs. Chandrika Gangireddy, Utham Reddy Building And Constructions, (Prospect No. IL1026114)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 52A, 52B, 52C, 52D, 52E, 52F, 52G, 52H, 52I, 52J, 52K, 52L, 52M, 52N, 52O, 52P, 52Q, 52R, 52S, 52T, 52U, 52V, 52W, 52X, 52Y, 52Z, 52AA, 52AB, 52AC, 52AD, 52AE, 52AF, 52AG, 52AH, 52AI, 52AJ, 52AK, 52AL, 52AM, 52AN, 52AO, 52AP, 52AQ, 52AR, 52AS, 52AT, 52AU, 52AV, 52AW, 52AX, 52AY, 52AZ, 52BA, 52BB, 52BC, 52BD, 52BE, 52BF, 52BG, 52BH, 52BI, 52BJ, 52BK, 52BL, 52BM, 52BN, 52BO, 52BP, 52BQ, 52BR, 52BS, 52BT, 52BU, 52BV, 52BW, 52BX, 52BY, 52BZ, 52CA, 52CB, 52CC, 52CD, 52CE, 52CF, 52CG, 52CH, 52CI, 52CJ, 52CK, 52CL, 52CM, 52CN, 52CO, 52CP, 52CQ, 52CR, 52CS, 52CT, 52CU, 52CV, 52CW, 52CX, 52CY, 52CZ, 52DA, 52DB, 52DC, 52DD, 52DE, 52DF, 52DG, 52DH, 52DI, 52DJ, 52DK, 52DL, 52DM, 52DN, 52DO, 52DP, 52DQ, 52DR, 52DS, 52DT, 52DU, 52DV, 52DW, 52DX, 52DY, 52DZ, 52EA, 52EB, 52EC, 52ED, 52EE, 52EF, 52EG, 52EH, 52EI, 52EJ, 52EK, 52EL, 52EM, 52EN, 52EO, 52EP, 52EQ, 52ER, 52ES, 52ET, 52EU, 52EV, 52EW, 52EX, 52EY, 52EZ, 52FA, 52FB, 52FC, 52FD, 52FE, 52FF, 52FG, 52FH, 52FI, 52FJ, 52FK, 52FL, 52FM, 52FN, 52FO, 52FP, 52FQ, 52FR, 52FS, 52FT, 52FU, 52FV, 52FW, 52FX, 52FY, 52FZ, 52GA, 52GB, 52GC, 52GD, 52GE, 52GF, 52GG, 52GH, 52GI, 52GJ, 52GK, 52GL, 52GM, 52GN, 52GO, 52GP, 52GQ, 52GR, 52GS, 52GT, 52GU, 52GV, 52GW, 52GX, 52GY, 52GZ, 52HA, 52HB, 52HC, 52HD, 52HE, 52HF, 52HG, 52HH, 52HI, 52HJ, 52HK, 52HL, 52HM, 52HN, 52HO, 52HP, 52HQ, 52HR, 52HS, 52HT, 52HU, 52HV, 52HW, 52HX, 52HY, 52HZ, 52IA, 52IB, 52IC, 52ID, 52IE, 52IF, 52IG, 52IH, 52II, 52IJ, 52IK, 52IL, 52IM, 52IN, 52IO, 52IP, 52IQ, 52IR, 52IS, 52IT, 52IU, 52IV, 52IW, 52IX, 52IY, 52IZ, 52JA, 52JB, 52JC, 52JD, 52JE, 52JF, 52JG, 52JH, 52JI, 52JJ, 52JK, 52JL, 52JM, 52JN, 52JO, 52JP, 52JQ, 52JR, 52JS, 52JT, 52JU, 52JV, 52JW, 52JX, 52JY, 52JZ, 52KA, 52KB, 52KC, 52KD, 52KE, 52KF, 52KG, 52KH, 52KI, 52KJ, 52KL, 52KM, 52KN, 52KO, 52KP, 52KQ, 52KR, 52KS, 52KT, 52KU, 52KV, 52KW, 52KX, 52KY, 52KZ, 52LA, 52LB, 52LC, 52LD, 52LE, 52LF, 52LG, 52LH, 52LI, 52LJ, 52LK, 52LL, 52LM, 52LN, 52LO, 52LP, 52LQ, 52LR, 52LS, 52LT, 52LU, 52LV, 52LW, 52LX, 52LY, 52LZ, 52MA, 52MB, 52MC, 52MD, 52ME, 52MF, 52MG, 52MH, 52MI, 52MJ, 52MK, 52ML, 52MN, 52MO, 52MP, 52MQ, 52MR, 52MS, 52MT, 52MU, 52MV, 52MW, 52MX, 52MY, 52MZ, 52NA, 52NB, 52NC, 52ND, 52NE, 52NF, 52NG, 52NH, 52NI, 52NJ, 52NK, 52NL, 52NM, 52NO, 52NP, 52NQ, 52NR, 52NS, 52NT, 52NU, 52NV, 52NW, 52NX, 52NY, 52NZ, 52OA, 52OB, 52OC, 52OD, 52OE, 52OF, 52OG, 52OH, 52OI, 52OJ, 52OK, 52OL, 52OM, 52ON, 52OO, 52OP, 52OQ, 52OR, 52OS, 52OT, 52OU, 52OV, 52OW, 52OX, 52OY, 52OZ, 52PA, 52PB, 52PC, 52PD, 52PE, 52PF, 52PG, 52PH, 52PI, 52PJ, 52PK, 52PL, 52PM, 52PN, 52PO, 52PP, 52PQ, 52PR, 52PS, 52PT, 52PU, 52PV, 52PW, 52PX, 52PY, 52PZ, 52QA, 52QB, 52QC, 52QD, 52QE, 52QF, 52QG, 52QH, 52QI, 52QJ, 52QK, 52QL, 52QM, 52QN, 52QO, 52QP, 52QQ, 52QR, 52QS, 52QT, 52QU, 52QV, 52QW, 52QX, 52QY, 52QZ, 52RA, 52RB, 52RC, 52RD, 52RE, 52RF, 52RG, 52RH, 52RI, 52RJ, 52RK, 52RL, 52RM, 52RN, 52RO, 52RP, 52RQ, 52RR, 52RS, 52RT, 52RU, 52RV, 52RW, 52RX, 52RY, 52RZ, 52SA, 52SB, 52SC, 52SD, 52SE, 52SF, 52SG, 52SH, 52SI, 52SJ, 52SK, 52SL, 52SM, 52SN, 52SO, 52SP, 52SQ, 52SR, 52SS, 52ST, 52SU, 52SV, 52SW, 52SX, 52SY, 52SZ, 52TA, 52TB, 52TC, 52TD, 52TE, 52TF, 52TG, 52TH, 52TI, 52TJ, 52TK, 52TL, 52TM, 52TN, 52TO, 52TP, 52TQ, 52TR, 52TS, 52TT, 52TU, 52TV, 52TW, 52TX, 52TY, 52TZ, 52UA, 52UB, 52UC, 52UD, 52UE, 52UF, 52UG, 52UH, 52UI, 52UJ, 52UK, 52UL, 52UM, 52UN, 52UO, 52UP, 52UQ, 52UR, 52US, 52UT, 52UU, 52UV, 52UW, 52UX, 52UY, 52UZ, 52VA, 52VB, 52VC, 52VD, 52VE, 52VF, 52VG, 52VH, 52VI, 52VJ, 52VK, 52VL, 52VM, 52VN, 52VO, 52VP, 52VQ, 52VR, 52VS, 52VT, 52VU, 52VV, 52VW, 52VX, 52VY, 52VZ, 52WA, 52WB, 52WC, 52WD, 52WE, 52WF, 52WG, 52WH, 52WI, 52WJ, 52WK, 52WL, 52WM, 52WN, 52WO, 52WP, 52WQ, 52WR, 52WS, 52WT, 52WU, 52WV, 52WW, 52WX, 52WY, 52WZ, 52XA, 52XB, 52XC, 52XD, 52XE, 52XF, 52XG, 52XH, 52XI, 52XJ, 52XK, 52XL, 52XM, 52XN, 52XO, 52XP, 52XQ, 52XR, 52XS, 52XT, 52XU, 52XV, 52XW, 52XX, 52XY, 52XZ, 52YA, 52YB, 52YC, 52YD, 52YE, 52YF, 52YG, 52YH, 52YI, 52YJ, 52YK, 52YL, 52YM, 52YN, 52YO, 52YP, 52YQ, 52YR, 52YS, 52YT, 52YU, 52YV, 52YW, 52YX, 52YY, 52YZ, 52ZA, 52ZB, 52ZC, 52ZD, 52ZE, 52ZF, 52ZG, 52ZH, 52ZI, 52ZJ, 52ZK, 52ZL, 52ZM, 52ZN, 52ZO, 52ZP, 52ZQ, 52ZR, 52ZS, 52ZT, 52ZU, 52ZV, 52ZW, 52ZX, 52ZY, 52ZZ	Rs. 59,140/- (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety One Thousand and Four Hundred and One Only)	24-May-2024	18-Dec-2024	
Mr. Guggala Venkata Narana, Mr. Settipalli Subbarao, Mrs. Naga Malleswari Settipalli, (Prospect No. IL1035311)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.452, Survey No.362/3A, Koppolu Village, Ongole Mandal, Prakasham District, AP, India-523001. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area. Property Area: 1193.00, 700.00, 690.00. Bounded By: North: Veedhi Road, South: Dasari House, East: G Naga House, West: Vimala House.	Rs. 222,439/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Nine Only)	19-Sep-2024	17-Dec-2024	
Mrs. Seshu Ravulapalli, Mr. Ravulapalli Raju, Akshaya Talors, (Prospect No. IL10310518)	All that piece and parcel of Rs.No.343-2.4.5.6, Plot No. 46, Notalaguntapalem Village, Kasimkota Mandal, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh-531031. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area. Property Area: 849.00, 266.00, 266.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.37, South: Road, East: Plot No.47, West: Vacant Site.	Rs. 32,572/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand and Twelve Only)	22-Jan-2024	18-Dec-2024	
Mr. Chidaram Ekruru Naidu, Mrs. Kurnati Chidaram, Kurnati Snacks, (Prospect No. IL1054527)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.4-85, Assessment No.465, Sy.No.8, Ganapathi Vii, Mangapaka Mandal, Anakapalli Dist., AP-531028. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 783.00, 600.00. Bounded By: North: Vacant Site of Kandarega Ramana, South: Cement Road, East: House of Yellapa Appa Rao, West: House of M Nookaratham.	Rs. 81,660/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixteen Thousand and Eight Only)	23-Aug-2024	18-Dec-2024	

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office: D.No.5-22/85/01, 5th Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad-500001. Branch Office: Andhra Pradesh Bank Anjanapur, Anjanapur, Andhra Pradesh-515001. Andhra Pradesh Bank Anjanapur, Anjanapur, Andhra Pradesh-515001. 1/5/8/2, 1st Floor, Opp. Konjeti Petrol Bunk, Kurnool Road, Ongole-523001/Sai Prem Centre, 4th Floor, Dwarakanagar 2nd Lane, Visakhapatnam -530016 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-III, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

# Over 4 lakh jobs backlog for SC, ST, OBC filled since 2016 : Centre

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"Occurrence and filling of vacancies, including the backlog reserved vacancies, is a continuous process," Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha. Instructions have been issued to

all ministries and departments of the central government to constitute an in-house committee for identification of backlog reserved vacancies, to study the root cause of such vacancies, to initiate measures to remove the factors causing such vacancies and to fill them up including through special recruitment drives, the minister said. The

minister said each ministry/department of the central government is required to designate an officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above, as Liaison Officer, to ensure due compliance of the orders and instructions pertaining to reservation. Each ministry/department is also required to set up a special reservation cell to

assist the Liaison Officer. In answer to another question, the minister also said that the Government has undertaken the 'Initiative for Increasing Efficiency in Decision Making in Government' in alignment with the policy of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance'.

# Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property through IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-III, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at "Hno-2-1-41, 1st Floor Ajanta Complex, Opp Taluka Office, K.R. Road, Tadipatri, Guntur, West Godavari Dist., AP-523011. Andhra Pradesh Bank Anjanapur, Anjanapur, Andhra Pradesh-515001. Andhra Pradesh Bank Anjanapur, Anjanapur, Andhra Pradesh-515001. 1/5/8/2, 1st Floor, Opp. Konjeti Petrol Bunk, Kurnool Road, Ongole-523001/Sai Prem Centre, 4th Floor, Dwarakanagar 2nd Lane, Visakhapatnam -530016 or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-III, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Legal Heir	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable Property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1.Mr.Vannekuti Jaya Raju, 2.Mrs.Vannekuti Mery, 3.Mrs. Vannekuti Pushpa (Prospect No. 853278 & 831167)	27-Sep-2024, Rs.8,17,977/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Seven Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing RS No.77, area admeasuring 1890 sq. ft., Gopannapalem Grama Panchayat, Kothapalli Village, Eluru, West Godavari, 534450, Andhra Pradesh, India (Area admeasuring 785 sq. ft.)	18-Nov-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 19-Dec-2024 Rs. 10,32,091/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Nine Only)	Rs. 10,06,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Six Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1,00,600/- (Rupees One Lakh Six Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Uppala Sahadevarao, 2. Mrs. Uppala Venkateswaramma, 3. Sahadevarao Milk Business (Prospect No. IL10282000)	19-Mar-2024, Rs.11,62,408/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Eight Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	All that part & parcel of the property bearing Door No.2-100/A, Sy.No.327/1, Asst.No.530 Alta Varipalem Village, Pragaram, Nizampatnam Mandal, Guntur District, AP-522282, India. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Super Built Up Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 2178.00, 830.00, 607.00.	29-Nov-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 13,80,229/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	Rs. 5,73,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 57,300/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Only)
1.Mr.Jwala Krishna Allamsetty, 2. Mrs. Allamsetty Malathi Kurnati, 3. Mrs. Allamsetty Santhoshi, 4. Mr. Allamsetty Venkata Ramana, 5. Krishna Milk Business (Prospect No. IL10356786)	10-Jul-2023, Rs.9,21,986/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Twenty One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing SY.No.78/9, Door No. 9-35-104, Ward 9, Block 35, Land Area Ad.Measuring: 1305 Sq.ft, Carpet area Ad.Measuring: 850 Sq.ft, Built up area Ad.Measuring: 1054 Sq.ft, Repalle Municipality Area, Isukapalli Village, District: Bapatla, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, 522265	02-Dec-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 19-Dec-2024 Rs. 12,11,219/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirteen Only)	Rs. 16,34,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 1,63,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only)
1.Mrs. Suma Addepalli, 2. Mr. Babu Guntur, 3.Mrs. Vanaja Addepalli, 4. Babu Painting Work, 5. Suma Milk Dairy (Prospect No. IL10214922)	16-Jun-2024, Rs.6,72,764/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.532, 1-38, Lingala Village, New Doo No.5-29-170, Land Area 871 sq. ft., Carpet Area 400 sq. ft., Built up Area 500 sq. ft., 5th Ward, Repalle, Block No.29, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, 522265	02-Dec-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 7,91,574/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Four Only)	Rs. 6,66,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 66,600/- (Rupees Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Kasula Kanakaraju, 2. Mrs. Kasula Lahari, 3. Srinjanikanta Bike Zone (Prospect No. IL10374561)	22-Apr-2024, Rs.16,62,331/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Three Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Door No.1-20, Lingala Village, Rayapeta Mandal, Siddipet District, Telangana, India, 502278. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1440.00, 700.00, 500.00.	30-Nov-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 19-Dec-2024 Rs. 8,87,306/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Six Only)	Rs. 75,000/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 97,500/- (Rupees Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Raju Aggimalla, 2. Mrs. Swarupa Aggimalla (Prospect No. 968701)	20-May-2024, Rs.3,65,432/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Two Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part & parcel of the property bearing House No. 1-38, Lingala Village, Nagaram Kampanoor Mandal, Peddapalli Dist. (Registration District Kamnagar and Sub-Registration District Manthani), Telangana, India, 505108 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 2700.00, 407.95	13-Nov-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 6,54,380/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only)	Rs. 11,99,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1,19,900/- (Rupees One Lakh Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
1. Mrs. Chandra Sekhar Mallepudi, 2. Mrs. Vara Lakshmi Mallepudi, 3. Chandrasekhara Vegetable Market (Prospect No. IL10297999)	12-Apr-2024, Rs.30,93,366/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Six Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Door No. 1-13A, Asst.No. 88, Survey No. 313, at Chinnapakala Village, Chinnapakaluru Mandal, Siddipet District, AP, India, 522005. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Super Built Up Area, Carpet Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 1431.00, 848.00, 848.00.	Symbolic Possession 10-Aug-2024 Total Outstanding As On Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 34,50,296/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	Rs. 28,83,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,86,300/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Sreedhar Kallakuri, 2. Mrs. Venkata Raghava Mathavi Kallakuri (Prospect No. IL10643716)	23-Aug-2024, Rs.20,14,819/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Four Thousand Eight Hundred & Nineteen Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.SI-1, Second Floor, Phase II, of Chanti Apartments, Door No. 1B/1, R.S.No. 1542, Asst. No. 1068016531, Satyanarayanaapuram, Gudlavada & Municipality, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-523001. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built Up Area, Area Admeasuring Property Area: 216.00, 594.00.	13-Nov-2024 Total Outstanding as on Date 19-Dec-2024 Rs. 20,81,501/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred One Only)	Rs. 17,11,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Eleven Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1,71,100/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Only)
1. Mr. Ramesh Mendi, 2. Mrs. Bharathi Gaddi (Prospect No. IL10220392)	15-Mar-2023, Rs.23,75,059/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Seventy Five Thousand and Fifty Nine Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.31-4, Land Area 162 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area 456 Sq. Ft., Super Built Up Area 660 Sq. Ft., Second Floor, Door No.39-4-92/9 Chandran Residency, Sy.No.82/4, Industrial Estate, Marripalem Village, Vishakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh, India, 530007	26-May-2023 Total Outstanding as on Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 29,76,870/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Only)	Rs. 21,55,000/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,15,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property 21-Jan-2025 1100 hrs -1400 hrs. EMD Last Date 23-Jan-2025 till 5 P.M. Date/ Time of E-Auction 27-Jan-2025 1100 hrs.-1300 hrs.  
Mode of Payment: EMD payments are to be made via online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.iiflhome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset or via the terms and condition of tender/ Auction. For Balance Payment - Login https://www.iiflhome.com > My Bid > Pay Balance Amount.  
TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-  
1. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.iiflhome.com well in advance and has to create the login account. Login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit/ send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.  
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.  
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.  
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.  
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction payment of the sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.  
6. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.iiflhome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.  
7. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- care@iiflhome.com. Support Helpline Numbers@1802749999.  
8. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iiflhome.com  
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.  
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.  
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.  
12. The purchaser reserves the right to post-ponement of the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.  
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002  
The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the dues and interest, along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.  
Place: Telangana & Andhra Pradesh. Date: 21-Dec-2024. Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.



# Kodandaram appears before Kaleshwaram Commission

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### Income tax refunds jump 46.3 pc to Rs 3.04 lakh crore in April-Nov

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : The number of tax refunds has recorded a 46.31 per cent jump to Rs 3.08 lakh crore between April 1 and November 27 this year compared to the same period of 2023, marking a significant increase in the efficiency of the Income Tax Department, according to figures released by the Union Finance Ministry on Friday.

In the corresponding period last year between April 1, 2023, and November 30, 2023, refunds totalling Rs 2.03 lakh crore were issued, reflecting the Ministry's concerted efforts to expedite the process this year. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) played a crucial role in achieving this milestone, the statement added. In its year-end review, the Finance Ministry also said that within just a week of processing, an impressive 26.35 per cent of IITRs for FY 2024-25 were cleared -- a significant improvement compared to the 22.56 per cent achieved during FY 2023-24. This year-on-year surge showcases not only the capacity of the system but also the proactive engagement of taxpayers in adhering to filing deadlines. At its peak this year the Income Tax Return portal handled more than 900 filings in a second and nearly 70 lakh ITRs (Income Tax Returns) in a day, the figures show.



### JD-U MP Lovely Anand slams Lalu Prasad for controversial remark on Nitish Kumar

Patna, Dec 20 (IANS) : JD-U MP Lovely Anand, on Friday, hit out at Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav for making controversial remarks about Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, calling them "inappropriate and disrespectful to women". Anand argued that such statements demean not only the Chief Minister but also the dignity of women. Anand's re-

marks reflect the broader outrage sparked by Lalu Yadav's statements, with her emphasising that the latter's words are unbecoming of someone who has held the position of Chief Minister of Bihar. The JD-U MP also asked Lalu Prasad Yadav to uphold the decorum that is expected from a senior political leader like him.

### Manipur pays rich tributes to women freedom fighters on historic Nupi Lal Day

Imphal, Dec 20 (IANS) : The people of Manipur on Friday paid heartfelt tributes to women freedom fighters who took part in 'Nupi Lal (women's war)' against British actions in 1904 and 1939. The iconic day was commemorated as the 85th Nupi Lal Numit. The Nupi Lal or Nupee Lal is an epoch-making struggle which broke out on December 12, 1939 against an ex-

tremely exploitative form of socio-economic and political system perpetrated by the combined feudalistic-colonial rule in Manipur. Chief Minister N. Biren Singh led the people in offering floral tributes to the departed women freedom fighters at the Nupee Lal Memorial complex. A formal function was also held at the Ghanapriya Women's College, where addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister main-

tained that Nupee Lal Numit had been observed every year to remember the role played by brave Manipuri women in 1904 and 1939, revolting against the injustice of British imperialism. He continued that apart from the contribution of women during the fight, people should also remember the bravery and courage shown by Manipuri women in other instances including ousting the Burmese (Awa) during the Seven Year Devastation period



(1819-1826). Singh further mentioned that the bravery and courage could also be seen among present day women of the state, as they had been leading from the forefront in every issue pertaining to the safety of the people of the state.

### Patna Metro project likely to be completed by August 15 next year

Patna, Dec 20 (IANS) : The Patna Metro Rail Project is advancing at a fast pace with the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government aiming to inaugurate the service for a five-station priority corridor by August 15 next year, sources said.



This timeline aligns strategically with the Bihar Assembly elections, slated for the end of 2025, as the government seeks to showcase the metro as a significant achievement. The state government, led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, is prioritising infrastructure projects to strengthen its position ahead of the Assembly elections. A high-level meeting chaired by Abhay Kumar Singh, Managing Director of Patna Metro and Secretary of the State Urban Development and Housing Department, reviewed the ongoing work, reaffirming the target to start operations on the Malahi Pakri to ISBT Corridor by August 15, 2025. "We have directed officials to finish the remaining tasks promptly. The construction

work is in full swing and we are expecting to complete the Metro project by August 15 next year," Singh said. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is the company responsible for the construction project of Patna Metro. A six-km stretch connecting Malahi Pakri, Khemnichak, Bhootnath, Zero Mile, and ISBT. Construction work is proceeding at an accelerated pace to meet the set deadline of August 15 next year. Singh emphasised the department's commitment to meeting the timeline. The Patna Metro project is steadily progressing with significant developments in its priority corridor, which is part of a broader network corridor. The Patna Metro comprises two main corridors -- East-West Corridor and North-

South Corridor -- having a combined length of nearly 31 km with a total of 24 stations. Nitin Naveen, Bihar's Urban Development Minister, visited the ISBT Metro Rail Depot on Wednesday to assess progress. The Minister inspected the trial track and urged officials to maintain the project schedule, stressing its importance for urban mobility and public expectations. This dual-corridor metro system is poised to significantly improve connectivity in Patna, with the priority corridor serving as a crucial step toward operationalising the project before the state elections.



### Mamata doesn't want INDIA bloc to succeed, claims BJP's Rahul Sinha

Kolkata, Dec 20 (IANS) : BJP leader Rahul Sinha on Friday accused West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of not genuinely wanting the INDIA bloc to succeed, amid ongoing speculations about her leadership aspirations within the Opposition alliance. Sinha's remarks came after Mamata Banerjee expressed her willingness to lead the INDIA bloc, receiving backing from some alliance leaders. Following this, Mamata thanked her 'supporters', stating that she is "indebted" to their faith in her and wishes for the alliance's success.

### India seeking mutually beneficial FTA with EU : Piyush Goyal

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has highlighted that India is aiming for a balanced, comprehensive and mutually benefi-

cial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the EU, according to an official statement issued on Friday. At a meeting held here with Ambassadors of the European Com-

mission delegation, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain and Sweden,

the minister discussed the growing proximity and rising trade between India and the EU. Minister Goyal said the FTA negotiations, after nine rounds of intense engagement, need politi-



cal directions to arrive at a commercially meaningful deal while understanding the sensitivities of each other. He further underlined that any sustainability discussions must appreciate the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibility (CBDR).

### DDA easing freehold conversion of shops: MoS Sahu

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : The Delhi Development Authority has issued a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the amalgamation of shops in DDA markets in Delhi, the Parliament was informed on Friday. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu said subdivision or amalgamation of units is allowed for freehold conversion, wherever the competent authority has approved such subdivision/amalgamation. He said that for freehold conversion, the DDA has a specially dedicated portal 'Interac-

tive Disposal of Land Information' (IDLI) for online submission and processing of applications. Responding to a question from Praveen Khandelwal of the BJP, MoS Sahu said the Deed of Apartment policy has been implemented in the DDA, under which, applications for freehold conversion are being processed offline. The Authority has also simplified documentation to streamline the process of freehold conversion of Space Units in Multi-Storeyed Buildings under the Delhi Apartment Ownership Act 1986. In place of several separate documents (affidavit, indemnity bonds, undertakings), now the applicant needs to submit only one affida-



vit and one Indemnity bond as per the specimen prescribed, the MoS said. Allotment letters, agreements, demand letters accompanied by proof of purchase with consideration and receipts of payments are now being accepted in lieu of Builder Buyer Agreement (BBA) as an alternative document, Sahu said.



### LIC Stall at Hyderabad Book Fair

Hyderabad, Dec 20 (TIM Bureau) : Sri Puneet Kumar, Zonal Manager has today inaugurated a stall of Life Insurance Corporation of India in the Hyderabad Book Fair, NTR Stadium, Hyderabad today. This is first time that LIC is associating in this prestigious Book Fair. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Puneet Kumar said that this book lovers' paradise has participation of publishers from all over the country. The visiting publics are from all sections of the society - school children to professionals.

Canara Bank BANDLAGUDA BRANCH (13309): Plot No. 14A, Sy.No'S 40 & 41, Anand Nagar Colony, Bandlaguda, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State-500068. DEMAND NOTICE Notice issued Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. The below mentioned person has been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property mortgaged by borrower/ guarantor by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank are mentioned hereunder. As borrowers/guarantors have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the account have been classified as Non Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the Demand Notice that were sent to borrower/ guarantor by Regd. Post calling upon them to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the Postal Department, this notice is issued. Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:- 1) M/s. Deepu Bakers, Prop. Easam Savithri, G.No.1-3/20/11, Padmarao Nagar, Kapra, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana-500062, 2) Smt. Easam Savithri (Proprietor) W/o. Easam Muthyalu, H.No.11/1/357, S.R.T. Colony, Laxmipur Waranagal, Telangana-506013, 3) Sri. Easam Vijay Prakash S/o. Easam Muthyalu(Guarantor) H.No. 11-1-357, Labour Colony, Laxmipur Waranagal, Telangana-506013, 4) Smt. Sadhuvula Laxmi Prasanna (Guarantor) W/o. Murali, H.No.3/6/200, Indira Nagar, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Telangana-506002, 5) Smt. Easam Savithri(Proprietor) W/o. Easam Muthyalu, H.No.1-3/20/11, Padmarao Nagar, Kapra, Medchal Malkajgiri, Telangana-500062. NPA Date: 25-10-2024; Demand Notice Date: 14-11-2024 Outstanding Amount: Rs.21,94,224.78 (Rupees Twenty One lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four and Paise Seventy Eight only) Plus interest from together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs thereon. DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS All that part & parcel of residential House No.1-3-20/11 on Plot No.11, (Block No.3) in Sy.No. 66, admeasuring 80.00 Sq.Yds or 66.88 Sq.Mtrs, situated at Padmarao Nagar, Vampuguda, under GHMC of Kapra Circle and mandal, Medchal; Malkajgiri District, Telangana State and bounded on the North: Plot No.10, South: Plot No. 12, East: 30' Wide Road, West: Plot No.26. Registration SRO Kapra (Document 936/2019) (CERSAI: Security Interest ID-400071513401). Name of Title holder: Smt. Easam Savithri W/o. Easam Muthyalu & Smt. Sadhuvula Laxmi Prasanna W/o. Murali. If the above mentioned borrower/guarantors fail to repay the above mentioned due by borrowers/guarantors with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4)(a) and (b) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deemed necessary under any other provision of Law. Date: 14-11-2024, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

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OPPOSITION'S IMPEACHMENT NOTICE AGAINST VICE PRESIDENT IS UNPRECEDENTED

In an unprecedented move in the parliamentary history of India, the opposition INDIA bloc submitted a notice on December 10, 2024, at the Rajya Sabha Secretary General P.C. Modi's office seeking removal of the Chairperson of the Upper House the Vice-President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar alleging him of conducting proceedings of the House in an "extremely biased" manner. Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijju on December 11, during his address in the House, said, "We will not allow this." Amidst uproar in the House during Centre-Opposition faceoff, Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the day. Given the adamant attitudes of both the ruling establishment and the opposition, one can't but think that the issue may overshoot to a hazardous level having far reaching legal and political implications for the country. Since the NDA has majority in the Rajya Sabha, it can defeat the impeachment motion, if taken in the House for consideration, but the debate can impact politics in the country in a way that can impact the political fortune of the ruling establishment.

The immediate background of the joint move of the opposition INDIA bloc has enough indication of that. The opposition has been demanding discussion on the Adani issue alleging that the Union Government is protecting the friend of PM Narendra Modi at the cost of public money and the interest of the people. The Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijju, on the other hand, to counterbalance the opposition raised alleged "nexus between US hedge fund tycoon George Soros and Congress ... posing a threat to national security." Opposition's six-point chargesheet notice was signed by not only the Congress but other opposition political parties too. Therefore, Kiren Rijju's attack on only Congress over the impeachment notice, calling the allegations against the Chair baseless is not enough. If the entire opposition is not satisfied with the conduct of the Chair, they have right to raise their grievance, which they have been doing for several years in the house, but remained largely unheard, and resulted into the present joint move of impeachment notice.

Whatever may be the outcome of the impeachment notice, most likely to be defeated on account of majority of NDA in the House, if taken for consideration. Kiren Rijju's statements suggest that it would not be taken for consideration at all, and in that case when the winter session of the Parliament will end on December 20, the notice for removal would expire automatically. Nevertheless, it will have serious implication on National politics, since the move would exert great pressure on the Vice-President who holds a significant role in the national political hierarchy, being only second in line to the presidency, and as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Oppositions move is therefore an effort of weakening the executive branch of the government, that has been allegedly lording over the legislative branch of the democracy through bending the proceeding of the Rajya Sabha. It will have repercussions on the future governance and elections, because the political narrative may go against the ruling establishment.

At a time when the opposition unity is being questioned, especially after the election defeats of INDIA bloc in Haryana and Maharashtra, and the statements made by opposition political parties were being highlighted by the ruling establishment as "INDIA bloc disintegrating", the joint move for removal of the Vice-President has just shown the opposition unity. INDIA bloc by its joint move has challenged the authority of the ruling establishment. The narrative is bound to come into public discourse. It is strategic calculation of the opposition for an agenda for change. It may lead to reform or alter the structure of India's legislative body, since Chairman of the Rajya Sabha and the Vice-President of India are two posts held by the same person. The opposition's six-point chargesheet focuses on the Chairperson's role, not the Vice-President's role. The impeachment notice underlines the importance of the separation of the role, but then there would be constitutional crisis.

(By Dr. Gyan Pathak)

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Every 10 unit rise in annual PM2.5 exposure raising death risk in Indians : Study

Every 10 micrograms per cubic metre of air increase in annual exposure to fine particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5) is associated with an 8.6 per cent increased risk for mortality across India, finds a study.

The study, published in the journal Lancet Planetary Health, revealed that long-term exposure to PM2.5 pollution concentrations higher than the 5 micrograms per cubic meter annual average recommended by the WHO is potentially associated with 1.5 million deaths a year in India.

The findings showed that the 1.4 billion people in India live in areas with PM2.5 concentrations above that recommended by the WHO guidelines. "High levels of annual PM2.5 exposures are observed in India causing a huge mortality burden (not limited to cities that are highlighted during the extreme pollution episodes), signaling the need for systematic and not symptomatic approach," said Suganthi Jaganathan, doctoral researcher, Centre for Health Analytics Research and Trends (CHART), Ashoka University.



BJP, JD-U hail 'One Nation, One Election' Bill approved by Cabinet; SS(UBT) cautious

The Union Cabinet's approval of the 'One Nation, One Election' Bill on Thursday has sparked reactions from leaders across political parties.

The BJP and JD-U leaders have strongly supported the Bill, highlighting the financial and logistical benefits it could bring. BJP MP Kangana Ranaut expressed approval, stating, "This is a good step. A lot of government time and money is wasted on elections. This will save money and is a good initiative." Talking to IANS, BJP MLA Sanjay Upadhyay echoed similar sentiments, saying, "We have been demanding this for a long time. Earlier, elections stretched over a year, hampering development. I hope it is implemented soon." BJP MLC Shrikant Bhartiya

emphasised the importance of regular elections in hindering development, adding, "If 'One Nation, One Election' is passed, it will be historic for India. It is not a political issue but one for the betterment of the people." BJP leader Rakesh Sachan also welcomed the change, stating, "For five years, the country was constantly engaged in elections. Now, we are free from this headache, and this will bring positive change." JD-U leader Sanjay Jha also supported the initiative, noting, "We welcome the Bill. Holding elections at both the state and central levels together will save money." However, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi voiced a cautious perspective, saying, "While we welcome the approval of the Bill, we are concerned about how

issues like Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)s and manpower will be managed. I hope this process will be used for progress and not political gain."

Meanwhile, the Bill is expected to be tabled during the current Winter Session of Parliament.

According to the Centre, the Bill, aimed at streamlining electoral processes, is expected to save money, enhance efficiency, and avoid hindering development by synchronising the elections for the Lok Sabha and state Legislative Assemblies.

By doing so, the government aims to address several challenges posed by the current system of staggered elections, which often lead to prolonged periods of electioneering, disruption in governance, and heightened expenditure.

There are 21 judges per 10 lakh people in India: Govt

The judge-population ratio in the country works out to be approximately 21 judges per 10 lakh population, based on the Census 2011 data, the Parliament was informed. Minister of state (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal

told Rajya Sabha, in a written reply, that there are 368 vacancies in High Courts, with the maximum of 79 being in the Allahabad High Court. There are 5,262 vacant positions of judicial officers in District and Subordinate courts as on December 9, 2024, with a maximum of 996 vacancies in Uttar Pradesh, he said. The MoS said that in the case of District and Subordinate courts.



Jharkhand's development foundation laid in 2019, now time to build: CM Hemant Soren

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren addressed the Assembly on Thursday, stating that the coalition government formed in 2019 laid the foundation for the state's development, and now, it is time to build on that foundation. Responding to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's address, CM Soren highlighted the government's commitment to implementing tangible development across various sectors, including infrastructure, tourism, and employment generation. He stated, "Our priority is to ensure visible development on the ground, not just in words. We are working for all sections of society."



Students of Ghaziabad's engineering college take part in 'Smart India Hackathon 2024'

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 'Smart India Hackathon 2024' organised across the country through video conferencing, students from the KIET Group of Institutions in Ghaziabad also participated in this hackathon.

After PM Modi's address, students were filled with enthusiasm regarding this hackathon event and showcasing innovation and putting use of their technical knowledge and skills. Preeti Bajaj, Director General, KIET Group of Institutions, said, "Today's generation is called Gen Z. This hackathon is a great medium to solve the biggest problems of the country through innovation. Prime Minister Modi has been giving this opportunity

for the last eight years. This hackathon event is the world's biggest platform to solve your everyday life problems. Children who are just 17 or 18 years old are already learning how to solve the biggest problems in the country. Many success stories have come up as a result of this event. As of now, 51 ministries have given their respective statements. These ministries are increasing every year.

"It's a success story that kids are involved," Bajaj added. Rishabh Bhingade, a student from the engineering college located in Ghaziabad, said, "We got a lot of inspiration after listening to PM Modi. From this hackathon, we have been inspired that our innovation should benefit the entire country."

\$2.2 trillion in infra investment to help India become \$7 trillion economy by 2030

An estimated investment of \$2.2 trillion into infrastructure development is imperative to support India's GDP size to expand to \$7 trillion by 2030, according to a report. To achieve an economic size of \$7 trillion, India's economy is required to grow at a CAGR of 10.1 per cent between 2024-2030, according to the report by Knight Frank India.

The investment opportunity for private participation in infrastructure development in India ranges between \$103.2 billion to \$324 billion. "India stands at the cusp of a transformative era in infrastructure development. By harnessing the power of private investment.



### Syrian constitution, parliament suspended for three months: report

**Damascus, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The Syrian constitution and parliament have reportedly been suspended for three months, according to Sawt al-Asima, a news outlet supportive of militant groups that overthrew the Assad government. The outlet reported the development on Friday, citing unnamed sources, but did not provide details on how the suspension would be implemented. Earlier, Syria's Military Operations Administration announced Wednesday that it has lifted the curfew previously imposed on Damascus and its surrounding areas, calling on residents to resume their daily activities and return to their workplaces. In a statement, the administration encouraged citizens to "contribute to building the new Syria".



### South Korea: Concerns emerge over war readiness as multiple Generals suspended in martial law aftermath

**Seoul, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Concerns are emerging in South Korea about the military's emergency readiness against North Korean threats, as multiple Generals and commanders have been removed or suspended from their duties for potential involvement in last week's short-lived imposition of martial law. In addition to former Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun, who stepped down and was arrested on charges of playing a key role in President Yoon Suk Yeol's martial law declaration on December 3, six Generals have so far been suspended for their involvement, including the chiefs of the Defence Intelligence, Capital Defense and Special

Warfare commands. In the latest such action on Friday, the Defence Ministry suspended the duties of Army Chief of Staff General Park An-su, who served as the Chief martial law commander during the brief martial law rule. Shortly after the martial law announcement, a military decree barring all political activities was issued under Park's name. Park has argued he was not responsible for the drafting of the document. The suspensions have left a vacuum in the top commands of major warfare units -- the Capital Defence Command, the Army Special Warfare Command, the Counterintelligence Command and the Defence Intelligence Command. Their commands are

seen as crucial missions in the military's operations against North Korea, from guarding the greater Seoul area to collecting military intelligence at home and abroad and conducting special operations against enemy entities. Following Kim's departure, Choi Byung-hyuk, a retired Army General who currently serves as the ambassador to Saudi Arabia, has been tapped as the new Defense Minister, but it remains unclear when a parliamentary confirmation hearing for Choi's appointment could take place, Yonhap news agency reported. Further stoking uncertainties is the fact that the chief command of the entire armed forces still lies with President Yoon. "Legally, (the

control of military forces) currently lies with the commander in chief," Jeon Ha-kyou, the Defence Ministry's spokesperson, said in a regular briefing on Monday, a day after the president was booked as a suspect on insurrection charges. When asked about concerns about the military's emergency readiness in the fallout of the martial law declaration, the Defense Ministry still maintains that it sees 'no insufficiency' in maintaining a firm operational and readiness posture. "(The ministry) has clearly named substitutes and they are carrying out their duties," Jeon said in a press briefing earlier in the day. "Under such a command system, field and operations units are currently conducting duties and no

insufficiency is believed to exist regarding their readiness and operational posture," he added. Breaking a weeklong silence, Pyongyang's state media on Wednesday reported on South Korea's martial law turmoil for the first time, followed by back-to-back coverage of the issue the following day. The state media reports detailed the opposition's push to impeach Yoon, while blaming the president for causing nationwide chaos. Photos of candlelight protests were also published. The North has carried out no reported military provocations against the South so far this month after sending some 40 trash-filled balloons across the border in late November.

### Philippines' Marcos orders law enforcers to intensify crackdown on illegal gamers as deadline nears

**Manila, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Philippine President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos on Friday ordered the police and law enforcement agencies to intensify the crackdown on illegal gaming and cyber cam hubs that continue to operate despite the ban, which will take effect by the end of December,

the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said. The order came after Marcos said late Thursday that the permits and licenses of all Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) had already been cancelled and warned that those attempting to continue operating illegally would be meted out with the full

force of the law. Philippine authorities have raided suspected POGO hubs near the capital in recent months after Marcos ordered the ban in July. However, many gamers regrouped into small groups and set up clandestine hubs in other areas, including in Metro Manila

and the central Philippines, to continue committing internet-based crimes, Xinhua news agency reported. "Marcos wants the Philippine Anti-Organized Crime Commission and the Philippine National Police to intensify their operations against POGOs that are still operating despite the ban," the PCO said.



### UK gov unveils updated framework to boost house building

**London, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The Labour government in the United Kingdom (UK) on Friday unveiled updated measures aimed at overhauling the planning system for new housing development, requiring local councils to commit to a house-building timetable.

As part of its broader plan to construct 1.5 million homes before the next general election, the government introduced housing targets for councils. This initiative builds on the Labour Party's commitment to deliver an annual target of 370,000 new homes in England, addressing the needs of approximately 1.3 million households currently on social housing waiting lists. The updated measures also include specific guidelines for releasing land from the Green Belt -- protected areas surrounding urban regions designed to prevent urban sprawl and preserve natural landscapes.



### Islamic State claims responsibility for suicide bombing that killed Afghan minister

**Kabul, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The extremist militant group Islamic State (IS) has claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed Afghanistan's acting minister for refugees and repatriation on Friday. IS militant detonated his explosive vest, resulting in the deaths of Khalil Rahman Haqqani and several of his colleagues and bodyguards, a report issued by IS-affiliated news agency 'Amaq' stated.

Four people, including Haqqani, were killed and four others, including Haqqani's guards, were critically injured following the attack, an official at the Afghan Ministry of Interior told Xinhua news agency. Haqqani is the first cabinet member killed since the Af-

ghan caretaker government took over power in 2021. "We have received with great sadness the news that the minister of refugees, Khalil Rahman Haqqani, was martyred this afternoon in a ferocious attack by the Khawarij (enemy)," said a statement released by Mufti Abdul Mateen Qani, a spokesman for the country's Ministry of Interior. "Haqqani was a member of a great jihadi family. The enemies of Islam had set a 5-million-US dollar bounty for his elimination," the statement added. Security personnel had sealed off all roads to the ministry, and stringent regulations are currently enforced within the vicinity.



### India votes in favour of UNGA resolution for 'immediate, unconditional, permanent' Gaza ceasefire

**United Nations, Dec 20 (IANS) :** India has joined 157 other nations in supporting a United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) resolution demanding an "immediate, unconditional, and permanent" ceasefire in the war-torn Gaza Strip. The UNGA overwhelmingly approved two resolutions on Friday, one calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and the other backing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which Israel has sought to ban. The first resolution, demanding an immediate ceasefire,

was passed with 158 votes in favour, nine, including the United States, Israel, Argentina, Czechia, Hungary, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, and Tonga, against, and 13 abstentions. The second resolution, supporting the mandate of UNRWA, received 159 votes in favour, nine against, and 11 abstentions. The resolutions follow two days of debate at the 193-member General Assembly, where speeches overwhelmingly highlighted the need to end the 14-month-long conflict between Israel and Hamas. Delegates also called for unhindered humanitarian access in Gaza to address the growing crisis. Although General Assembly reso-

lutions are not legally binding, they carry significant weight as a reflection of global opinion. This vote came after the United States vetoed a UN Security Council resolution on November 20 that had also called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. The US veto stemmed from the absence of a clause linking the ceasefire to the release of hostages taken during the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks on Israel, which triggered the conflict. The second resolution expressed support for UNRWA, established in 1949 to provide assistance to Palestinian refugees.

## Family of Bangaluru techie Atul Subhash demands justice

**Patna, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The family of AI engineer Atul Subhash, who allegedly committed suicide under mysterious circumstances in Bangaluru, returned with ashes to Patna on Friday evening and made an emotional appeal for justice. Atul's mother fainted while speaking to the media at the Patna airport.

"My son was mentally harassed and tortured. I want justice for him," she said, demanding a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding her son's death. Atul's brother, Vikas Kumar, highlighted a poignant detail from a suicide note left by the deceased, which read, "Justice was not delivered to me."

Expressing his frustration, Vikas

remarked, "My brother detailed how men are being harassed under the guise of women's law. He also accused a 'judge,' regarded as the symbol of justice, of allegedly demanding a bribe of Rs 5 lakh. In the note, he even stated that if justice is not served, his ashes should be thrown into the gutter in front of the court." The family's statements have intensified calls for accountability



and fairness in addressing Atul's case, as they urge authorities to uncover the truth behind his alleged suicide and take appropriate action against any wrongdoing.



## PM Modi to lay foundation stone for

## Ken-Betwa river linking project on Dec 25: MP CM

**Bhopal, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur to lay the foundation stone for the ambitious Ken-Betwa Link project on December 25, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said on Friday.

CM Yadav said this while speaking to the media persons here saying that the approval has been received from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The approval came after CM Yadav met PM Modi at Parliament House on December 10 requesting him to lay the foundation stone for the interlinking project. This river interlinking project proposes to transport excess water from the Ken River in Madhya Pradesh to the Betwa River in Uttar Pradesh in order to irrigate the drought-

prone Bundelkhand region. "PM Modi will visit Chhatarpur to lay the foundation stone of the Ken-Betwa river linking project on the occasion of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary on December 25," CM Yadav said in a statement issued later. CM Yadav earlier stated that the project will provide water for irrigation for over 8.1 lakh hectares in MP's Bundelkhand region and another 2.5 lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh. Chhatarpur, Panna, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Sheopur, Damoh, Datia, Raisen, Vidisha and Sagar districts will benefit from the project. On this occasion, the state government has also planned a 'Kisan Sammelan' on December 25 in each district which will be covered under the project.

## JPC Chairman supports

## Assam govt's 'No NRC, No Aadhaar,' rule

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** As Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the state will enforce a new rule regarding Aadhaar card applications, the decision was hailed by Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) Chairman, Jagdambika Pal, who expressed full support for the Assam government's move. Under this new regulation, individuals who have not applied for inclusion in the National Register of Citizens (NRC) will have their Aadhaar card applications rejected. The decision, which was approved

by the Assam Cabinet on Friday, aims to ensure that only those who are legally recognised as citizens of India are granted Aadhaar cards in the state. CM Sarma said on Friday that the state Cabinet has approved the proposal to issue a standard operating protocol (SOP) for issuing Aadhaar cards in future and if there is no application for the NRC, then the Aadhaar request would be immediately rejected and a report submitted to the Centre. Speaking to IANS, Pal said that it is within the state's rights to



make such decisions. He stressed the importance of the NRC, stating, "Everyone should at least get their NRC done as the NRC is a list aimed at identifying Indian citizens in Assam, with the state government aiming to ensure that only legal residents are included in the process."

## Financial Intelligence Unit detects undisclosed income worth Rs 11,000 crore in 2024: Centre

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) detected undisclosed income worth nearly Rs 11,000 crore in 2024, the Finance Ministry informed on Friday.



## Over 1 lakh micro food processing enterprises get assistance under PMFME scheme: Minister

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** A total of 1,08,580 micro food processing enterprises have been approved for assistance under the PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme (till October 31), the Parliament was informed on Friday. The Ministry of Food Process-

ing Industries (MoFPI) provides financial, technical and business support for setting up or upgradation of micro food processing enterprises under the PMFME scheme. The scheme is operational from 2020-21 to 2025-26 with total outlay of Rs 10,000 crore, Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries,

Ravneet Singh Bittu, said in a written reply to Lok Sabha. The ministry has been incentivising food processing entrepreneurs, including small and medium, for setting up and expansion of related industries through its Central Sector Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) Scheme, Production Linked In-

centive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and centrally-sponsored PMFME scheme across the country. Under sub-schemes of PMKSY, the ministry provides mostly credit-linked financial assistance (capital subsidy) to entrepreneurs with total outlay of Rs 5,520 crore for 15th Finance Commission cycle.



## Six arrested for firing in J&K's Jammu city

**Jammu, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Six persons were arrested on Friday in J&K's Jammu city for firing, with a country-made pistol, at a man with the intention of killing him. "The incident took place on Friday when the accused shot at him and later threw him from a height of nearly 60 feet near Ring Road Kunjwani on the outskirts of the city," a police official said. He said that the victim was taken to hospital by locals, adding that a case has been registered under relevant sections of law at Bishnah police station and a team formed to nab the accused. "All the six accused were arrested within 48 hours of the incident. During interrogation, they confessed to their involvement in the crime and based on their disclosure, a country-made pistol was recovered. The vehicle used during the crime was also seized," the official said. Incidents of gang war have become history in Jammu city where two notorious gangs of criminals used to engage mercenaries for attacks on each other's criminal interests during the 1960s and 1970s.

## Defeat in Tirhut bypolls doesn't signify discontent among teachers: Bihar Education Minister

**Patna, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Bihar Education Minister Sunil Kumar claimed on Friday that NDA candidate's loss in the Tirhut Graduate Legislative Council election does not signify discontent among teachers in the state.

The Minister said the defeat of NDA's Abhishek Kumar Jha should not be seen as indicative of alleged teachers' dissatisfaction against the Nitish Kumar government. "NDA has won four seats in Assembly by-elections, and this

single loss does not reflect a larger trend. The party will conduct a review to understand the reasons behind the loss in Tirhut," he said. Jha was defeated by "teachers' leader" Banshidhar Brajwasi, who was dismissed by then Education

Department Additional Chief Secy K. K. Pathak. "If the assembly by-election wins are credited to the party's strategy or leadership, it's inconsistent to attribute this loss to one factor, like dissatisfaction over the dismissal of Brajwasi," Minister Kumar said.



## Rs 36.07 crore tribal products sold through TRIFED in FY24: Govt

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** A total of 4,990 tribal artisans and suppliers linked to the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) have recorded a sale of Rs 36.07 crore in 2023-24 from distribution of tribal products, including organic and handicraft items, the Parliament was informed on Friday. Highlighting the activities on e-marketing channels like Amazon.com, Flipkart.com, Paytm, Snapdeal.com and GeM, Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Durgadas Uikey told the Lok Sabha, in

a written reply, that TRIFED's sale in 2022-23 was Rs 35.74 crore and in 2021-22 it was Rs 43.42 crore. During 2023-24, the Federation procured tribal products worth Rs 18.04 crore. In 2022-23, it procured products worth Rs 15.20 crore and in 2021-2022, it procured Rs 29 crore, the MoS said. On a query on steps to promote the sale and marketing of tribal produce in the country, the MoS said that the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, through TRIFED, is implementing the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission' (PMJVM), wherein TRIFED provides backward linkages through empanelment of



tribal artisans and suppliers for procurement of tribal products including organic and handicraft items. Talking about TRIFED's forward linkages, the MoS said it arranges for the sale of tribal products in the market through its 'Tribes India' outlets and e-commerce portal 'tribesindia.com' apart from other e-marketing channels like Amazon.com, Flipkart.com, Paytm, Snapdeal.com and GeM.

## Sand shortage sparks row inside, outside Jharkhand Assembly

**Ranchi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** On the final day of the special session of the Jharkhand Assembly on Friday, the issue of sand shortage in the state sparked heated discussions both inside and outside the House. Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA, Babulal Marandi, brought up the crisis during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's address. Marandi stated, "The sand crisis has become a pressing issue across the state. The government has failed to auction sand ghats. Police arrest



individuals and file cases against them for transporting sand for house construction. If the government cannot auction the sand ghats, it should consider making sand freely available for construction work." He further demanded accountability from the government regarding alleged looting at the sand ghats.



## How Google News fought misinformation in India in 2024

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** From major elections across the globe to conflicts and crises, the year 2024 was critical for the news industry, said Google News on Friday.

These significant events highlighted the important role of newsrooms in providing accurate and timely information, said the company, highlighting its contributions to fight misinformation in the Indian news ecosystem.

In 2024, the tech giant supported the Shakti initiative -- a collaboration to combat misinformation and provided AI training to newsrooms. It also empowered India's news ecosystem through initiatives like the Indian Languages Programme, boosting user engagement and ad revenue for local publishers, as well as expanded Google News Showcase.

## CureFit posts Rs 888 crore loss in FY24

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Fitness startup Curefit's consolidated loss has increased by 42 per cent to Rs 888.5 crore in FY24 from Rs 625.5 crore in FY23.

The company's EBITDA loss surged by 123.4 per cent to Rs 587.97 crore in FY24 from Rs 263.2 crore in FY23.

The reason for the increase in the company's loss in the last financial year is the high cash burn. Curefit's advertising and promotion expenditure has increased by 40.67 per cent year-on-year (YoY) basis to Rs 188.5 crore in FY24 from Rs 134 crore in FY23.

At the same time, the company's expenditure on legal and professional services in the last financial year has increased by 56.62 per cent from Rs 79.3 crore in FY23 to Rs 124.2 crore in FY24.



## Samsung to unveil new AI-powered home appliances at CES 2025

**Seoul, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Samsung Electronics will unveil its new home appliances lineup powered by artificial intelligence (AI) technology at the upcoming CES next month, the company said on Friday. The lineup, comprising the new Bespoke refrigerator, washer and dryer applied with AI home solutions, will be showcased at CES 2025, set to take place at the Las Vegas Convention Center from Jan. 7-10, according to the Korean company.

AI home refers to Samsung's solution of connecting all of its home appliances to its AI-powered

SmartThings connectivity platform, allowing remote monitoring and control of the products, reports Yonhap news agency.

The updated AI home technology will enable users to control the power and settings of all connected home appliances in their houses from the touch screen on any of the products, Samsung explained. Users will also be able to access the internet and various online applications, such as YouTube and music streaming apps, on the products, said the company. In particular, AI refrigerator models will function as a hub for the SmartThings connectivity

platform, connecting not only home appliances but also other home furnishings, such as door locks, curtains and lightings.

"Samsung's screen home appliances have a clear competitive edge in providing a seamless device connectivity experience through screen-based AI home," said Moon Jong-seung, vice president of the digital appliances business division at Samsung Electronics. "We will continue to introduce a variety of AI home appliances and services to help users reduce household chores and enjoy a wide range of device connectivity experiences."

## Sensex ends lower ahead of US Fed rate decision, Nifty at 24,198

**Mumbai, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The domestic benchmark indices closed in red on Friday amid weak global cues as market sentiment remained cautious ahead of the key US Fed meeting.

US Fed Chair Jerome Powell was set to release the policy statement late on Thursday (US time) during the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

According to experts, the Indian market is experiencing a breakdown in the early Santa

Claus rally, with the impact being more pronounced in India compared to developed markets due to the rapid appreciation of the dollar.

Market sentiment remains cautious which is further influenced by India's premium valuation, which is significantly above the current earnings growth trajectory that has slowed over the last two quarters.

On Wednesday, heavy selling was seen in the media, PSE, PSU Bank, financial service, metal, private bank and commodities sec-



tors of the Nifty at the end of trading. At closing Sensex settled at 80,182.20 down by 502.25 points, or 0.62 per cent and Nifty ended at 24,198.85 down by 137.15 points, or 0.56 per cent.

Nifty Bank ended at 52,139.55, down by 695.25 points or 1.32 per cent. The Nifty Midcap 100 index closed at 58,723.25 at the end of trading after dropping 378.65 points or 0.64 per cent.

Nifty Smallcap 100 index closed at 19,230.35 after dropping 168.10 points or 0.87 per cent.



## Investec initiates 'Buy' rating for Ambuja Cements with target price of Rs 950

**Mumbai, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Global banking and wealth management group Investec on Friday initiated a 'BUY' rating for Ambuja Cements with a target price of Rs 950 from Rs 577 apiece, which is an impressive 65.1 per cent return as projected.

In a note, Investec wrote that it "finds comfort in management, reaffirming its growth goals, cost/synergy targets and on-going initiatives to achieve the same".

"Factoring growth pipeline, lease expiries (Lease wins reveal the horse to ride on), promoter's economic interest in ACEM (Ambuja Cements), we prefer ACEM over ACC. We highlight consolidation, sustainability, ESG as

key themes for the sector and find ACEM best placed to reap the gains," Investec maintained. With a focus on consolidation, streamlined operations, and massive production capacities, Ambuja Cement is cementing its place as a market leader and a stronger future lies ahead for investors and stakeholders alike.

Ambuja Cements's board on Tuesday approved the merger of its recently acquired entities — Sandhi Industries Ltd. and Penna Cement Industries Ltd. — with itself through separate schemes of arrangement.

## Adani Group's advertisement on wind turbines, not just commercial but a beacon of hope

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** A unique and out-of-the-box advertisement, on wind turbines and renewable energy by the Adani Group, is taking the internet by storm as it comes across as not just a commercial but a beacon of hope for millions, still living in darkness or facing long bouts of power cuts.

The 1.30-minute video, with the tagline 'Pehle Pankha Aayega, Phir Bijli Aayegi' takes the viewers by surprise and also goes on to illustrate how clean energy can light up lives, without polluting the environment.

The short but incisive video narrates the story of Tamtu, a young boy from a village who along with his father has been spending nights in darkness, waiting for the electricity to knock on their doors. When out of curiosity, Tamtu asks his father, "Papa, when will the electricity come?"



## Mobile data cost drops over 96 pc in 10 years, broadband speed up 72 pc : Centre

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The cost of mobile data has reduced drastically from Rs 269 per GB (in March 2014) to Rs. 9.08 per GB now which is a massive 96.6 per cent decrease, the Parliament was informed on Friday. Meanwhile, the median mobile broadband speed increased from 1.30 Mbps in March 2014 to 95.67 Mbps (as of October).



## India's milk market stable with low inflation rates in November: Govt

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The overall milk situation in the country is stable with the year-on-year Wholesale Price Index and (WPI) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rates for milk recorded at low levels of 2.09 and 2.85, respectively, for the month of November 2024, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) Secretary Alka Upadhyaya, said at a review meeting here, an official statement said on Friday. "There is an adequate commodity stock of skimmed milk powder, whole milk powder, white butter, and ghee. At the same time, there has been an im-

provement in milk procurement and milk procurement prices over the year," she pointed out. The Secretary also highlighted that India holds the top position globally in milk production, generating approximately 239.3 million metric tons in the year 2023-24, according to an official statement. She advised all Milk Federations to take up active participation in the Midday Meal and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programs of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD), as these represent the largest institutional domestic market for the dairy sector. The meeting was attended by rep-

resentatives from the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), and the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI) along with officials of the DAHD and State Cooperative Dairy Federations and Milk Unions across the country. The milk situation in the country and the progress being made by the State Milk Federations were discussed in detail during the review, Upadhyaya emphasised that Dairy Federations should focus on enhancing milk procurement and increasing the price paid to the farmers, while also considering consumer interests. During the meeting, the initiatives undertaken by the State Milk Federations such as Amul (Gujarat), Nandini



(Karnataka), Saras (Rajasthan), and Megha (Jharkhand) were commended, and it was recommended that other Federations should undertake similar efforts. DAHD is also consistently collaborating with the MoWCD and the MoHRD to promote the inclusion of milk in the Midday Meal and ICDS programmes. It was ob-

served that commensurate with the production, consumption of processed dairy has increased by 20 per cent. A detailed discussion was held concerning the strategies and initiatives required to further enhance the processing of milk to value-added products and accordingly.



## Fresh snowfall in J&K, minimum temperature improves

**Srinagar, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Friday as the minimum temperature improved with Srinagar city recording minus 0.5 degrees Celsius as the lowest temperature. Fresh snowfall occurred in Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Zojila Pass, Doodpathri and other places as the nightlong cloud cover brought up the night temperature. The Meteorological (MeT) department officials said that due to the cloud cover, minimum temperatures have improved in Kashmir Valley. The MeT department has forecast that there would be no major

change in weather in the union territory. Srinagar recorded minus 0.5, Gulmarg minus 5.2 and Pahalgam minus 4.6 as the minimum temperature. Jammu city recorded 6.8, Katra 7.4, Batote 5.3, Banihal 3.9 and Baderwah 2.9 as the minimum temperature. Morning chill accompanied by frost kept most Kashmiris inside their homes in the early hours of the day as fewer pedestrians and vehicular movement were seen in Srinagar city this morning. The Srinagar-Leh highway has been closed for general traffic due to heavy snowfall in the Zojila Pass area.

The 40-day-long period of bitter winter cold called the 'Chillai Kalan' will start on December 21 and end on January 30. It is during this period that the gap between the minimum and the maximum temperature narrows down adding to the chill factor. Water bodies, including lakes, rivers and streams, also freeze partially during the Chillai Kalan hampering the movement of boats in the local water bodies. For centuries, Kashmiris have relied on the earthen firepot woven in a willow wicker basket filled with embers to ward off the winter cold. This is called the 'Kangri'.

## Battle of Hilli commemorated at Bengal War Memorial

**Kolkata, Dec 20 (IANS) :** A ceremony was held by the Army and the Zilla Sainik Board at Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal, on Friday, to commemorate the epic Battle of Hilli, during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971. Senior officials of the armed forces and the state government, veterans, NCC cadets, school children and local residents attended the event, organised at the Hilli War Memorial, where wreaths were laid in memory of bravehearts. Col Partha Pratim Barik, Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board (RSB).



## Flood risk in low-lying areas of Chennai as Chembarambakkam Lake's water level rises

**Chennai, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Chennai and its surrounding areas face a flood risk as the water level in the Chembarambakkam Lake has risen to 21.19 feet. Officials have warned that if the water level reaches 22 feet, water will be released from the lake, increasing the flood risk for low-lying areas in Chennai and nearby districts such as Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu. Heavy rains have contributed to the rising water levels in the lake. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation and have assured

the public that all necessary measures will be taken to manage the risk effectively. Chembarambakkam Lake, located about 25 km from Chennai, is one of the two major rain-fed reservoirs supplying drinking water to the city, along with the Puzhal Lake. It is to be noted that the Adyar River originates from the Chembarambakkam Lake. Notably, this artificial lake was first constructed by Rajendra Chola, the son of Raja Raja Chola, and Madeviyar, a prince of Kodumbalur.



## Nitish Kumar launches '109 free medicine vehicles' in Patna

**Patna, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched '109 free medicine vehicles' on Friday as part of the 'Swasth Bihar Mission'.

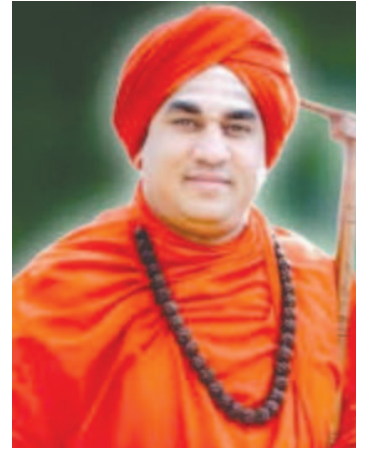
The scheme, launched from the Chief Minister's official residence, aims to enhance healthcare services in the state. With the launch of medicine ve-

hicles, villagers will get drugs free of cost, reducing the financial burden on rural populations and promoting equitable healthcare.

## K'taka quota stir : Siddaramaiah is anti-Lingayat, says Panchamasali seer

**Belagavi (Karnataka), Dec 20 (IANS) :** Kudalasangama Panchamasali Peeth seer Basava Jaya Mruthyunjaya Swami leading the protests demanding reservation for the Panchamasali Lingayat sect under the 2A Category, came down heavily on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday and stated that he is anti-Lingayat. Speaking to the media in Belagavi, while staging a protest condemning the po-

lice action on the community's members while they were laying siege to the Belagavi Suvarna Vidhana Soudha on Friday, the seer claimed on Friday, "I repeatedly want to convey that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is anti-Lingayat." There is resentment in the community over the lathi-charge on the protesters after the agitation by the Panchamasali Lingayat community turned violent and a mob pelted stones at the police and attempted to lay siege to the Suvarna



Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Tuesday. The police had stopped thousands of protesters on their way to the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, warning them not to march further.



## Indian banking sector's health remains robust, govt policy working very well : Top bankers

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) :** As Rahul Gandhi's allegations about the poor condition of Indian banks, especially public sector banks (PSBs), fizzled out, Dinesh Khara, former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI), said on Friday that the country's banking sector is performing professionally on all parameters like capitalisation and asset quality. Speaking to IANS, Khara said the banking sector in the country is working in a very professional and efficient manner and the health of the sector remains robust. Khara further stated that all the banks have been well capitalised and due to this, "the capital adequacy is as per the criteria". "Due to improvement in the asset quality of the banks, the health of the entire sector remains good and through this, the country's economic development is also being supported well," he told IANS. Khara said that the perception about India remains good at the global level and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the acceptance of the country has increased all over the world. "After the G20 Summit, it has improved further. India is being considered a responsible leader in South Asia," he noted.

## RG Kar tragedy: Statement of forensic doctor who took pictures of victim's body crucial for CBI

**Kolkata, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The statement of one particular doctor in the team of forensic experts conducting the autopsy of the body of the lady junior doctor of R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital -- who was raped and murdered within its premises in August -- and who took some pictures of the victim's body before the autopsy, has become crucial for CBI trying to establish if tampering was done with the evidence in the case. Sources aware of the development said that the statement of this doctor has been especially crucial as the investigating officials have to know that this particular doctor strongly objected to the initial attempt by some other members of the forensic team to pass on the tragedy as a case of suicide. Apart from raising objection, the doctor also took some pictures of the victim's body on this mobile phone. The investigating officials have already examined these pictures and also forwarded them for forensic examination. The investigating officials, sources added.



## NIA arrests accused in Assam for terror links

**Guwahati, Dec 20 (IANS) :** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested an accused from Assam's Goalpara district and detained two others over suspected links with Pakistan-based terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM). In collaboration with the Assam Police Special Task Force (STF), the NIA carried out raids throughout Goalpara and questioned a number of people. Sources said that the NIA arrested one imam, Sahanur Alom, from a mosque during a raid in Goalpara's Tukura area. In addition to Sahanur, two other people were taken into custody for questioning during the late-night Thursday

raid. A source claimed that another individual who was detained in October for having ties to JEM in Goalpara disclosed Sahanur Alom's identity to the NIA. Nine people from Goalpara were among the 10 people arrested by the NIA from Assam on October 5 on suspicion of having ties to terrorist organisations located in Pakistan. Earlier, Assam Police also handed over two cases related to the ULFA-I's bomb scare on Independence Day this year to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The DGP of Assam Police, G.P. Singh stated that the police have registered 10 cases related to the incident on Independence Day where the banned militant outfit ULFA-I had claimed of planting explosives in at least 25 locations



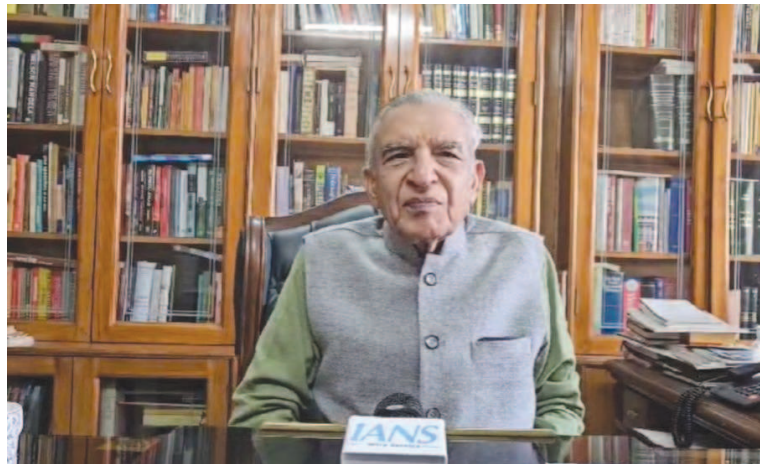
across the state. "Among these 10 cases, two cases will be handed over to the NIA team. We have written a letter to the central government requesting them to take over the cases immediately," Singh said. The DGP Singh said that the state police have made significant progress in the investigation of ULFA-I's bomb scare on I-Day. "In Sivasagar, we have arrested four persons on the suspicion of being involved with planting explosives. One of them is believed to be actively involved in the whole incident. For the sake of investigation, I cannot reveal more details in the matter but the culprits will be punished," said the DGP.





### Manickam Tagore demands expunging of Piyush Goyal's remarks on Congress in Lok Sabha

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : Congress MP Manickam Tagore has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, requesting the expunging of certain remarks made by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal during the session on Friday. Tagore's letter states, "Hon'ble Speaker, I am writing to bring to your kind attention certain grave derogatory remarks made by Piyush Goyal. During Zero Hour, when Gaurav Gogoi, Deputy Leader of the Indian National Congress, raised the issue of the grave humanitarian crisis in Manipur, Piyush Goyal made objectionable comments." In his letter, Tagore emphasized that Goyal's intervention was unwarranted, and his remarks were defamatory and undignified. Referring to Rule 380 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, Tagore reminded the Speaker that such words could be expunged if they were defamatory, indecent, unparliamentary, or undignified.



### BJP wanted to change Constitution, LoP Rahul is trying to save it : Pawan Bansal

Chandigarh, Dec 20 (IANS) : As the BJP accuses Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, of disrespecting the Indian Constitution, former Union Minister and senior Congress leader, Pawan Bansal on Friday countered the claims, pointing out that during their second term, the BJP had expressed intentions to amend the Constitution if they won more than 400 seats. The BJP has frequently alleged that the Congress does not respect the Indian Constitution, despite the fact that the LoP is often seen with a copy of it. Talking to IANS, Pawan Bansal said, "When the Constitution was framed, the Constituent Assembly held lengthy discussions on every aspect, considering the sentiments of the Indian people, our heritage, and our future."

### Jharkhand villagers launch violent campaign against Maoists in West Singhbhum; 10 reported killed

Chaibasa, Dec 20 (IANS) : A violent campaign led by villagers against extremists, Maoists, and illegal traders has intensified in the Gudri, Tebo, Goilker, Sonua, and Anandpur areas of Jharkhand's West Singhbhum district. Armed with traditional weapons such as bows, arrows, spears, and axes, thousands of villagers are patrolling the forested region, covering around 40 kms, and are reportedly holding 'Jan Adalats (people's courts)' to capture and execute suspects. According to reports, as many as 10 people have been killed in the last 10 days. However, West Singhbhum Superintendent of Police (SP).



### 5.15 crore cases pending in courts: Govt

New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS) : There are 5.15 crore cases pending in various Indian courts, including the Supreme Court, High Courts and District and Subordinate Courts, the Parliament was informed on Friday. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal said in a written reply in Rajya Sabha that there are 82,171 pending cases in the Supreme Court, as per information available on National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) till November 30. He said the number of pending cases in High Courts is 57.82 lakh and in District and Subordinate Courts, it is 4.56 crore. MoS Meghwal said the pendency of cases in courts can be attributed to several factors, which include the availability of physical infrastructure and supporting court staff, the complexity of facts involved, the nature of evidence, cooperation of stakeholders like bar, investigation agencies, witnesses and litigants and proper application of rules and procedures. "Other factors that lead to delay in disposal of cases include lack of prescribed timeframe by respective courts for disposal of various kinds of cases, frequent adjournments and lack of adequate arrangement to monitor, track and bunch cases for hearing," the MoS said. The MoS told the House that based on the population as



per the Census 2011, which was 1210.19 million, and as per available information regarding the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court, High Courts and District and Subordinate Courts in the year 2024, the judge-population ratio in the country works out to be approximately 21 judges per million population. Giving details of the appointment of judges in High Courts, MoS Meghwal said: "In 2024, the number of fresh appointments was 34, in 2023 it was 110, in 2022 it was 165, in 2021 it was 120, in 2020 it was 66 and 2019 it was 81." "The number of judges appointed to the Supreme Court in 2024 was four, in 2023 it was 14, in 2022, it was three, in 2021, it was nine and in 2019, it was 10. There was no appointment in 2020," said the MoS.

### Manipur situation chronic & fragile, will take time to resolve: CM

Imphal, Dec 20 (IANS) : Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Friday said that bringing a solution to the ongoing ethnic strife in the state would take time as the situation has become chronic and fragile. Addressing the function, organised to commemorate the iconic Nupee Lal Numit

(women's war day), the Chief Minister terming the ongoing ethnic hostilities as "unprecedented" said that the state and Central governments had been putting all efforts to bring a permanent solution to the crisis. "However, bringing a solution would take time as the situation had become chronic and fragile," he observed. Singh informed that

the state government in coordination with central forces had been making every effort to rescue Laishram Kamalbabu Singh who went missing from the Leimakhong Army campus. Speaking on the re-imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) in Manipur's six police station areas, he informed that the state government had requested the Central government to review and withdraw the act from these police station areas.



### Show of brotherhood by Vijayan, Stalin at event to honour Dravidian icon

Kottayam, Dec 20 (IANS) : Ever since M.K. Stalin took over as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the state's relations with Kerala have been very strong and on Friday this fact was even more evident as Stalin and Pinarayi Vijayan travelled together in one car to a meeting venue, near here. CM Stalin, who arrived in Kerala after spending time in a houseboat at the picturesque Kumarakom tourist destination, on Friday morning arrived with CM Vijayan to inaugurate the renovated memorial of social reformer and Dravidian ideologue

E.V. Ramasamy Periyar at Vaikom. The venue of the function houses the statue of Periyar, a museum and a library and the two leaders went around the renovated premises. Speaking on the occasion CM Vijayan said the presence of CM Stalin at the event brought a lot of significance to it. "Periyar stood in the forefront of uplifting the weak and downtrodden. According to Periyar the Congress leaders never stood for the downtrodden. He always had a strong sentiment for the Communists and was known for the closeness he had with Communist leaders in Tamil Nadu," said Vijayan and added that the

Dravidian icon's thoughts and ideology continue to be relevant even today. CM Stalin also paid glowing tributes to Periyar and the movement he led and also thanked the Vijayan government for organising the event. The significance of the new-found brotherhood that starts at the highest level between the two CMs, should be seen in the presence of several dignitaries, including Kerala Ministers V.N. Vasavan and Saji Cheriyan.



### 3 held for killing man in Gurugram

Gurugram, Dec 20 (IANS) : The Gurugram police have arrested three people for allegedly strangling to death a fellow employee with an electric wire at their rented accommodation in Khoh village of Gurugram, police said. The victim was identified as 25-year-old Pushpender, a native of Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh. The victim was working in a private firm located in IMT Manesar. The accused were identified as Sarjan alias Ali, Ramanand alias Billu, and Ajit alias Binny, all residents of Mainpuri, Uttar Pradesh. The accused were also working in the same company and used to live in common accommodation, the police said.

### Waqf row: K'taka HC quashes FIR proceedings against BJP MP Tejasvi Surya

Bengaluru, Dec 20 (IANS) : The Karnataka High Court on Friday quashed an FIR against BJP National Yuva Morcha President and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, filed by the Haveri police over a social media post concerning the suicide of a farmer in Haveri allegedly after taking over of his property by the Waqf board. The petition was filed by Surya seeking to quash the FIR, maintaining that the allegations lacked basis and were politically motivated. Following the arguments and counterarguments, the court had reserved the matter for orders. Senior counsel Aruna Shyam had submitted that BJP MP Tejasvi Surya had made the social media post on X following the father of the deceased's father. Following the clarification by the police, the post was deleted, and requested the court to quash the FIR. The bench headed by Justice M. Nagaprasanna, after reviewing the initial arguments, earlier granted an interim stay on the proceedings, also pausing further action against Surya in this case.



## ‘Largest clemency’: Biden commutes sentences of 1,500 people

**Washington, Dec 20 (IANS)** : President Joe Biden on Friday commuted sentences of nearly 1,500 people and pardoned 39 convicts of non-violent crimes, making it the largest grant of clemency in a single day in modern U.S. history. “America was built on the promise of possibility and second chances,” said Biden. He added that as President, he

has the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, restoring opportunity for Americans to participate in daily life and contribute to their communities, and taking steps to remove sentencing disparities for non-violent offenders, especially those convicted of drug offences. “That is why, today, I am pardoning 39 people who have shown successful rehabilitation and have

shown commitment to making their communities stronger and safer. I am also commuting the sentences of nearly 1,500 people who are serving long prison sentences – many of whom would receive lower sentences if charged under today’s laws, policies, and practices,” the President said. The commutation recipients mostly included those placed in home confinement during the Covid-19 pandemic, those par-



doned were people convicted of non-violent crimes such as marijuana possession. A pardon wipes out a conviction. A commutation leaves the convict guilty but reduces or ends the punishment. President Biden had pardoned his son Hunter Biden a few weeks ago for his conviction on charges of gun law violation and tax evasion. Biden still has 40 days left of his term and the White House said more such actions are expected. “While today’s announcement marks important progress, there is more to come.

## Political agenda to provoke society: UP ministers slam LoP Rahul's Hathras, Sambhal visits

**Lucknow, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Following Leader of Opposition (LoP), Rahul Gandhi's visit to the family of the Hathras gang-rape victim and also to the kin of those who died in the Sambhal violence in Uttar Pradesh, the state's Cabinet ministers have accused him of pursuing a "political agenda to provoke society and mislead the public." LoP Gandhi on Friday met with the family of the Dalit girl who was gang-raped by four upper caste men in Hathras in 2020. The victim later succumbed to her injuries in a Delhi hospital. Rahul Gandhi interacted with the family of the victim for

about half an hour but left without speaking to the media. LoP Gandhi's visit came a day after he and his sister, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi, met the families of those who lost their lives in the November 24 Sambhal violence. Speaking to IANS, Cabinet Minister Danish Azad Ansari slammed Rahul Gandhi's visit, alleging it was politically-motivated. "Rahul Gandhi's visit to Hathras is akin to spreading poison -- a political agenda to provoke society and mislead the people. Our government is serious about the Hathras case. If Rahul Gandhi believes in democracy, why isn't he allowing the parliamentary session to proceed? The Congress party does not want



the country and society to progress," Ansari alleged. Regarding the Sambhal violence in which five people died, Ansari added, "Currently, the situation is peaceful, and all communities are maintaining harmony. The Opposition's rhetoric, aimed at boosting their political image, is inappropriate." Cabinet Minister Anil Kumar questioned the timing of the Congress MP's Hathras visit, stating, "The incident happened

years ago. Now, after the 2024 elections, he suddenly remembers Hathras. Those guilty have already been sent to jail." Kumar, speaking to IANS, also commented on Rahul Gandhi's focus on the Sambhal incident. "A Judicial Commission has been formed, and action will be taken based on its report. What is the need to politicise this matter?" he questioned.



## OP Rajbhar slams LoP Rahul Gandhi's Hathras visit as 'political drama'

**Lucknow, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) President, OP Rajbhar, on Friday criticised Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's visit to the family of the Hathras 2020 gang-rape victim, labeling it a 'political drama.' Rajbhar's remarks came as the Congress MP arrived in Boolgarhi village, Uttar Pradesh (UP), to meet the family of the young woman who was raped by four upper caste men and who died on September 29, 2020, after succumbing to her injuries in a Delhi hospital. Speaking to IANS, Rajbhar ac-

used the Congress party of opportunism. "It's nothing but political drama. When the Congress was in power, entire slums were set ablaze, and violence and curfews were normal. Now that they're out of power, they are desperate to return. The people have rejected them, just as they did in the past," he claimed. Rajbhar, however, emphasised that the LoP had the right to visit the family, but the UP government had insisted that such visits be approved for security reasons. "The government is ensuring that proper arrangements are made for his safety," he added.



## ABVP members protest at school in MP's Bhind after student wears 'tilak', 'kalawa'

**Bhopal, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarti Parishad (ABVP) members held a protest at a missionary school in Madhya Pradesh's Bhind following a controversy that erupted over not allowing a student to wear a 'kalawa' (sacred thread) and 'tilak'. On Friday noon, around 25-30 ABVP members along with parents of some students shouting religious slogans, barged into the St. Michael's school premises. Protesters chanted 'Jai Shri Ram' and recited Hanuman Chalisa sitting in the school's courtyard. ABVP members alleged that a sixth-class girl student was forced to return to his house as she had come to school wearing 'kalawa' and had applied 'tilak' on her forehead. Pankaj Sharma, father of the student, talking to media persons claimed that his daughter was sent back home from school because she was wearing 'kalawa' and 'tilak'.



## Initiate talks with protesting farmers, Bhupinder Hooda tells Centre

**Chandigarh, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Friday said the BJP government in the Centre should give up its rigid attitude and talk to farmers as their leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal has been on a fast unto death for the past 16 days, and his health is continuously deteriorating. Hooda said their demands should be resolved and Dallewal's fast should be ended immediately. Talking to the media here, Hooda said that farmers are not making any new demands, and are reminding the government of its own promise. "This is the same promise that the government had made to the farmers while ending the farmers' movement. Farmers want a guarantee of MSP (minimum support price) and this demand

is completely justified," he said. Hooda added that stopping farmers from going to Delhi is an anti-democratic step taken by the BJP. "Instead of suppressing the voice of farmers, the government should find a solution through talks. In a democracy, everyone has the right to travel anywhere or express their views peacefully. But the BJP government is snatching this right from the farmers," he added.



## Ghaggar river's two stretches identified as polluted: Govt

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Two stretches of the Ghaggar, flowing through Punjab and parts of Haryana, have been identified as polluted, as per the last report published by CPCB in November 2022, the Parliament was informed on Friday. Out of the two polluted stretches of the Ghaggar, one

stretch each is situated in Punjab and Haryana, Minister of State for Jal Shakti Raj Bhusan Choudhary said in a written reply in Lok Sabha. Replying to a question from Kumari Selja of Congress, the MoS said that based on water quality monitoring results of the Ghaggar river for the year 2023.



## Some of biggest NPAs originated between 2006-2008 under Congress rule: BJP's Sanju Verma

**New Delhi, Dec 20 (IANS)** : Some of the biggest NPAs originated between 2006 and 2008 under the UPA rule and the "incompetent Congress" has also been responsible for some of India's biggest Non-Performing Assets, BJP national

spokesperson and economist, Sanju Verma, said on Friday. Verma told IANS that this fact has already been conveyed by Rahul Gandhi's "dear friend and the Congress Party's poster-boy, Raghuram Rajan".

## CBI ready to take over probe into suicide of Kannur ADM; Kerala HC reserves order

**Kochi, Dec 20 (IANS)** : While the CBI has agreed to take over the probe into the suicide case of Kannur Additional District Magistrate, Naveen Babu, the state has strongly opposed it and the

Kerala High Court after hearing the arguments of both sides in detail, reserved its order on Friday. On November 27, the court accepted the petition of Manjusha for a CBI probe into the death of her husband Naveen Babu.



## Ghana sets up transition team to ensure smooth power transfer

**Accra, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Ghana has inaugurated a joint transition team comprising representatives of the outgoing government and incoming administration to facilitate the smooth power transfer. Ghanaian President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and President-elect John Dramani Mahama inaugurated the team at a ceremony in the national capital of Accra, vowing their commitment to the transition process. "As we embark on this transitional process, members of the transition team from both sides should approach this task with the spirit of collaboration, transparency, and mutual respect," Akufo-Addo urged dur-

ing the team's inauguration. For his part, Mahama urged team members to let the spirit of nationalism guide them in their work as they prioritize national unity and the greater good of Ghana, pledging his full cooperation with Akufo-Addo during and beyond the transitional period. The joint transition team will supervise the handing over of government operations and executive authority, Xinhua news agency reported. On Wednesday, Mahama paid a courtesy call on Akufo-Addo at the presidency, during which the two leaders acknowledged each other's roles in the development of democracy in Ghana.



## South Korean Prez defends martial law decree as act of governance, rejects insurrection charges

**Seoul, Dec 20 (IANS) :** South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on Friday defended his botched martial law declaration as an act of governance and denied insurrection charges facing him, while vowing to fight until the last moment against whether it is impeachment or a martial law probe. Yoon defied calls to resign during a public address, as police and prosecutors are widening their investigation into his short-lived martial law declaration last Tuesday, Yonhap news agency reported. Yoon said he used his presidential power to declare martial law "to protect the nation and normalise state affairs" against the Opposition that paralysed the government, calling it a "highly calibrated political judgment."



## South Korea: Top court upholds two-year prison term for minor Oppn leader Cho Kuk

**Seoul, Dec 20 (IANS) :** South Korea's Supreme Court on Friday finalised a two-year prison term for minor party leader Cho Kuk convicted of academic fraud involving his children and unlawful interference with a government inspection. The top court handed down the two-year sentence and asked Cho to forfeit 6 million won (\$4,184), finding the 59-year-old guilty of using his influence to receive academic favours, including university admissions, for his children and interfering with an inspection into a corruption case by using his power as a presidential aide. Cho, who currently

heads the minor Opposition Rebuilding Korea Party, will also lose his parliamentary seat and his right to run in presidential elections for the next five years. Shortly after the sentence was announced, Cho said he "humbly accepts" the court's decision. The Seoul Central District Prosecutors Office ordered him to appear before the prosecution on Friday to begin serving his term. Cho, however, reportedly asked for a postponement citing the need to take care of official duties, including handing over his party leadership position, Yonhap news agency reported. Under prosecution guidelines, a person who has

received a sentence can postpone their appearance before the prosecution by up to three days in the event they need to undergo urgent medical treatment or attend to a family member's death or wedding. Depending on the prosecution's decision, Cho could begin serving his term on Friday but no later than next Friday. Cho, a former law professor at Seoul National University, served as the senior presidential secretary for civil affairs from 2017-19 during the Moon Jae-in presidency. He was appointed as the justice minister in September 2019 before stepping down about a month later amid the scandal.

## Imran Khan and wife Bushra Bibi indicted in Toshakhana case

**Islamabad, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Trouble continues to mount for former Pakistan premier and founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party as he and his wife Bushra Bibi were indicted in the Toshakhana 2.0 case, on Friday. Pakistan's National Account-ability Bureau (NAB) had alleged that the Saudi royal family gifted a Bulgari jewellery set - including a ring, bracelet, necklace and earrings - to Imran Khan's wife during her visit to the kingdom in May 2021 that was illegally retained

by the former first couple instead of submitting it to the government's Toshakhana where all such gifts to government officials are kept. It was the country's Deputy Military Secretary at that time who had informed the special investigation court that the jewellery was retained by Imran Khan's wife. On Thursday, a special court read the charges to Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi - both were present during the hearing - initiating legal proceedings into the case. Khan is currently facing multiple charges and is serving jail term in



Rawalpindi's Adiala jail. However, his wife Bushra Bibi was granted bail in the infamous Iddat case and other cases. NAB maintained that Khan and Bushra Bibi had deliberately undervalued the actual price of the jewelry set. NAB revealed that Bulgari sold

the necklace to a Saudi Arabian franchise on May 25, 2018 for 300,000 Euros and earrings for 80,000 Euros. The total value of the jewelry set was valued in Pakistani currency at Rs 75,661,600. However, according to the investigating agency.



## Russia's navy chief announces upgrade to naval nuclear forces

**Moscow, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Russia has modernized the naval component of the country's strategic nuclear forces, Navy Commander-in-Chief Alexander Moiseyev said on Friday at an international Arctic forum in Saint Petersburg. Moiseyev said that the naval nuclear forces are based in the Arctic and the eastern region of Kamchatka while emphasising that their combat readiness is currently at its highest modernization level. "The presence of this group (of forces), which addresses important global geopolitical tasks, should place responsibility on all participants in this region," the navy

chief noted, Xinhua news agency reported. "It should inevitably heighten the sense of responsibility for everyone without exception, for us, of course... as well as those who seek to escalate tensions in the region," he said, adding that the naval nuclear forces will remain a guarantor of Russia's national security at the global level. Moiseyev further noted that the United States and countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have ramped up their military activity in the Arctic, focusing on training troops in harsh conditions, expanding their naval operations, and boosting aerial and naval reconnaissance.



## 'Maverick diplomacy': Trump invites Xi to inauguration for 'open dialogue'

**New York, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Continuing with his maverick diplomacy, U.S. President-Elect Donald Trump has invited China's President Xi Jinping to his inauguration next month for "open dialogue" with adversaries, his spokesperson Karoline Leavitt said on Friday. The invitation to the leader of China which had been his target during the campaign and

after is in keeping with the unconventional diplomacy that Trump practiced in his first term reaching out to North Korea's dictator Kim Jong Un. Without being specific about Xi, Trump said of the invitations that are being sent out, "Some people said, 'Wow, that's a little risky, isn't it'? And I said, 'Maybe it is. We'll see. We'll see what happens'. But we like to take little chances".

Leavitt said in an interview with Fox News, "This is an example of President Trump creating an open dialogue with leaders of countries that are not just our allies but our adversaries and our competitors too." She added: "He had done this in his first term and he got a lot of criticism for it, but it led to peace around the world."

## Krishnamoorthi urges Senate to grill Marco Rubio on anti-Hindu violence in B'desh

**Washington, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Raja Krishnamoorthi, the Indian-descent Hindu member of the House of Representatives, has urged the US Senate to question Marco Rubio about anti-Hindu violence in Bangladesh at his confirmation hearing for the post of secretary of state. "As targeted violence against Hindus and other minorities continues amid the disorder in Bangladesh, I urge the members of the Senate's Committee on Foreign Relations to address this crisis directly."



## Laos seeks to combat HIV, tuberculosis and malaria

**Vientiane, Dec 20 (IANS) :** Laos has launched a new health project to control the spread of HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, improving healthcare access and training local public health workers. The project aims to prevent the emergence and spread of diseases while ensuring food security and livelihoods, particularly for vulnerable groups in the northern Bokeo province, the country's Ministry of Health said on Friday.

The project also aims to strengthen the capacities and skills of community and public health workers through continuous training and career management plans, Xinhua news agency reported.



## Allu Arjun Reigns Supreme: 2024's Tollywood King!

The world of Telugu cinema in 2024 has been a whirlwind of hits, flops, and blockbusters, much like a suspenseful movie itself. Among all the twists and turns, one hero emerged as the undisputed winner of the year—Allu Arjun. His charisma, un-

matched talent, and the phenomenal success of Pushpa 2: The Rule solidified his dominance in an unpredictable year for Tollywood. At the forefront of this cinematic success, Allu Arjun's Pushpa 2 didn't just rake in monumental numbers; it became a cultural phenomenon.



## Kanchana 4 : The Ghostly Return Starts After Pongal!

Much like a phantom that refuses to remain absent, the Kanchana establishment is coming back to frequent (and engage) us once more! Raghava Lawrence, the man behind the blockbuster Kanchana series known for its special blend of activity, comedy, and horror is all set to begin shooting for Kanchana Portion 4 after Pongal 2025. Fans, who have been enthusiastically anticipating another chapter in this notorious establishment for five long a long time, at long last have a reason to celebrate.

Coordinated, composed, and co-produced by Raghava Lawrence himself, the Kanchana arrangement has been a reliable hit-maker. Whereas the centre introduction remains a delightful mix of chills and giggles, Lawrence keeps fans on their toes by presenting a new cast in each installment. This time, the enormous puzzle is: who will be joining him in this spooky however entertaining wander? In any case of the cast, fans are as of now wagering it'll be another blockbuster ride filled with spooky chokes and bounce alarms.



## Lokesh Kanagaraj's Promo for Mr. Bharat Explodes on Social Media!

In the world of Tamil cinema, Lokesh Kanagaraj is a name that resonates with innovation and daring creativity. Like a toy gun packing real firepower, the announcement of his new project, Mr. Bharat, has captured the imagination of fans and the industry alike. The promo video, released under his production banner G Squad, brims with originality and has set social media abuzz. Lokesh, who has skyrocketed to stardom with films like Leo, continues to redefine Tamil cinema's landscape. While directing the much-anticipated Coolie with Superstar Rajinikanth, he's also juggling his role as a producer. His production house, G Squad, has teamed up with Jagadish Palanichamy and Suthan Sundaram to bring Mr. Bharat to life, with its intriguing toy gun teaser leaving fans speculating about its genre and storyline.

## Bachhala Malli will be an unforgettable experience - Allari Naresh

Allari Naresh for the first time in his career is trying a raw, rustic, rural action entertainer with Bachhala Malli. As a performer, he has a huge name but he has been known for delivering huge comedy blockbusters. Now, he has changed his route and looking to mix all. The actor is very excited about the movie scheduled for 20th December release and he interacted with

media about it. He stated that he accepted the story narrated by director Subbu Mangadevi in the first hearing itself. He also stated that he loved how the director imagined the character by taking real-life examples. He clarified that the movie is not a biopic but will be very realistic giving an unforgettable experience in theatres. Allari Naresh further stated that he changed his body language and tried to not repeat anything he did previously in this character. He further remarked that people will forget they are watching Naresh look at Bachhala Malli after first 5 minutes in the theatres.



## HHVM Breaks : Unexpected But Unavoidable

Under ideal circumstances, the entire shooting of Pawan Kalyan's ongoing period, action film, Hari Hara Veera Mallu must have been wrapped up by now. However, due to the busy political commitments of Pawan Kalyan, he is unable to allocate dates for the film. Pawan Kalyan is currently occupied with the government affairs in Andhra

Pradesh and looking after the deputy chief ministerial duties. In view of this busy schedule, he is unable to locate bulk dates for Hari Hara Veera Mallu. The initial plan was to complete the entire shooting by the third week of December. But due to the unavailability of Pawan Kalyan, the schedule got delayed, and as a result, the completion could take a bit longer than expected. But the good thing here is that there is

not much of shooting left to be done, and whatever portion that is left, could be wrapped up by the end of this month, if Pawan Kalyan allots his dates. Pawan Kalyan is also committed to completing this project at the earliest as he knows full well that it has been in the production phase for a really long time now, and it is unfair on the producer to hold it back further. So he is intending to complete the film as soon as possible.



## Rangasthalam Sequel: Will It Really Happen?

All of India is now cheering up the second part of Pushpa, which is going absolutely bonkers at the global box office and particularly in the domestic Hindi markets. Sukumar has certainly put his name in the pan India conundrum with this film. Now the active discussion on social media is about Sukumar's upcoming film with Ram Charan, which is in early stage stages of production for now. There is an ongoing social media that Sukumar has scripted the sequel for Rangasthalam for his next film with Ram Charan. Apparently, Sukumar is contemplating the sequel for blockbuster Rangasthalam, which already has an enormous premise and the needed substance for a sequel.

This social media report has caught on quite well already, and people are actively debating about the same. However, this is a bleak possibility for the time being and there's no official word on the same thus far. While it is confirmed that Sukumar will be working with Ram Charan for his next film.

## Prashanth Varma Clears The Air On Mokshagna's Debut

There have been a lot of speculations of late that director Prashanth Varma is not going to direct the debut film of Nandamuri Mokshagna. The project was supposed to get announced but it has been pushed to back burner. Now, there are rumors that Nag Ashwin will launch Mokshagna. Meanwhile, Prashanth issued a statement addressing the rumors. "We wish to address the recent speculations surrounding our project with PRASANTH VARMA & MOKSH NANDAMURI.



## Karthi29 Update : Biggest Budget Film of His Life!

Karthi, a powerhouse entertainer, has been on an unfaltering rise within the film industry, much like a thundering waterway carving its way through shake. His later appearance in Meiyazhagan, nearby Arvind Swamy, was nothing brief of a blockbuster, and now he's all set to require gatherings of people on another exciting ride with a slew of energizing up-and-coming movies. From the action-packed Vaa Vaathiyaar to the much-anticipated Sardar 2, Karthi's filmography proceeds to grow, keeping fans on the edge of their seats. Be that as it may, the greatest wave is however to come. Enter Karthi29, his most driven extend to date.



## Megastar Chiranjeevi Finally Changes Track!

Of late, there have been several complaints about the filmography choices made by Mega Star Chiranjeevi. He had been coming up with mediocre stuff in recent times, which is the exact opposite of what fans are expecting from him.