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Going to see vibrant Telangana in coming days : Bhatti

Hyderabad, Dec 23 (NSS): Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said that every one would witness vibrant Telangana with extensive development and welfare programmes in the coming days. The Deputy Chief Minister spoke at the bankers' meeting at Praja Bhavan here on Monday. "The entire nation is going to look at Telangana in wonder. The Telangana government has taken up

the Musi Rejuvenation as a prestigious project. Large scale constructions are being taken up for the Skill, Sports universities and Pharma companies," he said. Bhatti said that the bankers should have plans ready with long term approach with the motto of Telangana Rising. He disclosed that permissions were secured for the construction of Regional Ring Road and tenders will be invited soon. "The bankers

should speed up release of agricultural loans. If loans are not sanctioned to farmers in time, they will not give any benefit. While the target for 2024 Kharif season was Rs 54,480 crore, Rs 44,438 crore were released meeting 81.57 per cent of the target. As there is still one month time for Rabi season loans, the banks should be speeded up," Bhatti said.

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Modi govt provided jobs to 10 lakh youths : Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): In the last one-and-a-half years, almost 10 lakh youths have been given permanent government jobs by the Modi government. Without any political interference, the Central government is conducting the recruitment process transparently in a mission mode, based on candidates' qualifications and talent, said Union Minister Kishan Reddy. He handed over appointment letters to the newly-selected recruits of the Central Government under the 14th Tranche of Rozgar Mela held today.

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TPCC chief lambasts BRS, BJP for politicising Sandhya Theatre incident

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud has criticised leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for exploiting the Sandhya Theatre incident for political gain.

In a media briefing at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, the TPCC President accused both political parties of inciting animosity towards the State government in an attempt to capitalize on the situation.

He highlighted that the State government has permitted special screenings for the film Pushpa-2, featuring Allu Arjun, and emphasized the Congress government's dedication to the growth of the Telugu film industry. **Continued on pg 02**



More co-working facilities needed: Sridhar Babu

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): Hyderabad, a hub for startups, needs more companies to establish plug-and-play co-working desks, said Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

The Minister inaugurated a 400-seat co-working center at MP Grand Complex in Ameerpet on Monday. The facility, set up by entrepreneur Girish Malpani under the brand "Well Work."

Former MLA Narender Reddy gets relief from HC

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): Former MLA of Kodangal in Vikarabad district and BRS leader Patnam Narender Reddy has been granted relief by the High Court. He was granted anticipatory bail by the High Court in a case registered at Bomraspet police station. Narender Reddy, who was arrested in connection with the Lagacharla violent attack case.



Allu Arjun attempts to reach a compromise with State government

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): In light of the incidents that occurred at Sandhya Theatre during the premier of the film Pushpa 2, along with other subsequent matters, film actor Allu Arjun is currently seeking to negotiate a resolution with the State government. To facilitate this effort, he dispatched his uncle, Congress leader Kancharla Chandrasekhar Reddy, to Gandhi Bhavan to engage with party officials. He also attempted to meet with AICC

Telangana in-charge Deepa Das Munshi separately at the party office; however, she indicated her unwillingness to address the issue.

Following Deepa Das Munshi's refusal to discuss the topic, Chandra sekhar Reddy departed from Gandhi Bhavan.



KTR, Harish Rao pay tributes to Bharat Ratna on his vardhanti

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): BRS party working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) today paid rich tributes to economist, statesman, multi-linguist, Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao on his death anniversary. "It is a matter of pride for all of us that former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, who changed the face of India with economic reforms, was born in Telangana. PV, who served as the Prime Minister of the country during this difficult times saved the country from the economic crisis and paved the way for a modern India with his rule," he recalled. He said the BRS government had given due respect to PV Narasimha Rao. He recalled that the KCR government had celebrated the birth centenary celebrations of PV Narasimha Rao in a grand manner.

BJP, BRS parties have same agenda : Congress MP

Hyderabad, Dec.23 (NSS): Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has accused the BRS and BJP of sharing a common agenda, asserting that both parties are attempting to place as much blame as possible on the Congress government in relation to the incident at Sandhya Theatre.

In a media address at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, the Congress MP emphasized that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had explicitly stated there was no animosity toward the film industry.

"The Chief Minister remarked that had Allu Arjun exhibited greater responsibility, the stampede at Sandhya Theatre on December 4 might have been prevented.



Nearly 10 lakh job letters issued under Rozgar Mela since 2022 : PM Modi

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : In the last one and a half years, around 10 lakh permanent government jobs have been offered, setting a remarkable record, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, taking part in the 14th edition of Rozgar Mela. While distributing 71,000 job offers, PM Modi highlighted that such job fairs were part of the government's endeavour to provide employment with complete transparency. So far, 9.25 lakh job letters have been issued in 14 editions of Rozgar Mela. On Monday, the Rozgar Mela was held at 45 locations across the country. The recruitments took place for various ministries and departments of the Central Government. PM Modi launched Rozgar Mela – the recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel -- on October 22, 2022. **Continued on pg 02**

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Noting that bankers were backbone for the economic development of any State, he complimented bankers for playing a key role in the GDP growth. Bhatti observed that while repayment to banks increased, sanction of loans has decreased and this is not normal. The State government has credited Rs 21,000 crore to the banks in a span of two months under loan waiver scheme for farmers. No where in the history of bankers, such a decision was taken by a State government, he pointed out. Congratulating the bankers for exceeding the target in the sanction of term loans, the Deputy Chief Minister said the focus should be paid for the exhibition of mechanised agricultural tools and bankers should be liberal in sanction of loans for purchase of agricultural machinery. Similarly, the banks should give importance for sanction of loans to micro, small, and medium enterprises. These sectors would generate livelihood opportunities on a large scale, aid in production of goods and increase in GDP, he added.



State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Telangana has convened its 43rd Quarterly Review meeting

Hyderabad, Dec 23 (TIM Bureau) : State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Telangana has convened its 43rd Quarterly Review meeting today i.e., on 23.12.2024, at Mahatma Jyothirao Phule Praja Bhavan, Hyderabad to

review the performance of the Banks in Telangana for the quarter ended September 2024. The meeting was attended by: Sri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu garu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Finance & Planning, Energy,

Telangana State, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao garu, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Marketing, Co-operation, and Handlooms & Textiles, Telangana State and Telangana Senior Officials from the line departments of Govt of Telangana, Government of India, executives from Public Sector Banks, Private Sector Banks, RRBs, SFBs, Payments Banks, representatives of various Federations of Agriculture & MSME etc., Sri Rajesh Kumar, CGM, SBI, Hyderabad Circle presented the performance of the banks in Telangana during the quarter September 2024. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & MSME emphasized the need to focus

more on well exceeding the stipulated targets for FY 2024-25 under Agriculture and Allied activities. He further sought the support of Banks in focusing on development of Agricultural Economy. Further he appealed to the Banks to speed up the process of timely disbursement of credit to farming community. Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, while applauding the efforts of Banks in achieving various targets, sought the Banks to be benevolent in focusing more on extending credit to agriculture, weaker sections and SHGs. Further, he conveyed that more and more micro enterprises are to be credit linked, which will bring in significant change

in scenario. From the view point of priority sector lending, he advised the Banks to have more exposure in Priority sector lending with a special focus on Agriculture, Housing and Education loans to weaker sections. He further assured the Banks of all needed support from the State Government, in partnering with social development of the State. He further appealed to all Banks for extending all needed support to another flagship scheme of State Government, Indira Mahila Shakti scheme, for empowerment of SHG women, by extending credit to potential income generating activities.

Nearly 10 lakh job letters issued under Rozgar Mela since 2022 : PM Modi

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The first edition saw the handing over of appointment letters to 75,000 new appointees. Rozgar Mela represents a significant initiative by the Government to enhance employment opportunities for the youth across India. By facilitating direct connections between job seekers and employers, it not only addresses the pressing issue of unemployment but also empowers individuals to contribute to national development.

In the 13th edition of Rozgar Mela held on October 29, PM Modi distributed 51,000 appointment letters. On that occasion, the Prime Minister remarked that the government was creating new opportunities to make it easier for Indian youth to get jobs abroad. Citing the recently released Germany's Skilled Labour Strategy for India, PM Modi informed that Germany had increased the number of visas given to skilled Indian youth every year from 20,000 to

90,000. He added that India's youth will benefit greatly from this. PM Modi also mentioned that India had signed agreements related to migration and employment with 21 countries in recent years, including countries like Japan, Australia, France, Germany, Mauritius, Israel, the UK and Italy, apart from the Gulf countries. A total of 71,000 appointees each were given letters in Rozgar Mela edition number 2, 3, 4 and 5. In the sixth (June 13) and seventh editions (July 22), 70,000 appointment

letters each were distributed by the PM. In the eighth edition of Rozgar Mela, held on August 28, 2023, 51,000 job letters were distributed. A total of 51,000 appointment letters each were distributed in the ninth, 10th and 11th editions of Rozgar Mela held earlier last year. The highest number of 1 lakh appointment letters were distributed in the 12th edition of Rozgar Mela held on February 12. On that occasion, the PM highlighted the Budget announcement of about 1 crore rooftop solar plants and said this scheme will create lakhs of new jobs.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE III JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT: AT HYDERABAD O.S.NO. 1931 OF 2023

Between: M/s. State Bank of India, Having its Regional Office at Hyderabad and one of its Branch is situated at S.R.Nagar Rep., by its Authorised officer. ...Plaintiff

AND Mr. Rathan Palke Sai Kiran S/o. Sadanandam, aged about 28 years, R/o.H.No.4-100, Shivaji Nagar, Mominpet, K.V. Ranga Reddy District - 501 202. ...Defendant

Please take notice that the Petitioner/Plaintiff has filed Money Recovery Suit Proceeding before The Court of the XX Junior Civil Judge: City Civil Courts: At Hyderabad vide O.S. No. 1931 of 2023 against the respondent. The Respondent is Mr. Rathan Palke Sai Kiran Now the matter stand posted on 27-12-2024 at 10:30 a.m for your appearance either in person or through advocate. failing which matter would be decided as per Law.

(BY ORDER OF THE COURT) Sd/- Akella Subba Lakshmi, Advocates Flat No. 202, A.N. Mishra Apartment, Street No. 14, Himayath Nagar, Hyderabad-500029.

Table with 4 columns: Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset, Date of Physical Possession, Reserve Price. Includes details for Mr. Kakkanti Aninappa and others.

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asserting that there should be no doubt regarding this commitment. "I urge the opposition parties to refrain from politicising the incident at Sandhya Theatre. The tragedy of the stampede is indeed distressing, and it should not be escalated into a larger issue," Mr. Goud stated.

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Addressing the Rozgar Mela event held at Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Chandrayangutta, Kishan Reddy said the Central government is taking necessary steps to create a large number of jobs in the private sector by harnessing the entrepreneurial skills of the youth through programs like Startup India and Standup India, moving them from job seekers to job creators. He called on youth to utilize the opportunities provided by the government and become partners in achieving the visionary goals set by Prime Minister Modi towards the goal of building a 'Developed India' by 2047. Kishan Reddy also said India is attaining 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence industry and is emerging as a global manufacturing hub. From the importer, India has become an exporter due to the steps taken by the government in the last few years. In the defence sector, exports were 900 crores in 2014, but now we are exporting nearly 715,000 crores. Our defence products are being exported to nearly 75 countries, which has also significantly increased employment, he added. Push for digital India, reforms in digital transactions and the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) system have brought major changes and have been significant drivers of employment, he said.

He added that in 2014, India had only two mobile companies, but now 99% of mobile phones are manufactured within India. India is providing 4G internet services at the lowest rates in the world after China. 5G technology has become available to common man, creating more opportunities for the youth. Now we have reached the stage of exporting cell phones to about 150 countries, including America, the UK, and Germany.

Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties

Table with 4 columns: Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount, Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset, Date of Physical Possession, Reserve Price. Lists multiple auction items with details.

Mode of Payment: EMD payments are to be made via online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.iflhome.com and pay through the amount towards EMD. copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.

- 1. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.iflhome.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 sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFL-HFL.
6. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.iflhome.com and https://www.ifl.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 can contact the service provider E mail ID:- care@iflhome.com, Support Helpline Numbers@1800 2672 499.
8. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFL-HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@iflhome.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 IFL-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 of any single by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited to EMD and the property will be again put to sale.
12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary 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 IFL-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 amount as mentioned above along with the dated 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: Andhra Pradesh Date: 24-Dec-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFL Home Finance Ltd.

Stressed Asset Management Branch, Hyderabad 3rd Floor, Andhra Bank Building, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad-500004, Mobile No.7032920743, 9982011143 email: ubin0812048@unionbankofindia.bank

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increments are also mentioned hereunder:

Date & Time of E-Auction: 10-01-2025 & From 12.00 Noon to 05.00 PM (with 10 minutes unlimited auto extensions)

1. BORROWER: 1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1. M/s. Kanakadhara Ventures Pvt. Ltd. Represented by liquidator - Mr. Rajesh Chillale, H.No.8-3-1114/1, Keshav Nagar, Srinagar Colony, Hyderabad-500073. 2. Mr. P.Venkatesswara Rao, S/o P.Venkatappaiah H.No.6-2-10, Flat No.402, Temple View Residency, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad-500004. 3. Mr. B.V.Subba Rao, S/o Kollam Setty H.No.11-5-413, Flat No.302, Bhavyas Krishna Residency, Red Hills, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad-500004. 4. Mr. A.Ramesh Babu, S/o A.Ramachandralal Shetty, H.No.3-4-4832, Flat No.402, Sri Venkata Anasuyas Apts., Srinikunj, Barkatpura, Hyderabad-500027. 5. Mr. G.Malliah, S/o Late Buchaiah, H.No.16-2-751/4a/116, Tirumala Hills, Ward 16, Circle 1, Asmangadh, Hyderabad-500036. 6. Mr. N.Anji Reddy, S/o Sanganu Reddy Nalamalapu, H.No.13-1-101/801, Beside E-Seva Moti Nagar, Hyderabad-500018. 7. Mr. K.Suresh Babu, S/o K.Subbayyaraj, Flat No.401, 8-4-369, Kanakadhara Mayfair Residency, Erragadda, Hyderabad-500018. 8. Mr. T.Srinivas, S/o Subrahmanya Sethu, Flat No.301, H.No.8-4-369/3, Kanakadhara Mayfair Residency, Erragadda, Hyderabad-500018. 9. Legal heirs of Late Mr. Ch.Krishna, S/o Chinniahai, 6-3-831/C, Ameerpet, Shanti Nagar, Hyderabad-500038. 10. Mr. B.Prasad Reddy, S/o Lakshminarayana Reddy, 5-1263, Dorasapani Road, Produtur, Cuddapah. 11. Mr. S.Ramesh Babu, S/o Sri Venkatasubbalah, 13-1-101/601, Beside E Seva Moti Nagar, Hyderabad-500018. 12. Mrs. G.Dhanalakshmi, W/o Malliah, 16-2-751/C/4/116, Tirumala Hills, Ward 16, Circle 1, Asmangadh, Hyderabad-500036. 13. Mr. Sushel Kumar Bansal, S/o Sathyanarayan Bansal, 2-3-540/13, 14, DV Colony, Minister Road, Hyderabad-500003. 14. Mr. Ram Nivas Singhal, S/o Shivaji Singhal, 2-3-551/116, DV Colony, Hyderabad-500003. 15. Mrs. P.Naga Lakshmi, W/o Venkateswara Rao, H.No.6-2-10, Flat No.402, Temple View Residency, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad-500006. 16. Mr. Vishnu Agarwal, S/o Late Kishan Agarwal, 1-8-215/30, P.G.Road, Sindhi Colony, Secunderabad-500003. 17. Mrs. B.Haritha Rao, W/o B.V.Subba Rao, H.No.11-5-413, Flat No.302, Bhavyas Krishna Residency, Red Hills, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad-500004. 18. Sri Shyam Sunder Bansal, S/o Sathyanarayana, R/o. H.No.2-3-540/13/14, Devi Colony, Minister Road, Secunderabad-500003. Amount Due: Rs.1,63,81,54,998/- (Rupees One Hundred Sixty Three Crores Eighty One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eight) only as on 30.06.2024 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. (As per demand notice dated 09.07.2014 (UBI)), the outstanding dues Rs.22,64,56,862/- (Rupees Twenty Two Crores Sixty Four Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two) only as on 09.07.2014 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. (As per demand notice dated 09.07.2014 (E-ab), the outstanding dues Rs.15,89,04,395/- (Rupees Fifteen Crores Eighty Nine Lakh Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five) only towards OCC and Rs.24,65,00,000/- (Twenty Four Crores Sixty Five Lakh Only) towards o/s BGs as on 30.09.2014 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon.)

2. BORROWER: M/s Sri Parameswara Poultry Farm Pvt. Ltd. (Under CIRP process) Registered Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Sai Baba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. Guarantors and Mortgagors: 1. Mr. Banda Nageswara Rao, S/o Raghavayya, Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Saibaba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. 2. Mr. Banda Seetharamamma, W/o Nageswara Rao, Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Saibaba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. 3. Mr. Banda Ganesh Babu S/o Nageswara Rao, Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Saibaba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. 4. Mr. Banda Shiva Babu, S/o Nageswara Rao, Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Saibaba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. 5. M/s Sri Parameswara Agro, Address: H.No.18-190/1, Opp: Saibaba Temple, Main Road, Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-509216. Amount Due: Rs.106,80,17,179/- (Rupees One Hundred Six Crores Eighty Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Nine) only as on 30.06.2024 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. (As per demand notice dated 29.01.2018, the outstanding dues is Rs.91,01,25,967.84 (Rupees Ninety-One Crores One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven & Eighty Four Paise) only as on 28.01.2018 with subsequent interest, charges and costs thereon. Description of Property: Property No.1:- Flat No.301, 3rd Floor, H.No.8-3-222/6/3(C-46), 'PEDAPORLU NEST' measuring 1425 Sq.Ft (including Common Areas) together with proportionate share of undivided share of land measuring 46 Sq.Yds out of total land of 400 Sq.Yds premises bearing MCH No.8-3-222/6/3(C-46) situated at Madhuranager, Yellareddyguda, Hyderabad belonging to B.Ganesh Babu, S/o B.Nageswara Rao. Boundaries for Apartment Building: North: H.No.8-3-225/5(C-47), South: H.No.C-45, East: Road, West: H.No.C-41. GPS Coordinates: 17.437151 78.437082, Sale Deed No.3349/2003, SRO Banjara Hill

Reserve Price: Rs.70,73,415/-; EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.80,000/- Property No.2:- Feed Godowns (Dist Poultry shed converted) in Land measuring Ac 1.17 gts in S.No. 209, Farooq Nagar (vill & Mandal), Mahabubnagar District belonging to Mr. B.Nageswara Rao, S/o B.Raghavaiah. Boundaries: North: Sy.No.209 & Way, South: Road, East: Road, West: Sy.No.209. GPS Coordinator: 17.054783 78.202315, Sale Deed No.577/1985, SRO Shadnagar

Reserve Price: Rs.8,43,00,000/-; EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.9,00,000/- Property No.3:- M/s Parameswara theatre Premises No.13-122(13-84/10d) in S.No.180/AA situated in Shadnagar, constructed in 2904 Sq.Yds belonging to Mr. B.Nageswara Rao, S/o B.Raghavaiah. Boundaries: North: Sy.No.180/AA, South: Road, East: Sy.No.180/AA, West: College Road. GPS Coordinates: 17.071239 78.209343, Sale Deed No:715/2011, SRO Farooqnagar

Reserve Price: Rs.14,25,00,000/-; EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price/-; Bid Increment Amount: Rs.14,50,000/- Last date for Submission of EMD: On or before the commencement of E-Auction.

Registration, Login and Bidding Rules visit the following sites: The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website https://banknet.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders/purchasers are required to register through https://banknet.com (Buyer Registration - link provided in the home page of the website) by using their mobile number and valid email-id. The intending bidders/purchasers can be guided by the Buyer Manual provided in the home page of the website • Register on https://banknet.com using mobile number and email ID. • For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit Buyer Manual link provided in the home page of https://banknet.com • For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & email ID support.BANKNET@psballiance.com • Bidders are advised to go through the website: https://www.iflhome.com and https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/ auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx for detailed terms and conditions of Auction Sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-Auction sale proceedings. Successful bidder will be intimated through e-mail by P&B Alliance Pvt. Ltd. after the closing of the e-Bidding Process.

Date & Time of E Auction: 10-01-2025 between 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM (with 10 Minutes unlimited auto extensions). Date: 23-12-2024 Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer SAM Branch Hyderabad, Union Bank of India



Tejashwi Yadav criticises Nitish Kumar on BPSK exam row

Patna, Dec 23 (IANS) : Bihar Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Tejashwi Yadav has criticised the Nitish Kumar-led state government for its inability to conduct examinations without controversies. Referring to the ruckus at an examination centre in Patna during the 70th BPSK prelims, Tejashwi accused the government of gross negligence and incompetence. During a Facebook Live session on Monday, he highlighted the grievances of candidates who reported a significant delay in receiving question papers—some as late as one hour—across multiple centres. “This delay caused immense distress among the candidates. Despite the gravity of the situation, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has re-

mained silent,” Tejashwi Yadav said. He also pointed out the lack of accountability from the Deputy Chief Ministers of the BJP, who have yet to address the issue publicly. The opposition leader called for immediate action and accountability to restore faith in the examination system. Tejashwi Yadav further lambasted the Bihar government, calling the situation a “sheer injustice and fraud” against students. He accused the administration of fostering an environment across the state where no examination can be conducted without controversy, particularly pointing to repeated instances of question paper leaks. Tejashwi claimed that the state government has consistently failed to ensure fair and transparent examinations, even since the 10th BPSK exam. Highlighting the frustration and anger among the youth, the Leader of the Opposition emphasised that the government’s failure to address these grievances shows its complete disregard for the aspirations and rights of the students. Tejashwi said that this growing dissatisfaction among the youth will soon translate into action, as they prepare to “show the mirror to the government in the next election” and demand accountability for these repeated failures.

Rajasthan Police issues advisory on cyber fraud ahead of festive season

Jaipur, Dec 23 (IANS) : Rajasthan Police on Monday issued an advisory to alert residents about potential cyber frauds ahead of the festive season - Christmas and New Year. The advisory warns against scams involving congratulatory messages, gift links, and fake updates related to PAN cards. Director General of Police (Cyber Crime), Hemant Priyadarshi, emphasised that public awareness is crucial in preventing

cybercrimes. He noted that fraudsters often exploit occasions like Christmas and New Year by sharing malicious links on platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram, Telegram, and Facebook. “These links may claim to offer gifts or facilitate the upgrade of PAN cards, but they are designed to defraud unsuspecting



users,” said DGP Priyadarshi. DGP Priyadarshi further highlighted that clicking on these links could expose devices to malware, putting personal and financial information at risk.

V-P Dhankar discriminated against opposition MPs: Congress leader Digvijay Singh

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Veteran Congress leader Digvijay Singh on Monday accused the country's Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar of discriminating against opposition MPs. In an interview with IANS, Digvijay Singh who is also the Rajya Sabha MP, spoke on a range of issues like EVMs, Waqf Amendment Bill, PM Modi's Puja ahead of Maha Kumbh and many other issues. Opposition has brought a no-confidence motion against the country's Vice President, who is the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. How do you see this? Digvijay Singh: This is not happening for the first time, the opposition has been constantly feeling that the chairman does not listen to the opposition's appeals. Earlier he was in our party (Rajasthan Congress MLA from -1993-98).



For some time now, he has been constantly not giving the opposition an opportunity to speak. In this session, we demanded a discussion on some issues because this was the first time when a charge sheet was presented against an Indian business family in the US and we wanted to discuss it, but he refused it. He kept refusing, then the opposition also demanded discussion under Rajya Sabha Rule 267 (under this rule, with the consent of the chairman).



Engineer's assault case: SC grants bail to former MLA Girraj Singh Malinga

Jaipur, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to BJP leader and former MLA Girraj Singh Malinga, who has been accused of assaulting an engineer with the state's electricity department. A bench of Justice MM Sundaresh and Justice Arvind Kumar has asked the trial court to decide the conditions of bail.

Odisha: Husband & brother-in-law held for murdering pregnant wife

Bhubaneswar, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Rourkela Police in Odisha on Monday arrested a man and his brother-in-law, an Assistant Sub Inspector of Police, for hatching a plot to kill the pregnant wife at Jhirdapali village in Sundargarh district. The accused persons were

identified as Deben Kumar Behera (35), of Jhirdapali village under the Tikayatpali police limits and Satya Narayan Behera (48), of Gopinathpur village in Ghusura Police Station of Sundargarh district. The accused husband Deben Kumar is a local Panchayat Extension Officer (PEO).



Mizoram : African Swine Fever causes killing & culling of over 39,200 pigs

Aizawl, Dec 23 (IANS) : Over 15,000 pigs were killed and over 24,200 pigs culled as the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) continued in Mizoram since February 9 this year, officials said on Monday.



BANK OF BARODA
DHARMARAM BRANCH: H.No.5, Dichpally Mandal, 1/1, Dharmaram (B), Telangana-503230

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 10.01.2025 (date) failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at 11.00 A.M./P.M. on 10.01.2025 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

Sr.No.	Date of Loan/Account Number	Name and Address of the Borrower
1	15-06-2023	65840600003819 Mr. Keerthi Narsaiah S/o. Narayana, H.No. 6 105 Dharmaram, Dichpally, Nizamabad, Telangana-503301
2	08-05-2024	65840600005440 Mr. Mohammed Akhtar Ahmed S/o. Late Mohammed Ahmed, H.No. 6-12/32 Dharmaram B, Dichpally Mandal, Nizamabad Telangana-503230.

Date: 24-12-2024 Sd/- Branch Manager, Bank of Baroda, Dharmaram Branch

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Manchirala Raghavulu S/o. Manchirala Bhoomaiah, H.No:1-7-33, JPN Road, Near Gunj, Dist:Kamareddy, Pincode-503111. 2) Manchirala Raghavulu S/o. Manchirala Bhoomaiah, H.No:1-7-33, JPN Road, Near Gunj, Dist: Kamareddy, Pincode:503111. 3) Manchirala Bhagya Rekha W/o. Bhasker, H.No:1-7-10009/10, Santhosh Nagar, Dist: Hanumakonda, Pincode:506011.	Rs. 8503642/- (Eighty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Six Hundred And Forty Two Rupees only)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: KMRD2F1701270006-Description of the Immovable Property (Property Holder Name is Manchirala Raghavulu S/o. Manchirala Bhoomaiah Mortgage deed dated 31.01.2017 Registered as Document No. 248/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Domakonda): Schedule of Immovable Property: Manchirala Raghavulu S/o. Manchirala Bhoomaiah the Existing RCC House Bearing G.P.No.6-88/A, Admeasuring to an Extent of 1174.83 Sq.Yards, Out of Sy.No.268/5, Situated At Machareddy Village & Mandal, Kamareddy District, Registration District: Kamareddy, Sub-District: Machareddy. Boundaries: Towards East: 100.0 Feet Wide Karimnagar Road, Towards West: Open Land of Pentaliah & Bhoodiaiah, Towards North: Open Land of Fakeera Nayak, Towards South: 25.0 Feet Wide Road.

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

Place: Kamareddy, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Date: 23-12-2024 Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Vemula Poultry Tradres Rep. By Its Partners. 1)Vemula Sathish, 2)Vemula Hemavathi, 3)Bhuthagadda Murali, H.No: 7-3-225, Ganesh Nagar, Godavari Khani, Peddapalli Dist, Pincode: 505209. 2) Azmathunnisa W/o. Mohammed Babar Shah Khan, Age:70 Years, Occ: House Wife, H.No:6-3-305, Durgammagadda, Karimnagar, Pincode:505001. 2) Vemula Sathish S/o. Sammaiah, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Managing Director (Vemulas Poultry Tradres), H.No:6-82, Subhash Nagar, Manthani, Karim Nagar, Pincode:505184. And Also: At Vemula Sathish S/o. Sammaiah, Age:37 Years, Open Plot at Rangampalli Revenue Village, Peddapally Municipality, Dist:Karimnagar, Pincode: 505172., 3) Vemula Hemavathi W/o. Sathish, Age:41 Years, Occ:Partner(Vemulas Poultry Tradres), H.No:6-82, Subhash Nagar, Manthani, Karimnagar, Pincode:505184., 4) Bhuthagadda Murali S/o. Rajeshm, Age:31 Years, Occ:Partner (Vemulas Poultry Tradres), H.No:7-3-225, Ganesh Nagar, Godavari Khani, Peddapalli Dist, Pincode: 505209., 5) Subedari Vamshi Krishna S/o. Manohar, Age:41 Years, Occ: Granite Business, H.No:8-5-313, Laxmi Nagar, Manthani, Karimnagar, Pincode:505184.	Rs.1,77,26,073/- (One Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Sixty Three Rupees only)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: GDVRFK2211050001 - Description of The Immovable Property (Property holder Name is VEMULA SATHISH, Mortgage deed dated 07.11.2022 Registered as Document No 8267/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Peddapalli). Schedule of Immovable Property:- All that the part and parcel of open Plot in Sy.No. 224/E, admeasuring to an extent of 1893.00 Sq.Yards or Equal to 2023.4 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Near H.No.2-7-7/2 Gambhirapet to Lingannapet Road Locality of Gambhirapet Village Gambhirapet Mandal, Rajanna Siricilla (Dist), within the limits of Gram Panchayat Gambhirapet, Regn. Sub Dist Siricilla, Regn.Dist Karimnagar (Subject Matter to the Regd.Sale Deed No.268/1990 Dt. 12.03.1990 Sub Registrar, Siricilla). Boundaries: Towards East: Land of Katakam Mruthyunjyam, Towards West: Function Hall, Towards North: Land of Katakam Mruthyunjyam, Towards South: R & B Road.

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

Place: Peddapalli, Date: 23-12-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Katakam Brundadevi W/o. Mruthyunjyam, H.No:3-2-87, Near Ambedkar Road, Gambhirapet, Dist:Karimnagar, Pincode:505304, 2) Katakam Mruthyunjyam S/o. Venkatesham, H.No:3-2-87, Near Ambedkar Road, Gambhirapet, Dist: Karimnagar, Pincode:505304, 3) Manchala Radhakrishna Murthy S/o. Venkatesham Manchala, H.No:5-5-25, Vivekanada Colony, Dist: Kamareddy, Pincode:503111.	Rs. 4642345/- (Forty Six Lakhs Fourty Two Thousand Three Hundred And Fourty Five Rupees only)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: KMRD2F2312280015 - Description of The Immovable Property (Property holder Name is Katakam Brundadevi W/o. Mruthyunjyam Mortgage deed dated 29.12.2023 Registered as Document No 10785/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Siricilla): Schedule Of Immovable Property: All that the Open Place Comprised under Sy.No.246, Admeasuring 2420.00 Sq.Yds or Equal to 2023.4 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Near H.No.2-7-7/2 Gambhirapet to Lingannapet Road Locality of Gambhirapet Village Gambhirapet Mandal, Rajanna Siricilla (Dist), within the limits of Gram Panchayat Gambhirapet, Regn. Sub Dist Siricilla, Regn.Dist Karimnagar (Subject Matter to the Regd.Sale Deed No.268/1990 Dt. 12.03.1990 Sub Registrar, Siricilla). Boundaries: Towards East: Land of Katakam Mruthyunjyam, Towards West: Function Hall, Towards North: Land of Katakam Mruthyunjyam, Towards South: R & B Road.

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Place: Siricilla, Date: 23-12-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Chodavarapu Sampath Kumar S/o. Chodavarapu Nageshwara Rao, H.No:4-5/9C, Mahammad Nagar, Vill:Gunkul, Mdt:Nizamsagar, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503302, 2) Chodavarapu Sri Aamani W/o. Chodavarapu Sampath Kumar, H.No:4-5/9C, Mahammad Nagar, Vill: Gunkul, Mdt, Nizamsagar, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503302, 3.Mallaiah Gari Nares Reddy S/o. Mallaiah Gari Narayana Reddy, H.No:4-91, Mahammad Nagar, Vill:Gunkul, Mdt: Nizamsagar, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503302.	Rs.30,75,333/- (Thirty Lakhs Seventy five Thousand Three Hundred And Thirty Three Rupees only)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: BODHNTF2212220006-Description of the Immovable Property (Property Holder Name is Chodavarapu Sampath Kumar S/o. Chodavarapu Nageshwara Rao Mortgage deed dated 24.12.2022 Registered as Document No. 3240/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Banswada): Schedule Of Immovable Property: All that the Existing RCC Roofed House Bearing GP No.4-5/9E with Assessment No.485 Admeasuring Eastern Side 45 Feet Western Side 45.0fts, Northern Side 32.00 Fts. Southern Side 32.00fts Total Plot Area 160.00 Sq.Yds or Say 133.77 Sq.Mtrs. RCC Plinth Area 900.00fts Situated At Mohammed Nagar Village of Nizamsagar Mandal, Kamareddy District within the limits of Gram Panchayat Mohammed Nagar Regn.Sub Dist Banswada And Regn.Dist Nizamabad (Subject Matter of the Regd.Gift Settlement Deed Doct No.2649/2022 Dt.28.10.2022 SRO Banswada. Boundaries: Towards East: Open Land of M. Devasahayam, Towards West: Plot of L.Vijay Kumar, Towards North: G.P. Road, Towards South: G.P. Road.

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Place: Banswada, Date: 23-12-2024 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

OPINIONmail



ALTERNATIVE GLOBAL CURRENCY REPLACING U.S. DOLLAR IS STILL FAR AWAY

Liberal opinion holds that the international monetary and financial system is a device for promoting the interests of all participating countries by providing a convenient payments arrangement within which trade can be carried on. The reality however is altogether different: the international system is founded upon the hegemony of western imperialism, and in turn sustains this hegemony. Since the US dollar is the lynchpin of this international system, one can say that the hegemony of the dollar in the international economy is both sustained by and in turn sustains, the hegemony of western imperialism; and this hegemony even comes in the way of mutually convenient trade between participating countries. An example will make this point clear. Suppose country 1 requires commodity X which country 2 has, and country 2 in turn requires commodity Y that country 1 has. They do not, under the current system, simply exchange these two commodities among themselves. Each of them must get hold of dollars first before buying the other's commodity. And unless each of them has sufficient dollar reserves to start with, this trade would simply not occur. In other words, the dollar being the medium of circulation in international transactions, a shortage of dollars in the hands of some countries would hold up even their mutual transactions.

This is especially true of trade between third world countries, which remains constricted because each of them is afflicted by a paucity of dollars. They could expand their mutual trade if they could trade in their own currencies, that is, "de-dollarise". The term "de-dollarisation" refers to reduced reliance on the US dollar as a medium of circulation, unit of account, or form of holding reserves for international transactions. De-dollarisation, however, is naturally opposed by the US, for, its currency being crucial in the world economy, and generally considered to be "as good as gold", gives the US an immense advantage, as if it is sitting on a free and inexhaustible goldmine. It can buy up resources from other countries, it can take over their enterprises, it can invest as much as it likes abroad, and finance its own current account deficits; all this it can do simply by printing more dollars. But in addition to these obvious advantages, of having access to unlimited amounts of international purchasing power of assured value, the US also can use this role of the dollar to arm-twist countries into accepting its hegemony. It can make dollars available to a country that it favours; alternatively, it can impound the dollar reserves of particular countries that it wishes to punish, for such reserves are typically held in western banks. Indeed it has meted out such punishment to numerous countries ranging from Iran to Russia. The tendency towards de-dollarisation which is generally favoured by third countries that are typically crippled by a shortage of dollars, has acquired a great fillip of late, because of the frequency of such impounding in recent years.

If as many as one-third of the countries of the world have been subjected to unilateral western sanctions, that is sanctions that do not have the support of the United Nations and hence not imposed in defence of some principle, as the anti-apartheid sanctions against South Africa were, then it is natural that there would be a strong desire among countries of the global south, and countries that have been so targeted, to de-dollarise. This desire found expression recently at the Kazan summit of the BRICS countries. The role of western sanctions spearheaded by the US in strengthening the desire to de-dollarise, has been recognised within the US administration itself. The US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, speaking with the House Financial Services Committee in July, said that US economic sanctions had led to BRICS trying to embark on dedollarisation. She admitted: "The more sanctions the US imposes, the more countries (BRICS) will seek financial transaction methods that do not involve the US dollar." Implicit in Yellen's remark was the admission that the US uses the hegemony of the dollar to browbeat countries into toeing its line.

(By Prabhat Patnaik)

EDITORIAL
the indian mail

US: Texas sues DuPont, 3M over toxic 'forever chemicals' in consumer products

Texas, the second-largest US state, is suing companies including DuPont and 3M, charging them of having made products containing toxic "forever chemicals" commonly known as per-and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) and falsely advertising over their safety. DuPont's Teflon and 3M's Scotchgard were among products sold to Texans and concealing "substantial risks from consumers and the State," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in the lawsuit. "Defendants marketed products containing harmful PFAS chemicals for

over 70 years and were aware of the harmful effects of PFAS chemicals for over 50 years," the lawsuit said. Texas has found PFAS contamination in some drinking water systems, reports Xinhua, citing the Texas Tribune, noting that nearly 50 public water systems across the state have reported exceeding the US Environmental Protection Agency's newly released PFAS limits for drinking water. According to a report by The Hill, several states have already filed lawsuits over the chemicals. Some of these suits have alleged false advertising, while others have sought compensation for alleged contamination.



In 2022, 3M reportedly announced plans to exit PFAS manufacturing by 2025 in response to growing environmental and legal pressures. According to The Hill report, DuPont spun off its division that makes PFAS-containing products in 2015. PFAS, or per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances, is the name of a family of

manmade chemicals widely used in a range of consumer products. Known as "forever chemicals" because of their persistence in the human body and environment for long periods, PFAS refers to a group of over 10,000 synthetic chemicals that are used in products, including food packaging, cosmetics.

RIVAL ROMANIAN PARTIES FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT TO SHUT OUT THE FAR RIGHT

The East European nation Romania is in a big political turmoil following the postponement of the final round of the Presidential elections and also the holding of the national elections on December 1. Rival political parties in Romania agreed on December 12 to form a majority government made up of groupings that were traditionally on opposite sides. The move shuts out far-right nationalists who made significant gains in the national elections on December 1. The Social Democratic Party (PSD), which topped the poll, reached agreement late on Tuesday to form a grand coalition with the right-wing National Liberal Party (PNL).

ISRAEL SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE SYRIA AS A THEATRE FOR ITS POWER GAME

The rapid advance of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and other armed factions led to the fall of Bashar al-Assad's government in Syria. With this, the US has succeeded in toppling the last of the secular regimes in West Asia. US military interventions resulted not only in the fall of secular regimes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and now Syria in the West Asia-North African region, but also created deep sectarian fissures in the region. The destruction unleashed by the US and the Frankenstein religious fundamentalist/extremist groups it helped create, is threatening peace and stability everywhere. Syria was divided into three

zones after the civil war, which started in 2011. Assad's government was in control of only 65 per cent of the land. It was supported by Russia and Iran, which helped the government control the land and also repel attacks from militant groups. The second zone of 25 per cent land is controlled by Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), with the backing of the US. The rest of the region, particularly the North-Western regions are controlled by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), which is an off-shoot of the al-Qaeda and al-Nusra front. HTS declared itself as a separate entity in 2016 and has emerged as a dominant militant group. It is based in Idlib. Though declared a terrorist organisation by US, Russia and Turkey, it enjoyed covert



backing from countries that were against Assad. Basing itself in Idlib, the HTS actively worked to regroup its forces in the past one year and launched the attack. Its attack received a fillip from a parallel attack that was led by another militant group, the Syrian National Army (SNA) backed by Turkey, which is based in the areas north of Aleppo. Iran and Russia, two main supporters of the Syrian government are bogged down by the conflicts in their neighbourhoods. Hezbollah, which played an important role in defence of the Syrian government is involved in the war against Israeli aggression.



CHINA'S DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY FORCES IN MYANMAR POSES A CHALLENGE TO INDIA ALSO

The recent news of China deploying private security companies to protect its infrastructure and other projects in Myanmar is alarming. Myanmar has been embroiled in a civil war since the 2021 coup, creating a politically volatile environment. The entry of Chinese nationals as security guards represents a significant escalation. It suggests that traditional diplomatic channels have failed to provide adequate security assurances to Chinese investors and the government. This deployment of private security personnel introduces a new and complex dimension to the ongoing crisis in Myanmar. As the international community closely monitors the situation, this development will undoubtedly

draw further attention. It adds another layer of complexity to an already volatile and unstable region. The deployment of troops or security personnel to a country experiencing ethnic violence and conflict is a complex and risky endeavour. India's historical involvement in Sri Lanka during the Tamil Tiger insurgency serves as a cautionary tale. Despite the intention to help, India's military intervention resulted in significant casualties and ultimately failed to achieve its objectives. Given this context, China's decision to deploy security forces to Myanmar, a country largely controlled by rebel groups, is highly concerning. Such a move could further escalate tensions and potentially lead to unintended consequences. While many countries

have invested in infrastructure and businesses in Myanmar, the 2021 coup has led to a significant withdrawal of foreign investment. Many companies have ceased operations and closed down their businesses due to the deteriorating political and security situation. China, as a close neighbour with substantial investments in Myanmar, is particularly concerned about the impact of the conflict on its interests. The inability to conduct business and contain the damage to infrastructure projects have forced China to consider alternative solutions, including the deployment of private security forces. However, if other countries with significant investments in Myanmar, such as Japan, South Korea, Russia,

UNREDEEMING TALE OF POLITICAL BIAS AGAINST KERALA

There is absolutely no let-up in the Union Government's attempts to deny funds Kerala is entitled to despite judicial raps. The latest instance relates to the Centre's denial of funds meant for the education of differently abled. It is yet to release two instalments amounting to Rs 781 crore. This is said to be 'punishment' for Kerala's refusal to sign the PM Sree project. To the many letters sent to the Union Government in this regard, the standard reply is: when will you sign the PM Sree project? West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have also been denied the funds on the same grounds. The union Government's delaying tactics have elicited strong opposition from both teachers and students' organisations. This year, the Union Government is supposed to release Rs 885 crore for the project. In the absence of timely availability of funds, projects meant to help the differently abled students could not be implemented.

Italy's Deputy PM, Defence Minister to visit India early next year : Italian Ambassador

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Italy's Deputy Prime Minister Antonio Tajani and Defence Minister Guido Crosetto are scheduled to visit India early next year as both countries continue to unlock the unparalleled potential of strategic partnership driven by a shared vision outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian PM Giorgia Meloni who have held five meetings over the last two years. In an exclusive interview with IANS, Italian Ambassador to India Antonio Bartoli revealed that the Italy-India Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-2029 unveiled by the both leaders during their discussions held on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro last month, has infused further momentum and depth in the bilateral agenda. "Defence and space are top on the agenda of the Joint Strategic Action Plan. It means that we are assuring an ever-increasing presence in the Indo-Pacific region," Bartoli told

IANS while confirming the visits of Italian Deputy PM and Defence Minister, early next year. Both countries have been working extensively on the possibilities of joint development, including fostering the interaction of the Indian start-ups with the Italian defence companies, since the visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to Rome last year during which he held detailed discussions with Crosetto on a range of defence cooperation issues, including training, sharing of information, maritime exercises and maritime security. In October, India welcomed Italian aircraft carrier ITS Cavour and frigate ITS Alpino on their first Indo-Pacific deployment - a visit that Rome underlined was a testimony to the importance Italy attaches to the Indo-Pacific and the will to work closer with India. "The idea of 'Make in India' applies also to the defence sector, so our defence industries are eager and ready to move some productions here and develop co-design and co-production projects with the industry of India. The next step

is to identify this area and proceed," the Italian Ambassador told IANS. The Joint Strategic Action Plan mentions interactions between respective Armed Forces in the framework of Italy's growing interest in the Indo-Pacific region, aimed at increasing interoperability and cooperation, including negotiations of any useful arrangement supporting such interactions. It also lists exploring avenues of enhanced partnerships and dialogue among public and private stakeholders.



WFP secures \$118 million to help displaced families in Africa

Nairobi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) said on Monday that it has secured \$118 million to provide life-saving assistance to over 1 million displaced people in Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, the Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. Laurent Bukera, the WFP's regional director for eastern Africa, said the number of displaced people in the region has doubled over the past four years to 26.5 million in 2024, up from 13.2 million in 2020. People who have lost their homes and livelihoods represent a significant portion of those the WFP aims to reach across eastern Africa, re-

ports Xinhua news agency, quoting Laurent Bukera. "This funding is critical to ensure we can maintain support for these vulnerable displaced people, many of whom rely almost entirely on humanitarian assistance to survive," Bukera said in a statement issued in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. The food programme organisation said the increased displacement is largely due to conflict, with the war in Sudan forcing record numbers of people from their homes, as well as extreme weather events such as the 2020-2023 Horn of Africa drought. According to the WFP data, the growth in the number of displaced people in recent years has not been matched by a growth

in resources, forcing the WFP to make difficult decisions about who receives food assistance and how much. Additionally, the WFP called for timely contributions to enable it to provide cash transfers and in-kind food assistance to over 1 million displaced people, including refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, internally displaced persons, and some food-insecure host communities. "None of the displaced people that WFP supports in Burundi, Djibouti, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, or Uganda are receiving a full ration (equivalent to 2,100 kilocalories) due to funding pressures," the WFP said.

Sweden to join NATO brigade in Latvia

Riga, Dec 23 (IANS) : Swedish lawmakers approved the country's long-term participa-

tion in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)'s multinational brigade in Latvia, accord-

ing to information from the Latvian Defense Ministry. Sweden plans to deploy a mechanised infantry battalion of up to 600 personnel to join the multinational unit in Latvia. The

Swedish troops are scheduled to arrive at the beginning of 2025, marking Sweden's first deployment to another allied country since its accession to NATO in

March 2024. Upon joining the alliance, Sweden declared its intention to contribute a combat battalion to the NATO multinational brigade in Latvia.



South Korea: Nationwide rallies for Yoon's impeachment held day before vote

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS) : Nationwide rallies took place Monday, a day before South Korea's National Assembly votes on a second motion to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol over a botched martial law attempt. Civic groups organised the candlelight vigil in front of the National Assembly in western Seoul, while smaller groups gathered in other parts of the country to continue their demonstrations calling for Yoon's removal from office, reports Yonhap news agency. "Oust him," read one picket sign, while another called to "Disperse the People Power

Party," referring to the ruling party. The rallies featured a cultural festival-like atmosphere, with booths offering warm beverages to help attendees endure the cold. A second motion to impeach South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol over his botched martial law declaration has been reported to the National Assembly on Friday, with the nation reeling from Yoon's December 3 invocation of martial law that triggered unprecedented political turmoil. Yoon has remained defiant, saying on Thursday that declaring martial law was "within the realm of executive authority, which is not subject to judicial review" and he would fight "until



the last moment." The main opposition Democratic Party (DP) and other opposition parties had originally planned to begin voting on the motion as of 5 p.m. on Saturday, but the office of National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik brought forward the timing to 4 p.m. DP leader Lee Jae-myung urged ruling party lawmakers to vote in favour of the motion, stressing that impeachment is the

"fastest and surest way to end this chaos." If the motion is passed, the Constitutional Court will decide whether to reinstate or remove Yoon from office. If upheld by the court, Yoon would be the second president in South Korea's history to be removed from office through impeachment after former President Park Geun-hye in 2017. The country remains deeply unsettled following Yoon's declaration of martial law on December 3, which was swiftly overturned by the National Assembly.

ATMIS lauds Somalia, Ethiopia deal to end bitter dispute

Mogadishu, Dec 23 (IANS) : The African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) has welcomed an agreement signed between Ethiopia and Somalia to end their bitter dispute over Addis Ababa's plans to build a port in Somaliland, a region of Somalia. Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia and Head of ATMIS Mohamed El-Amine Souef described the deal, inked in Ankara, the capital of Turkey, as an exemplary act of leadership that is crucial in advancing regional peace, security and stability, reports Xinhua news agency "ATMIS remains fully

committed to supporting Somalia's state-building and security transition, in line with the aspirations of the Somali people and the African Union's vision for a stable and prosperous Africa," Souef said in a statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, Monday evening. He urged the two parties to implement the agreed measures and further consolidate mutual trust and cooperation. Earlier, African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat also welcomed a recent agreement signed between the leaders of Ethiopia.



45 killed, 28 injured in paramilitary forces attacks: Sudanese army

Khartoum, Dec 23 (IANS) : At least 45 civilians were killed and 28 others injured in an artillery shelling by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on residential neighbourhoods and dis-

placement camps in western Sudan, the Sudanese army said on Monday. "Neighbourhoods and camps in El Fasher city witnessed a significant massacre yesterday, as a result of deliberate shelling by the rebel militia, killing 45 citizens, including children and women.

CSB Bank PUBLIC NOTICE ON AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS						
The borrower/s in specific and interested bidders in general, are hereby informed that on account of non-repayment of the Banks due by the borrower/s under despite the payment notice and recall/auction notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrower/s for the loan availed by them will be sold in public auction on "as is where is" and "non-recourse" basis through e-auction portal https://gold.samli.in on 6 th January 2025 at 10.30 AM. The auction may be adjourned to any other later date at the discretion of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank's notice board. The borrower/s are hereby further informed that the gold ornaments will be disposed of by private sale if the public auction is not successful and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower/s for recovery of the balance amounts due to the bank. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.						
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3	Shaik Pseeru	4730336	003	2,98,531.36	55.80	
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5	Salapu Ram Prasad	7547543	001	1,09,763.18	19.50	
6	Puttepu Suryakantham	7844146	001	1,39,706.93	24.90	
7	Pallei Jagapathrao	7933226	001	2,22,101.30	39.80	
8	Pragada Hymavathi	7944867	002	2,53,734.05	48.00	
9	Korbilli Pradeep Kumar	7950269	001	5,28,621.60	94.60	
10	Maddala Satyavathi	7952395	001	2,92,971.48	52.60	
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11	Budha Padma	4731229	003	3,02,015.89	54.98	
12	Mangalagiri Venkati	4750277	003	11,72,882.13	207.20	
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17	Thiramma Reddy Kumari	4881581	001	1,15,866.34	22.60	
18	Tumarada Satyam Narayana	4887458	003	1,49,322.15	28.09	
19	Buddha Srikanth	7937693	003	2,95,794.39	52.73	
20	Sankili Sudheer	7871599	002	1,75,671.83	31.54	
21	Puram Satyavathi	7901639	001	61,137.09	11.52	
22	Lingala Krishna	7939973	002	4,29,053.71	79.99	
NARASAPUR						
23	Manne Ganesh	4576839	003	5,82,236.19	107.60	
24	Gubbla Nagaraju	4588923	003	4,08,165.01	72.20	
25	Kothapalli Krishna Sai	4716746	002	86,656.75	15.90	
26	Balla Sai Mani Kanta	4716766	002	31,074.70	5.50	
27	Kopperreddy Naveen Sai	4750866	001	85,490.68	16.00	
28	Nallagachu Venkata Durgarao	4752443	001	57,697.08	10.80	
29	Velli Satya Bala Durga Kumar	4788597	002	1,79,653.95	32.80	
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31	Bakuni Naga Devi	4889226	002	70,171.88	13.90	
32	Bhupathiraju Sunny Kumar Varma	4871499	001	41,099.66	7.70	
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34	Gudla Naresh	4888662	003	4,85,869.38	89.30	
35	Basvani Madhu Babu	4888466	001	48,672.77	8.60	
36	Kota Narasimha Rao	4889886	001	2,19,346.61	39.10	
37	Kottu Badari Venkat Lakshminarayana	7657206	002	2,61,271.46	49.00	
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39	Maddala Venkata Peddi Rao	7736967	004	8,55,203.81	153.60	
40	Pati Aswini	7802398	004	10,67,986.55	188.50	
41	Gurajapu Chandr. Jyothi	7847525	005	3,23,901.32	234.80	
42	Shaik Jareena Bhanu	7949329	002	5,23,808.94	92.40	
JUVVALALEM						
43	Vallabhuni Nani Babu	4708700	001	84,566.16	15.00	
44	Parasa Samarajyam	4714835	001	1,09,807.01	19.70	
45	Kunapa Reddy Siva Nagini	7725902	001	3,01,799.24	56.40	
GAJAPATHINAGARAM						
46	Miriyala Parvathi	4692580	001	34,166.34	7.10	
47	Thammireni Surya Kiran	4713348	001	17,434.64	4.20	
48	Bandaru Sanyasirao	4745098	002	40,845.25	8.90	
49	Mallavarapu Laxmi	4889215	001	1,09,882.36	22.50	
50	Jammu Sankararao	7777307	002	3,03,740.18	59.20	
NELIMARLA						
51	Kanakam Shekhar	4750741	004	2,52,541.67	47.32	
52	Nanda Lakshmi	4874263	003	2,95,042.34	52.70	
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54	Kantubuktha Madhusudhana Rao	4879603	004	5,56,160.27	109.45	
55	Kurminelli Madhubab	4884200	001	2,14,808.03	38.50	
56	Podugu Venkatarao	4885238	001	88,085.37	21.43	
57	Golajana Srinivasarao	4897642	004	37,422.79	7.50	
58	Karajika Ramudu	4897698	001	87,918.63	17.50	
59	Kadupulla Ramadevi	4897914	001	97,798.44	17.50	
60	Dhudi Rambabu	4899918	002	1,26,602.98	23.70	
61	Dodeja Rohit Kumar	7617082	002	1,15,326.11	21.70	
62	Dakshina Murthy Boora	7856118	001	65,592.87	12.40	
VEERAVASARAM						
63	Kamisetty Prakasha Rao	4709514	001	39,016.09	8.10	
64	Tholapu Venkata Rama Rao	4713966	002	2,67,298.83	59.02	
65	Shaik Mabhi Subhani	4720494	001	14,241.61	3.60	
66	Pinnapareddy Nagendra	4783096	005	6,32,787.15	115.48	
67	Bokka Kiran Kumar	4881294	001	1,71,208.00	32.24	
68	Korada Rohit Varma	4858942	004	7,23,650.10	132.40	
69	Tunmagunta Ramarao	4858783	001	27,517.04	5.50	
MADDI						
70	Korada Rohit Varma	4858942	002	1,61,881.00	29.20	
PENDURTHI						
71	Illapu Vinay	4822885	001	16,434.89	3.30	
72	Maddala Venkata Satya Srinivas Rao	4890106	003	5,67,033.15	98.00	
73	Kandakuti Ramana Reddy	7369890	002	7,81,742.33	151.50	
74	Silla Srinivasa Rao	7639291	004	12,85,913.51	229.70	
75	Kurmapu Manoj Prudhvi	7950881	001	88,536.48	6.90	



Sikkim CM takes stock of preparedness of 'Maghey Mela'

Gangtok, Dec 23 (IANS) : Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang chaired a meeting for the celebration of the upcoming Jorethang Makar Sankranti Maghey Mela at Community Hall Jorethang in the Namchi district on Monday, officials said. The Chief Minister in his speech emphasised the need to elevate the Makar Sankranti Maghey Mela to a new level, aiming to enhance both the state's profile and the town of Jorethang. He encouraged participants to celebrate the event in a traditional manner while also incorporating elements of contemporary entertainment to attract a larger audience. One of the key proposals was to organise a full day of rural sports and festivities between the opening and closing days of the Mela.



No information on Rohingyas living near IB in J&K: BSF

Jammu, Dec 23 (IANS) : Border Security Force (BSF) IG Jammu Frontier D.K. Boora said on Monday that there is no information about Rohingyas living near the international border (IB) in J&K. The top BSF official also ruled out the possibility of any unidentified person roaming near the IB without the knowledge of the BSF. "Border has always been sensitive and we keep a close watch on the situation irrespective of what happens in Bangladesh or elsewhere. We do not have any information about Rohingyas living near the IB in Jammu. The entire border is under strict surveillance of BSF and other agen-

cies while border police also plays an important role in the hinterland," the officer said. He also ruled out any attempt by Rohingyas or Bangladeshis to cross the IB to enter Pakistan. He did not agree that a large number of labourers were working close to the IB without proper verification of their antecedents. "You may feel that their verification has not been done, but the reality is otherwise. The secret services or the police continue to do that work and the people hiring them for work have to report to the police and get their verification done. So, there is no such situation that unidentified people are roaming near the border and no one knows about it," he said.

BJP celebrates one-year completion of MP govt

Bhopal, Dec 23 (IANS): Madhya Pradesh BJP on Monday celebrated the completion of one year of the state government and also congratulated Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. The Chief Minister also visited the BJP headquarters and offered prayers to the founding members of Bharatiya Jana Sangh Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and Deendayal Upadhyay. "After winning the Assembly elections in November 2023, the BJP leadership gave me responsibility to lead the government as Chief Minister. I express my gratitude to every BJP worker for extending support to serve the people of Madhya Pradesh," the Chief Minister said.

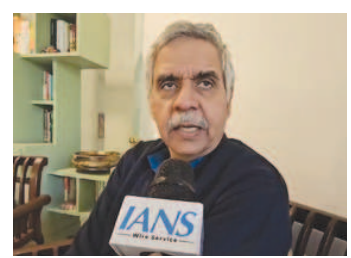
Senior BJP leader and cabinet minister Kailash Vijayvargiya also congratulated the Chief Minister saying that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state government will take Madhya Pradesh to new heights. "Today, under the able leadership of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, the Madhya Pradesh government has completed one year of public service and dedication. Hearty congratulations to all the people of the state," Vijayvargiya said. Party's state unit chief and Khajuraho MP V. D. Sharma said that BJP workers are determined to implement the schemes of the BJP government. Notably, following the resounding victory in the state Assem-

bly election held on November 17, 2023, BJP's central leadership replaced former Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan with Mohan Yadav. Three-time BJP MLA from temple town Ujjain, Mohan Yadav took oath as Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on December 13, 2023. Two senior party leaders - Rajendra Shukla (Rewa) and Jagdish Devda were made as Deputy Chief Ministers.

Nobody praises Kejriwal's ten-year tenure : Sandeep Dikshit

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS): Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit has expressed confidence in contesting the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections and remarked that nobody praises Kejriwal's ten-year tenure. Sandeep Dikshit, son of former Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit, criticised Kejriwal's governance, stating, "The way Sheila Dikshit transformed Delhi, this man has destroyed it. Today, the legacy of her work is what keeps Delhi functional." Highlighting key factors in local elections, Dikshit emphasised that a candidate's work in the constitu-

ency and the government's performance are crucial. On both counts, Dikshit alleged, Kejriwal and AAP have failed. "There isn't a single person on the streets of Delhi who praises Kejriwal's ten-year tenure. The roads, infrastructure, and public services once built during Sheila Ji's government are now in ruins," he claimed.



ECI quiet on how 75-lakh votes spiked post-polling hours in Maha: Prakash Ambedkar

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) President Prakash Ambedkar has claimed that the Election Commission of India (ECI) remains vague on the party's queries on how 75 lakhs votes shot up after the polling hours in the Nov. 20 Maharashtra Assembly elections on Monday. Ambedkar said that the VBA had written a letter to the ECI's State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) seeking details on this, plus individual letters sent by many of the 225 party candidates who lost

in the elections. While the ECI and CEO have not responded to the queries so far, only three Returning Officers (RO) have provided evasive replies to the concerned losing VBA candidates. "The prime question still has not evoked any response from the ECI, as to how the vote count increased by 75 lakhs after the voting closed at 6 pm that day, according to the official data provided by the ECI itself," Ambedkar pointed out. He recalled his letter of Dec. 6 to the State CEO S. Chockalingam raising pointed questions and seeking details of the polling data



though later the ECI issued a statement (December 10) asserting that there was no discrepancy in the counting of the VVPAT voters slips. "The ECI said on Nov. 20th, that 75 lakhs votes were cast after 6 pm or the closing of voting hours. The ECI must provide the data on exactly how much voting took place in each of the 288 Assembly constituencies," said

Ambedkar. Furthermore, he asked the ECI to come clear on the number of voters standing in the queues who were issued the tokens after 6 pm, along with the video footage and photographic evidence to show that the entire process was transparent. VBA's Chief Spokesperson Siddharth Mokle said that going by the ECI figures, on average, as many as 26,000 people had cast their votes after 6 pm on Nov. 20, which is difficult to believe unless the booth-wise figures of voting with video photos are made available. So far, the ROs of Aurangabad West, Paranda and Nanded South Assembly constituencies have replied to the VBA candidates' queries and the remaining around 245 are still awaited, he added.

Rajasthan: Over Rs 700cr transferred to 70 lakh farmers under Chief Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi

Jaipur, Dec 23 (IANS) : Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma on Monday transferred Rs 700 crore to over 70 lakh farmers under Chief Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi in Ajmer. "I myself was born in a farm-

ers' family, have ploughed and done all farming work. I understand the pain of the farmers very well. That is why our government has set the target of providing electricity to the farmers during the day by 2027," said Sharma while addressing the state-level

Kisan Sammelan organised as part of the programmes held to celebrate the first anniversary of the state government. The Chief Minister also gave more than Rs 29 crore to 15,983 farmers for drip/fountain plants, and more than 1,200 farmers were



given farm ponds, pipelines, fencing, pit construction, and agricultural equipment, among others. Sharma said that the interest of the farmers is the first priority for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The Prime Minister has honoured the great farmer leader Chaudhary Charan Singh with Bharat Ratna, which shows how much respect he has for the farmers.

Delhi: NDMC eyeing PPP model for upkeep of toilets

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Under the visionary of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and in alignment with the Swachh Bharat Mission launched by the Central government in 2014, NDMC has approved several key employee-centric, citizen-focused, and infrastructure-related proposals in its meeting. Kuljeet Singh Chahal, Vice Chairman, NDMC, said in the Council Meeting held in the Council Room, Palika Kendra approval was given to the proposal for the operation, repair, and maintenance of existing public toilet units (PTUs), community toilet units

(CTUs), and Roll Call Centers in the NDMC area under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in exchange for advertisement rights. He said these agreements will cover the operation, maintenance, and cleaning of the facilities, ensuring they meet the highest standards of hygiene and functionality. These facilities, currently managed by NDMC itself are an integral part of the city's cleanliness infrastructure and ensure the availability of public toilets every 500 meters across its jurisdiction. Chahal informed that NDMC's objective is to beautify every pub-



lic space in New Delhi while working towards achieving a 7-star ranking in the upcoming Swachh Survekshan. He reassured that the NDMC team is dedicated to implementing the Prime Minister's vision with utmost commitment to become a

neat, clean and green Delhi. Chahal also mentioned that NDMC plans to upgrade all existing PTUs/CTUs with state-of-the-art designs, incorporating eco-friendly features and efficient waste management systems. The goal is to establish these facilities at international standards, with key locations like Khan Market and Sarojini Nagar Market being prioritised for modernised PTUs. Chahal also provided updates on the construction of Smart Public Toilets for Women. NDMC has built six "pink toilets" for women in key locations.

Gurugram: Personal Banker of DBS bank arrested for cyber fraud

Gurugram, Dec 23 (IANS) : A personal banker of DBS bank was arrested for allegedly changing the bank details of the victim and selling to the cyber fraudsters for Rs 5 lakh, police said. Priyanshu Diwan, Assistant Commissioner of Police (cybercrime), said that the arrested accused had been identified as Tipu Sultan, a native of Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh.

According to the police, a man filed a complaint at the Cyber Crime Police Station East on Wednesday that an employee of DBS Bank located on DLF Phase-2.





LG Energy Solution wins ESS supply deal from US firm

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS) : LG Energy Solution Ltd (LGES), South Korea's leading battery maker, said on Monday its US unit has signed a multi-year deal to supply energy storage systems (ESS) to a local renewable energy infrastructure investor. LG Energy Solution Vertech, Inc. will supply 7.5-giga-watt-hour (GWh) ESS units to Excelsior Energy Capital LP over several years starting from 2026, the company said in a press release. The company didn't provide the exact timeframe for the deal, or its value, reports Yonhap news agency. The ESS units will be produced at LGES' U.S. plants, with the first delivery slated for April 2026, the release said.

India now has 25,202 public charging stations for EVs : Minister

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : As many as 25,202 public charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) have been installed in the country to date, the government said on Monday.

Karnataka leads with 5,765 EV public charging stations, followed by Maharashtra at 3,728 and Uttar Pradesh at 1,989, Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Steel, Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, told the Rajya Sabha in a written reply. As per the information received from the Ministry of Power, 271 EV public charging stations are installed in Chhattisgarh. The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has been pro-

moting the adoption of EVs in India. On September 29, 2024, the ministry notified the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) scheme to accelerate EV adoption, establish charging infrastructure and foster the development of the EV manufacturing ecosystem in the country.



Edtech unicorn Vedantu posts Rs 157 crore loss in FY24

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Edtech unicorn Vedantu has registered a loss of Rs 157 crore in FY24 compared to Rs 373 crore loss in FY23. Vedantu's total expenditure in FY24 declined by 33.5 per cent year-on-year to Rs 368 crore from Rs 553 crore in FY23, as per its financials. The biggest part of the company's cost was employee benefits. Their share of the total expenditure was 47 per cent in the last financial year. In FY24, it declined by 43.8 per cent to Rs 176

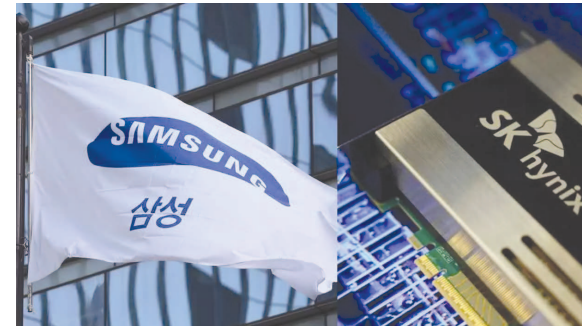
crore, due to layoffs by the company. Meanwhile, Vedantu's advertising expenditure dropped by 70 per cent from Rs 76 crore in FY23 to Rs 23 crore in FY24. Apart from this, other expenses of the company included outsourcing of teachers, internships, purchase of books, legal expenses and others. Vedantu's total income from operations in FY24 surged by about 20 per cent year-on-year to Rs 185 crore as against Rs 153 crore in FY23.

Earnings forecasts of Samsung, SK hynix for Q4 downgraded

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS) : Earnings forecasts for South Korea's two largest chipmakers, Samsung Electronics and SK hynix, for the fourth quarter have been revised down largely due to a downturn in industry demand, an industry survey showed on Monday. According to the latest survey conducted by Yonhap Infomax, the financial arm of Yonhap News Agency, which polled 20 Korean broker-

age houses, Samsung Electronics' operating profit for the October-December period is estimated at 8.58 trillion won (US\$5.92 billion). While the latest forecast is sharply higher than the 2.82 trillion won recorded in the fourth quarter of last year, it represents a drop of over 1 trillion won compared with the previous estimate of 9.77 trillion won made in October and November. Market observers say the deepening slump in demand

for traditional IT products, including smartphones and PCs, has contributed to prolonged weak profitability in Samsung's core memory business. SK hynix, with its strength in next-generation AI high-bandwidth memory (HBM), is expected to post its highest on-quarter results for the fourth quarter. According to the latest Yonhap Infomax forecasts, SK hynix's estimated operating profit for the cited period is 7.77 trillion won, a



10.59 percent increase compared with the previous quarter. However, the estimate is a 4.16 per cent drop compared with the 8.11 trillion-won consensus estimate made in October and November. The observers say SK hynix has been defending its profitability with its high-value HBM products but has failed to avoid the impact of falling prices of general purpose memory.

SEBI takes strict action in front running case, bars 9 entities, seizes over Rs 21 crore

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : Market regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has taken strict action in a front-running case, banning PNB Met Life Insurance Company's equity dealer Sachin Bakul Dagli and eight other entities from the stock market. According to the SEBI, front running was being done by Dagli and eight entities for more than three years and during this period, all of them collectively earned illegal profits of Rs 21.16 crore. The market regulator banned Dagli and the eight entities from the stock market and seized the unlawful gains. The SEBI had investigated some suspicious front-running trades related to PNB MetLife India Insurance before this action. The focus of this investigation was to find out whether the suspicious entities were doing front running in the trade of PNB MetLife India Insurance with the help of other people, including dealers and fund managers.



Kia to launch compact SUV 'Syros' in India next year

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS) : Kia, South Korea's second-biggest carmaker by sales, said on Sunday it will launch the compact SUV "Syros" in India next year to boost sales. Kia, the maker of K5 sedans and Sorento SUVs, unveiled the new model for the first time in India on Monday. The Syros SUV will be released in two trims, one with a 1.0-liter gasoline turbocharged engine and the other with a 1.5-litre diesel engine, the company said in a press release. Starting with sales in India, Kia plans to introduce the compact car in the Asia-Pacific region, Latin America and the Middle East, it said, reports Yonhap news agency. The new model is equipped with safety features such as the

front collision avoidance, lane-keeping assistance, surround view monitor and driver awareness warning systems. The company didn't provide the vehicle's price. Meanwhile, Kia India has announced up to 2 per cent price hike across its entire lineup, effective from January 1, "primarily due to rising commodity prices and escalating supply chain-related costs". "At Kia, we are committed to delivering exceptional, technologically advanced vehicles of the highest quality to our valued customers. However, due to the persistent rise in commodity prices, unfavourable exchange rates, and increased input costs, a necessary price adjustment has become unavoidable," said Hardeep Singh Brar, senior vice president, sales and marketing, Kia India. Despite these chal-

lenges, Kia is absorbing a significant portion of the cost increase, minimizing the financial impact on our customers, so they can continue enjoying their favourite Kia vehicles without major dent on their pockets, he added. Kia has sold 1.6 million units in India and overseas markets combined to date. Its best-selling innovation, Seltos, has surpassed 670,000-unit sales.



Net inflows in SIPs up 233 pc in India this year, MF industry sees 135 pc growth

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : There has been a massive 233 per cent growth (year-on-year) in overall net inflows in systematic investment plans (SIPs) in India this year, according to a new report, as the Indian economy remains resilient amid rough geo-political conditions. Overall net inflows stood at Rs 9.14 lakh crore from January to November this year, as against Rs. 2.74 lakh crore in 2023 which tantamount to a growth of 233 per cent, according to the report by ICRA Analytics. Number of new SIPs registered increased to 49.47 lakh at the end of November, as against 30.80 lakh in November 2023. Moreover, SIP asset under management (AUM) stood at Rs 13.54 lakh crore in November, as against Rs. 9.31 lakh crore in 2023, said the report. Indian mutual fund (MF) industry witnessed over 135 per cent surge in net inflows and nearly 39 per cent growth in net AUM (Assets under Management) over the last one year, the report said, adding that the industry is likely to witness a multi-fold growth in the coming years with India being in a bright spot in the global economy. "With the structural growth story of the Indian economy remaining intact and India a bright spot in the global economy, the domestic mutual fund industry is expected to witness multi-fold growth in the coming years," said Ashwini Kumar, senior vice president and head market data, ICRA Analytics. Meanwhile, total inflows into the mutual fund industry grew by 135.38 per cent at Rs 60,295.30 crore in November 2024, as against Rs 25,615.65 crore in November 2023.

Monthly 5G traffic in South Korea likely to surpass 1 mn TB for 1st time

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS) : The monthly mobile data traffic running on fifth-generation (5G) networks is expected to surpass 1 million terabytes for the first time this month, industry officials said on Sunday, as news viewership soared following President Yoon Suk Yeol's surprise martial law declaration. Should it exceed the 1 million TB mark, it would be the first time since South Korea rolled out the world's first commercial 5G network in April 2019 with the nation's three carriers -- SK Telecom Co., KT Corp. and LG Uplus Corp.





UP: Authorities crack down on electricity theft in Sambhal

Sambhal (Uttar Pradesh), Dec 23 (IANS) : Sambhal authorities early on Monday launched a raid to crack down on electricity theft, uncovering illegal power supplies allegedly routed from some religious places to nearby areas. The operation, spear-headed by the Electricity Department in collaboration with the District Magistrate (DM) and Superintendent of Police (SP), began at 5 A.M. on Monday. Sambhal District Magistrate Rajender Pensiya stated that the initial inspection aimed to monitor loudspeaker usage at religious sites to curb noise pollution but revealed extensive power theft.



Maha: Bureaucrat Ashwini Bhide appointed CM's Principal Secretary

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : Ashwini Bhide, an IAS of 1995 has been appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Bhide is currently the managing director of the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation. As per the orders issued by the general administration department, Bhide will continue to hold this additional charge till further orders. Her appointment is crucial when Fadnavis has asked the state administration to focus on making the government functioning more transparent while putting the implementation of various decisions on fast track. The state government last week appointed Shrikar Pardeshi, an IAS of 2001 batch as the Secretary to the Chief Minister.

Haryana CM targets Congress, AAP on farmers issues, lauds PM Modi's initiatives

Chandigarh, Dec 23 (IANS) : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday emphasized the importance of purchasing crops from farmers at the minimum support price (MSP). He targeted Congress and AAP governments on the issues related to farmers and urged them to ensure that all crops are procured at MSP, thereby supporting farmers in their respective states. Addressing the media in Chandigarh, Saini hit out at the Punjab government, urging it to take decisive steps to strengthen farmers in its jurisdiction. "The state government must prioritize farmers' welfare in the states it governs. Punjab must step forward and assure its farmers that all crops will be procured at MSP."



Registration for Mahila Samman Rashi scheme to begin in a week: Delhi CM Atishi

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Monday said registration of beneficiaries under the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Samman Rashi will begin within a week and expressed hope that poor women in the national capital will get one or two instalments of Rs 1,000 a month till March 31. Addressing media persons, CM Atishi said the decision approved by the Cabinet has also been notified and clarified that a provision of Rs 2,000 crore has been made in the Budget for the scheme. She said registration for the scheme will definitely begin before elections but whether disbursement will take place before the elections will depend on the date of announcement of Assembly polls. Hitting out attempts to block and play down the landmark initiative of the AAP government, CM Atishi said, "Our rivals have not spared any opportunity to block this welfare scheme of ours." AAP Convenor Arvind Kejriwal was jailed due to which the scheme was delayed and could only be announced in December, she said. "As things stand today, the promises made by the AAP government under the guidance of party convenor Kejriwal have been fulfilled and the registration for the scheme shall begin in a week or 10 days," she said. Explaining that the scheme was open only to adult women from underprivileged sections, she said the scheme would not be open to serving or former permanent government employees, current or former elected representatives like MP, MLA or Councillor, the beneficiary of any other government pension scheme or an income tax payee. "We have deliberately not kept any criterion of minimum family income for eligibility of beneficiaries, as women, even in families where the menfolk are earning, need personal financial independence," she said.

Oppn failing to play responsible role owing to connections with Soros: Haryana minister

Kaithal, Dec 23 (IANS) : Haryana's Energy and Transport Minister Anil Vij on Monday slammed the Opposition, saying, it's failing to play its responsible role due to Gandhi family's connections with George Soros. "As it appears, I believe the Opposition is playing into the hands of foreigners, and it is possible that these dictations are also coming from there," he said. The Lok Sabha has witnessed unruly scenes after BJP MP Nishikant Dubey raised allegations about Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's links to Soros, leading to Opposition MPs climbing the dais of the Speaker in protest. Responding to media queries after a meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee in Kaithal, he said, "The Opposition has never said before the Vice-President or the Rajya Sabha Chairman is biased, and these statements are being made in a planned manner." On the issue of farmers, Vij said, "BJP ministers have been consistently talking to farmers. Now, since the Supreme Court has set up a committee to talk to them."



Maha BJP's mega-meet in Shirdi to mark Swami Vivekananda's 162nd birth anniversary in Jan

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Maharashtra Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will mark the 162nd birth anniversary of the philosopher-monk Swami Vivekananda by holding the party's mega-convention in the pilgrimage town of Shirdi, Ahmednagar next month, a top leader said here on Monday. State BJP President Chandrashekhar Bawankule said that the convention -- to be held on January 12 -- shall be addressed by top party brass including BJP President and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah among others. The convention will be significant, coming barely two months after the party and its MahaYuti allies Shiv Sena-Nationalist Congress Party swept to power in the November 20 Assembly elections. Celebrating the huge MahaYuti victory, the convention



will felicitate Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for his role in the electoral success that virtually wiped out the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance. The meet also assumes added importance as it comes ahead of the much-anticipated municipal and local bodies elections that are due early in 2025. The convention date

-- January 12 -- coincided with the 162nd birth anniversary celebrations of the Calcutta-born icon, Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902), who walked into history with his famous "Sisters and Brothers of America..." in his address at the Parliament of Religions convention in Chicago (1893). "Based on the thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, a new campaign will be launched at the (Shirdi) convention to inspire the youth and attract them to the BJP," said Bawankule.



Centre approves Rs 59 crore plan for Tuna fish exports from Andaman

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Department of Fisheries has approved the proposals of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration under the Prime Minister's scheme at a total cost of Rs.58.91 crore with a Central share of Rs. 31.48 crore for the development of fisheries including strengthening of infrastructure for the export of tuna fish from the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, according to information tabled in Parliament. The major fisheries infrastructure activities approved under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) include the acquisition of seven deep-sea fishing vessels, upgradation of 10 existing fishing vessels for export competency and setting up 29 cold storages and ice plants.

Dehradun: Janaushadhi scheme beneficiaries get cheaper medicines, thank PM Modi

Dehradun, Dec 23 (IANS) : The central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several schemes for the poor, which are directly benefiting from them. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) is one of them. Under this scheme, medicines are being made available to the poor at cheap rates across the country.



Invested over Rs 6,000 crore for revival of inland waterways in 10 years : Minister

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The government has invested more than Rs 6,000 crore in the past decade for the revival of inland waterways as a viable alternative of cargo movement as well as improving passenger connectivity, it was informed on Monday. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, said during a Parliament session that the sector saw a mere investment of Rs 1,620 crore in the previous 28 years, since the inception of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in the year 1986.



Lakhpati Baideo scheme to be soon rolled out in Assam

Guwahati, Dec 23 (IANS) : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said that the Lakhpati Baideo - a scheme to provide financial assistance to women for entrepreneurship will be soon rolled out in the state. He said: "Lakhpati Baideo scheme, which is currently under verification and is expected to be

rolled out once approved by local MLAs. This scheme aims to provide Rs. 10,000 to women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through banks." Sarma also spoke about the third phase of the Orunodoi scheme—a monthly financial assistance program for women—meetings would be held from December 15

to 28, allowing those who have not yet benefited from the scheme to be included, while existing beneficiaries would need to register again. Meanwhile, addressing the extensive damage caused by the floods of 2024, the CM noted that the State government had been proactive in providing relief.

CPI-M Kerala secretary blames media, claims party is united

Thiruvananthapuram, Dec 23 (IANS) : Amid escalating organizational meetings and heightened media scrutiny, CPI-M Kerala State Secretary M.V. Govindan on Monday hit out at the media for spreading "anti-Communist" narratives, asserting that the party remains united. The CPI-M's organizational meetings, now in their final stages, began with the first district conference in Kollam, which concluded on Thursday. Thirteen more district meetings are scheduled, culminating in the state party conference in Kollam in March next year. Since the grassroots meetings began, reports of factionalism in the party have surfaced, particularly in districts like Kollam, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, and Alappuzha. Tensions even spilled onto the streets, with media reporting in detail about alleged dissent over Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's leadership and the prominence of his son-in-law, P.A. Mohammed Riyas, a first-time legislator and State Tourism Minister, over party veterans. Govindan dismissed these reports



as baseless. "It was claimed that I delivered a tough speech at the start of the Kollam meeting, but the truth is I spoke only yesterday," he said, accusing the media of fabricating events and reporting falsehood. He further alleged that the media is fixated on disseminating anti-Communist narratives. "We don't seek your help, but we urge you to refrain from spreading false news," Govindan stated. Addressing the party's agenda, Govindan emphasized that the focus is on securing a third consecutive term for the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Front government in the 2026 Assembly elections. "Our discussions are centered on strengthening the party to ensure victory in 2026.



Jharkhand: NIA charge sheets two for extorting money for PLFI terror acts

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed extortion and conspiracy charges in a Special Court in Ranchi against two more accused in a case related to the revival of the terror group People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI) in Jharkhand and neighbouring states. The second supplementary chargesheet in the case named Nilamber Gope alias Delga alias Dikal and Shiv Kumar Sahu, both hailing from district Khunti of Jharkhand, under section 120 B read with section 384 of IPC. They were also charged under Sections 13, 17, 18 and 20 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act that deal with raising funds for terrorist acts. Shiv Kumar Sahu and Nilamber Gope had assisted other members of PLFI in collection of "levy" from businessmen by forwarding the PLFI threat pamphlets, channelising the extorted funds through customer service centres and banking channels.

Rape-murder case: Bengal court convicts two; hands death penalty to one

Kolkata, Dec 23 (IANS) : A district court in Murshidabad district of West Bengal, on Monday, handed a death sentence to one convict and life imprisonment to another in the rape and murder of a minor girl case, which took place in Farkka in October. The convict, Dinobondhu Halder, has been sentenced to death by Jangipur Fast Track Court in Murshidabad district while the other convict, Subhojit Halder, has been sentenced to life imprisonment. The charge sheet, trial process, conviction and finally pronouncing of the sentence have been completed within two months from the date of the crime. Both were convicted by the same court. Last week, there was a similar case of fast completion of the trial process, charge sheet, conviction and pronouncing of the sentence when a district fast-track court in South 24 Parganas district handed the death sentence of Mustakin Sarkar, the convict in a similar minor rape and murder case at Jayanagar, just 62 days after the date of the crime. Incidentally, the pronouncement of the sentence in the Farkka rape and murder was announced on the same day when a special court in Kolkata granted



bail to the former and controversial principal of R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital Sandip Ghosh and the former SHO of Tala Police Station Abhijit Mondal in the case of ghastly rape and murder of a woman junior doctor within the hospital premises in August this year. The bail was granted to the duo since the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has failed to give a supplementary chargesheet in the case establishing the charges against Ghosh and Mondal of misleading the investigation and tampering or altering with evidence while the initial investigation in the matter was being carried out by Kolkata Police.



Omar Abdullah demands transparent discussion on 'one nation, one election'

Jammu, Dec 23 (IANS): J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said on Monday that the discussion on 'one nation, one election' should be transparent while Congress said to implement the idea is not possible. Omar Abdullah said it has to reach the Parliament where it must be discussed in a transparent manner and it should not resemble what transpired with Article 370 in 2019. Meanwhile, senior Congress leader and member of the legislative assembly, G.A.Mir said the idea of 'one nation, one election' is beyond imagination as it cannot be implemented in a big country like India. Mir accused the BJP of trying to hide its failures behind such issues "The 'One nation, one election' idea is beyond imagination and cannot be implemented in a big country like India. There will be a debate on it in the Parliament and all the parties will present their viewpoint. But, this is not a small country, this is a huge country which is democratic. It seems beyond imagination that we can have all the elections at the same time in this country, whether it is the Parliament, assemblies, panchayats or municipalities," Mir told reporters.



'Jungle Raj': BJP attacks Jharkhand govt over deteriorating law and order

Ranchi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Jharkhand BJP's acting president and former MP Ravindra Kumar Ray criticised the Hemant Soren-led state government, alleging that law and order situation has deteriorated in the state. At a press conference held at the state office here on Monday, Ray stated that recent incidents across districts like East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Latehar, and Chatra indicate the return of "Jungle Raj." Ray highlighted a surge in violent incidents, including multiple murders in Chaibasa within a span of five to six days. "These incidents are shameful. Innocent villagers were targeted by extremists while the police failed to act. This inaction has forced youths to take up arms for self-defense. Reports suggest many casualties," he said. The BJP leader also pointed to other alarming events -- the killing of two individuals in East Singhbhum during clashes over sand quarry dominance.



Quota stir: Panchamasali seer violated law, claims Siddaramaiah

Vijayapura, Dec 23 (IANS) : Reacting to criticism over the police lathi-charge on the protestors demanding reservation for the Panchamasali Lingayat community in Belagavi, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Monday that the law is same for everyone and the Panchamasali seer violated it. "The law is same for the Kudalasangama Panchamasali mutt seer Basava Jayamrutynjaya Swamiji. The law is also same for me and media as well. Article 24 of the Constitution ensured equality before the law and also ensures equal protection before law. Do you know about this?" CM said speaking to the media in Vijayapura. He further stated that the government cannot remain silent if the public is troubled due to anyone taking the law into their own hands. "We have no objection to the Panchamasali community demanding reservation under Category 2A and protesting for it. However, the protest must be peaceful, and no one should take the law into their hands," he urged. Commenting on statements by Swamiji who called him "heartless", the Chief Minister said, "The people will decide on that." He emphasised that everyone, whether they are Swamijis or anyone else, is equal before the law. "Under Article 14 of the Constitution, the law provides equal protection to all," he added. Responding to the opposition demand for inclusion of the Panchamasali community under Category 2A, the Chief Minister stated, "They have the freedom to express their opinions. Swamijis also have the freedom to share their views.



How do 101 farmers on foot pose threat to national peace, asks Pandher

Chandigarh, Dec 23 (IANS) : Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher on Monday questioned the government's stance, asking how a group of 101 farmers walking on foot towards Delhi could be considered a threat to national peace and order. Dwelling on the decision of Working President of the All India Kisan Congress and wrestler, Bajrang Punia, to join the farmers, he said that they have no problem with a sportsperson or celebrity joining the stir, but want to keep political parties away.

18,735 lower courts computerised; Rs 7,210 cr sanctioned for eCourts Phase III

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : As many as 18,735 district and subordinate courts have been computerised under the e-courts Integrated Mission Mode Project aimed at enhancing access to justice through technology, the Parliament was informed on Monday. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal told Lok Sabha in reply to a question that the highest number of 2,222 district and subordinate courts were computerised in Uttar Pradesh under the supervision of Allahabad High Court.



Over 110 acres of poppy plantation destroyed in Manipur

Imphal, Dec 23 (IANS) : Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said on Monday that a combined team of security forces comprising Police, Forest Department, Assam Rifles and district administration carried out a significant poppy destruction operation in the Khamasom hill ranges under Ukhrul district on Monday. He said that besides destroying 110 acres of poppy plantation, eight huts found in the fields were burnt down and an FIR has been registered for further investigation. "A huge shout out to the entire team including the Assam Rifles for their tireless commitment in combating this menace during this trying time.

Your hard work and determination are making a significant difference in safeguarding our future," the Chief Minister said in a post on the X. The state and the Central security forces have intensified their operations to destroy the illegal poppy cultivation in the state and almost daily razed the illicit poppy farming mostly in hilly areas.



Bomma hail 'One Nation, One Election' move as PM Modi's bold decision

Bengaluru, Dec 23 (IANS) : Former Karnataka Chief Minister and BJP MP Basavaraj Bommai praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the "bold decision" to introduce the One Nation, One Election system through a constitutional amendment. He criticized those opposing the initiative, stating they were against the nation's development. Speaking to the media in New Delhi, Bommai said the Union Cabinet, under PM Modi's leadership, has approved the proposal for a constitutional amendment to implement this system. He added that it may be tabled in this parliamentary session. "This is a significant step as frequent elections hinder the

country's progress," Bommai stated. "From cooperative bodies to panchayat elections, assembly polls, and Lok Sabha elections, the nation is constantly in election mode. This involves massive resource expenditure and disrupts developmental work," he added. He emphasized that the One Nation, One Election framework would ensure governance stability, which is crucial for development. "No other country has such frequent elections. This issue has been debated for decades. The Prime Minister has now taken a courageous decision that will have long-term positive impacts," he said.

'Our borders are shrinking': Akhilesh Yadav

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav expressed concerns on Monday over security along the borders, economic inequality and the treatment of minorities in the country. During his speech in the Constitution Debate in the Lok Sabha, the Kannauj MP alleged that the Indian "borders are shrinking" due to alleged "Chinese interventions." "A sovereign country has its primary duty to safeguard its bordering areas. We have infiltration of people, and the honourable minister is well aware of the fact that our borders are shrinking," he as-

serted. "Chinese Army in our territories has partially retracted its forces," he said, adding that the Rezang La Memorial in the area is not there anymore as it was destroyed. "We want to know if our territories are still under our border?" he questioned. He also paid tributes to freedom fighters, victims of the December 13 Parliament attack, and Dr B. R. Ambedkar, crediting him for the enlightened vision that shaped the Indian Constitution. "The Constitution we have today ensures justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. India is a union of states, and we take pride in our unity in diversity," Yadav said. He stressed that the Constitution has held the nation together de-



spite its linguistic, regional, religious, and social diversity. Highlighting Dr. Ambedkar's words, he noted that the "success of the Constitution depends on its implementation by the legislature, executive, and judiciary." The SP chief described the Constitution as a "shield" that empowers the marginalised and oppressed. "Protecting our Constitution is a matter of life and death for the

poor, the downtrodden, and the vulnerable," he said, adding that it has ensured rights and justice for those neglected by society. He slammed the government for "increasing economic disparities", claiming that 82 crore Indians rely on government ration, while two-thirds of the country's wealth was "controlled" by a handful of families.

In 2024, 353 girls enrolled in 33 erstwhile pattern Sainik Schools



New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : At least 353 girls have enrolled this year in 33 Sainik Schools, established under the erstwhile pattern in the country, the Parliament was informed on Monday. Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, in a written reply in Lok Sabha, said that in 16 out of the 33 schools, girls have been enrolled to the full capacity of the institution with the biggest batch of 16 female students being taught in Jharkhand's Sainik School,

Tilaiya. The only other erstwhile pattern Sainik School with a capacity of 16 is Sainik School Amaravathinagar in Tamil Nadu but it has two vacant seats as only 14 girls have enrolled in 2024. All 33 Sainik Schools established under the erstwhile pattern have been made co-educational with effect from academic session 2021-22 to achieve gender equality and to pave the way for induction of women in the armed forces, said the MoS. MoS Seth said that to encourage girl cadets to join Sainik Schools, wide publicity for admission of girls in existing Sainik Schools has been made and adequate girl cadets' centric infrastructure has been created in existing Sainik Schools. Replying to a question on setting up new Sainik Schools in partnership mode with NGOs/Trusts/Private/Government Schools, the MoS said there is no restriction on establishing an all-girls or co-ed Sainik School. Also, there is no bar by the Sainik School Society on the number of girls that can be given admission to the new Sainik Schools. One school, Samvid Gurukulam Senior Secondary School, Mathura, in Uttar Pradesh has been approved as an all-girls Sainik School.

Indian agrochemicals sector to see 7-9 pc growth next fiscal: Report

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The agrochemicals sector in India is poised to grow at 7-9 per cent in the next fiscal, after a modest 5-6 per cent growth in the current fiscal, a report showed on Monday. The growth will on the back of stable domestic demand and recovery in export volumes, according to the CRISIL Ratings report. Operating margins are also seen to be recovering slowly, rising 100 basis points to 12-13 per cent — still below the pre-pandemic levels of 15-16 per cent. This will keep firms cautious with capital expenditure and focus on managing working capital to keep their cash flows and balance sheets steady. Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, CRISIL Ratings, said that revenue from exports, which comprises half of the sector's total revenue, is witnessing change. "Global firms have largely resolved their excess inventory issues related to low-cost Chinese supplies and are now ordering closer to the cropping season to better manage working capital," Sethi added.



Uddhav Thackeray to PM Modi : Pay attention to Bangladesh, act to end Hindus' misery

Mumbai, Dec 23 (IANS) : Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray has called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take note of the severe atrocities being perpetrated on the Hindus in Bangladesh and immediately intervene in the matter. "Why is the government silent on the atrocities on the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh? The Opposition has been raising the issue in Parliament for the past few days on the injustice being meted out to the minority Hindus there, but nothing is being done by India," Thackeray said on Monday. Speaking to media persons, he said that a couple of months ago, when the Bangladesh cricket team had come to India (Sep-Oct), Aditya Thackeray had demanded that we shouldn't play with them, but the government kept mum and did nothing about it. "We want to know why the PM is not saying anything on this. Hindus are being targeted daily, the ISKCON Temple was burnt, their leaders were arrested and subjected to action, but we are silent," Thackeray pointed out.

in the Ukraine crisis, he should do the same in Bangladesh to ensure that the attacks on Hindus stop there. "There is no point in making slogans like 'batenge, katenge, fatenge, marenge,' etc here. There's no need to indulge in showing off such bravado where there are no problems, but act decisively where Hindus are undergoing tortures (Bangladesh)," said Thackeray. He recounted how a delegation of SS (UBT) members of Parliament had sought an appointment on Thursday to meet with the PM and discuss Bangladesh Hindus issue, but they were not given time. Now, Thackeray has said that the SS (UBT) will submit a letter to PM Modi as he may be very busy, he has to travel around the world and make speeches and probably may not have noticed the problems of Hindus in Bangladesh.



Taking a jibe, Thackeray said that "on behalf of all the Hindus in the country", he was appealing to the PM that just as he ((Modi) had taken action

Bold steps by Modi govt in reviving Indian heritage, culture : Union Minister

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : Union Minister for Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs Pralhad Joshi has said the Centre led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken bold steps to revive Indian heritage, religion, and culture. He was speaking at the Shri Veerabhadreshwara Jayanti event organised by the

Veerashaiva Lingayat Coordination Forum of Bengaluru at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi on Monday. Joshi declared that those who chant "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Hindustan Ki Jai" are welcome to unite. Unlike some others, he said, they are not politicizing this. Preserving Sanatana Dharma and tradition, which aims for the welfare of all, remains the government's goal, and it will not hesitate in its



mission. He highlighted that under PM Modi's leadership, cultural rejuvenation efforts have been undertaken across the coun-

try, including initiatives at sites like Kashi Vishwanath, Mahakal Ujjain, and Ayodhya's Shri Ram Temple.

South Korea : Prosecution arrests chief of Capital Defence Command

Seoul, Dec 23 (IANS): Prosecutors on Monday arrested Lt. Gen. Lee Jin-woo, the chief of South Korea's Capital Defence Command, as part of their ongoing investigation into his alleged involvement in President Yoon Suk Yeol's brief imposition of martial law. "The commander was arrested this evening under a warrant," the prosecution said. Lee, who had previously been placed under a travel ban, is accused of ordering the deployment of martial law troops to the National Assembly building after Yoon declared martial law on December 3, reports Yonhap news agency. Several military commanders are currently under investigation in connection with the military's role in enforcing martial law, which was soon lifted by the parliament. Prosecutors plan to seek a separate warrant to formally detain Lee within 48 hours. Prosecutors also sought an arrest warrant for Defence Counterintelligence Com-



mand chief Lt. Gen. Yeo In-hyung over his role in the imposition of martial law. Yeo is also suspected of sending troops to the National Assembly and the National Election Commission at the orders of then-Defence Minister Kim Yong-hyun. The arrest warrant was sought on charges of insurrection and abuse of power. Prosecutors revealed that Yeo had allegedly ordered military officials to prioritise the arrest of three prominent politicians --

the leaders of both the ruling and main opposition parties, as well as National Assembly Speaker Woo Won-shik, according to legal sources. Additionally, several other figures, including politicians, judges and a progressive reporter, were reportedly listed as targets. Later on Friday, Yeo announced that he would waive a court hearing to review the arrest warrant.



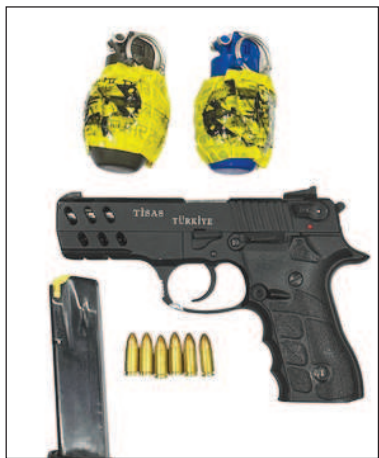
Russia extends countermeasures against Western oil price cap

Moscow, Dec 23 (IANS): Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a decree extending Moscow's retaliatory measures in response to a Western price cap on Russia's oil until June 30, 2025, according to a document published. The original decree, issued on December 27, 2022, banned the export of Russian oil and petroleum products under contracts that included the price ceiling set by the Group of Seven (G7) countries, the EU, and Australia, reports Xinhua news agency. It has been extended multiple times, and the latest extension

was to remain in force until December 31, 2024. In December 2022, the EU placed a price cap of \$60 per barrel on Russian seaborne crude oil, a move adopted by the G7. From February 5, 2023, similar price restrictions were applied to petroleum products from Russia. Meanwhile, despite the sanctions, the revenue of Russia's large and medium-sized oil and gas enterprises increased by 34.2 per cent year-on-year in the first half of 2024, reaching 38.3 trillion rubles (about \$413 billion), local media reported on Monday.

Zimbabwe makes strides in building digital infrastructure : Minister

Harare, Dec 23 (IANS) : Zimbabwe has made significant strides in developing its digital infrastructure by prioritising investment in information and communications technologies (ICT), Minister of ICT, Postal and Courier Services Tatenda Mavetera has said. The prioritisation of digital infrastructure has pushed the country's mobile penetration rate to more than 96 per cent, the minister told an event Monday marking the Zimbabwe Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Innovation Week, reports Xinhua news agency.



Punjab Police arrest juvenile among two of ISI-backed terror module

Chandigarh, Dec 23 (IANS) : Punjab Police on Monday claimed to have disrupted Pakistan's ISI-backed terror module being operated by Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) operative Harvinder Rinda and Harpreet Singh with the arrest of two members, who confessed to having placed an improvised explosive device (IED) at a police station in Ajnala, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav. Those arrested have been identified as Jashandeep Singh, a resident of Amritsar, a 17-year-old juvenile.



World Bank okays loan for new project to boost earnings of UP farmers

New Delhi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$325.1 million project in Uttar Pradesh to increase farmers' incomes through improved crop productivity, adoption of digital technologies and climate-resilient practices, and strengthened market linkages. The project also aims to leverage \$15 million in private finance to support these initiatives, according to an official statement issued on Monday. The \$325.10 million Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES) Project will strengthen agricultural value chains, improve access to finance, and create opportunities for value addition. Further, innovative financial instruments will be launched to make access to credit such as the Kisan Credit Card (eKCC) more timely, affordable, and transparent.

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After suspension, ex-registrar of iconic university in Bengal dismissed from job

Kolkata, Dec 23 (IANS) : The suspended registrar of iconic Rabindra Bharati University (RBU) Subir Maitra in Kolkata has been dismissed from service on various charges, including financial irregularities. The information about the decision of his dismissal has already been communicated to him through a communique issued on Monday evening, an insider from the university said. An inquiry was initiated against Maitra a couple of months ago following allegations of severe financial irregularities against him. On November 5, the inquiry officer submitted a report to the university authorities based on his findings in the matter. After that, the university authorities examined the report and, accordingly, issued a show-cause notice to Maitra seeking his reply within seven days. After receiving his reply to the show-cause notice, insiders said the university authorities once again re-



viewed the report findings, statements of witnesses and the reply from Maitra. Following a detailed review of all these aspects, the university authorities finally took the decision to dismiss him from his service and the matter was intimated to him through the communique dated Thursday. It is learnt that following the dismissal from service, some of his retirement benefits will also be withheld. At the same time, he will have to refund the money incurred as a loss because of the financial irregularities that he indulged in.



Row erupts in Jharkhand over recovery notices to beneficiaries of Maiya Samman Yojna

Ranchi, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Jharkhand government has launched a fresh screening process for beneficiaries of the Hemant Soren-led administration's 'Maiya Samman Yojana,' a scheme

which was hailed as a "game changer" during the recent Assembly elections. On the directions of the Social Security Department, steps are being taken to identify beneficiaries who are not eligible and recover amounts disbursed to

them under the scheme. This decision has drawn sharp criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi, following government instructions, has issued letters to Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Circle Officers (COs), directing them to verify beneficiaries of the scheme in urban and rural areas by December 28. "If any beneficiaries are found ineligible, their names should be removed, and recovery of funds should be initiated," the letter said. This move has caused concern among women beneficiaries. Before the elections, a widespread campaign was launched that encouraged women between the age of 18 and 50 years to apply for the scheme.



Bihar govt signs MoU for Sankara Eye hospital in Patna

Patna, Dec 23 (IANS) : The Bihar government has teamed up with the Sankara Eye Foundation to establish a state-of-the-art eye hospital in the capital city, Patna. The MoU was signed by Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary of the Health Department, and Padma Shri Dr R.B. Ramani, Managing Director of the Sankara Eye Foundation India, in the presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. This upcoming facility will provide free treatment to 75 per cent of its patients. Those with an annual income of less than Rs 2.5 lakh will qualify

for free care, while others will need to pay for the services. The initiative aims to enhance access to advanced eye care for economically disadvantaged individuals in the region. With Chief Minister Nitish Kumar overseeing the agreement, the path has been cleared for the establishment of a state-of-the-art eye hospital, Shankara Netralaya, in Kankarbagh, Patna. The Bihar government has transferred 1.6 acres of land to the Sankara Eye Foundation India at the token money of Rs 1 for 99 years.

Under PMAY, housing dreams of Jabalpur's poor fulfilled

Jabalpur, Dec 23 (IANS): The Central government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched several welfare schemes that are benefiting the poor. As a result, the happy beneficiaries are expressing their gratitude towards PM Modi. One such scheme is the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), both rural and urban, through which people's dream of owning a dream home is being fulfilled. Poor people who once lived in mud houses are now able to live in pucca (concrete) homes through this scheme. More than 88.22 lakh houses have been delivered to beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U).

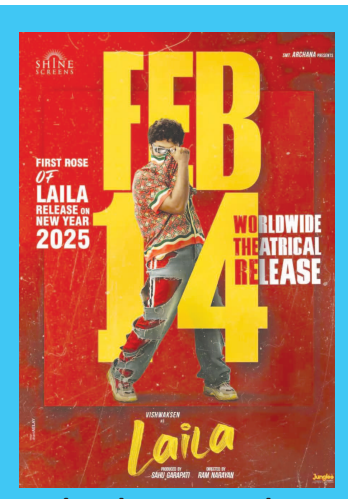




Trisha Krishnan joins prestigious Surya45

Suriya, one of the biggest stars of Indian Cinema is gearing up to entertain us with a big budget thriller, Suriya45. Beautiful actress Trisha Krishnan has been in high demand in recent times. She rejuvenated her career by playing leading lady roles against senior stars in Tamil Cinema, mainly, Now, she has joined Suriya's upcoming prestigious project Suriya45. The ac-

trix will be adding her grace and charm to the fascinating world of the film, stated the makers. Renowned production house Dream Warrior Pictures is producing this big budget film in the direction of multi-faceted writer director RJ Balaji. Katchi Sera, Aasa Kooda songs fame Sai Abhyankar is composing music for this film and regular shoot is going on at a brisk pace.



Vishwak Sen's Laila marks Valentine's Day

Mass Ka Das Vishwak Sen has a unique taste in his script selection and he doesn't want to repeat same genre for his next. Now, the actor shocked everyone with lady makeover for his upcoming film, Laila. The young actor showcased lot of belief in himself by taking up such a challenging role.

Lavanya Tripathi Onboards Sathi leelavathi

Lavanya Tripathi is one of the most talented actors in the Telugu film industry. She has made her debut in the film Andala Rakshasi and has been doing great things in her career. After marrying Varun Tej, Lavanya did not stop pursuing new opportunities and has now signed a new film.

As per the latest reports in the film nagar, Lavanya Tripathi signed a new film, titled 'Sathi Leelavathi.' The film is set to be directed by Tatineni Satya and produced in collaboration with Durga Devi Pictures and Trio Studios. The announcement has come out on the occasion of Lavanya's birthday today.

Tatineni Satya earlier did films like Bheemili Kabaddi Jattu, S.M.S (Shiva Manasulo Shruthi,) and others. Lavanya Tripathi will reportedly be seen in a unique role on which she is extremely confident. The character is a different one and the main story revolves around Lavanya herself. Mickey J. Meyer is composing the music for the film, while



Binendra Menon is handling the cinematography. Dialogues are being penned by Uday Pottipadu, with Kosanam Vittal as the art director and Satish Suriya as the editor. The complete details of the project will be out soon. Lavanya Tripathi is a talented heroine who has utilised every opportunity that came her way. We hope that she would make use of this chance and also emerge as the number one heroine in the film industry. All the best and happy birthday, Lavanya.



Anushka's Ghaati locks Summer release

Queen Anushka Shetty has a huge fan following and many eagerly waiting for her films. She created a huge buzz and curiosity with her upcoming Ghaati Glimpse. Creative director Krish is directing this action epic. With title announcement glimpse and terrific action avatar of Anushka, makers have increased the anticipation for the film by multi-folds. Now, they have locked the much awaited release date for the film.

Mohanlal's Fierce Kirata Look Unveiled: A Roar in the Forest

Like a storm breaking the silence of the woods, the team of Kannappa has unleashed a powerful glimpse of Mohanlal as the legendary Kirata, the Master of Pashupatastra. Draped in a rustic brown vintage attire with black-painted facial designs and gripping a menacing sword, his look emanates an unyielding intensity. This poster, steeped in raw energy, has electrified fans and promises a character that will be etched in cinematic history.

As part of their promotional blitz, the makers of Kannappa have been unveiling character posters every Monday, and today's reveal of Mohanlal has taken the anticipation to new heights. Playing the victor over the victorious and the mythical guardian of the forest, Mohanlal's portrayal of Kirata is set to be an iconic addition to his illustrious career. The magnum opus is slated for release on April 25, 2025, and boasts a stellar ensemble cast including superstars Prabhas, Akshay Kumar, Mohan Babu, Vishnu Manchu, and Sarath Kumar.



Audiences Will Be Surprised by My Role in Game Changer : Srikanth

Global star Ram Charan's Game Changer, directed by Shankar, is one of the most anticipated films of 2025. Scheduled to release on January 10, 2025, the film features Srikanth in a pivotal role. In a recent interaction with the media, Srikanth opened up about his challenging experience working on this high-profile project. Srikanth said, "I feel that my characterization in this movie is fresh and distinct compared to my recent work. I never imagined I would portray such a character. When I heard the second half, I knew I had to take on the role no matter what. Once the prosthetics were done, I felt confident I could do justice to it." Talking about the inspiration behind his look, he added, "They created my look after seeing a picture of my father. When I wore the getup, my mother was shocked. I even teased her by calling her 'Baby.' I never thought I could resemble my father so much."



Nayanthara Embraces Sixth Generation Heroes with Grace

In the changing world of South Indian cinema, actress Nayanthara proves her talent, versatility, and lasting success. From a leading lady to a mother of two, Nayanthara continues to shine as one of the most sought-after stars across industries. At 40, her career remains unmatched, proving that age and milestones have no bearing on her ability to dominate the silver screen. Her upcoming projects with actors like Madhavan and Siddharth, along with women-centric films like Rakkai, Mannangatti Since 1960, and Toxic in Kannada, highlight her commitment to powerful storytelling. Currently juggling Tamil, Malayalam,

and Kannada cinema, Nayanthara is also grabbing attention in Telugu cinema. She is working on a special song for Rajasaab, starring Prabhas. However, what has intrigued many is her collaboration with young actor. Kavin in an upcoming film directed by Vishnu Edavan, a protégé of Lokesh Kanagaraj. Produced by SS Lalith Kumar under Seven Screen Studio, the film promises a fresh romantic narrative. Nayanthara, known for pairing opposite actors across generations, remarked that she has shared screen space with legends like Rajinikanth.

Balakrishna's 'The Rage of Daaku': A Goosebump Fest!

The Rage of Daaku, the first track from the highly anticipated film Daaku Maharaaj, starring Nandamuri Balakrishna, was released by the producers. Balakrishna has a strong part in Bobby Kolli's action thriller, which also stars Shraddha Srinath and Pragya Jaiswal as the main female characters. The film is being produced by Suryadevara Nagavanshi and Sai Sowjanya, while Bobby Deol and Chandini Chowdhury are also playing important roles. Thaman wrote the tune, and

Ananta Sriram wrote the enthralling and weird lyrics. Singers Bharat Raj, Nakash Aziz, Ritesh G Rao, and K. Pranathi bring the lovely song to life. Balakrishna's intense appearance is featured in the lyrical video, which was published on Saturday. It gives fans chills and increases their excitement for the movie. Daaku Maharaaj will be released on January 12—just in time for Sankranti—with filming almost finished. In addition to the suspense, behind-the-scenes looks at the song have been made public, providing a preview of the captivating



storyline of the movie. After working with Balakrishna on Akhanda, Pragya Jaiswal is making a comeback to Telugu cinema, and her amazing performance in the song has won over admirers. The anticipation for her reappearance has

increased due to the joyful surprise of her visuals. More than just a song, the lyrical video tells a captivating tale that is sure to captivate viewers. Fans are looking forward to The Rage of Daaku because of its strong soundtrack, captivating images, and outstanding performances.

Aamir Khan and Vamshi Paidipally Team Up for Groundbreaking Telugu Project?

Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan, known for his perfection and blockbuster films, has exciting news for his South Indian fans. Currently busy with projects like Sitaare Zameen Par, producing Lahore 1947, and acting in the Tamil film Coolie alongside Rajinikanth, Nagarjuna, and Upendra, Aamir has now set his sights on Telugu cinema. For fans who loved his dubbed hits like PK and 3 Idiots, this marks a new chapter in his illustrious career. Aamir Khan has shown growing interest in collaborating with South Indian filmmakers, recognizing the powerful stories and trends emerging from the industry. Notably, Tollywood producer Dil Raju has been in talks with Aamir for some time. Recently, acclaimed Telugu director Vamshi Paidipally, known for films like Oopiri, Maharshi.

