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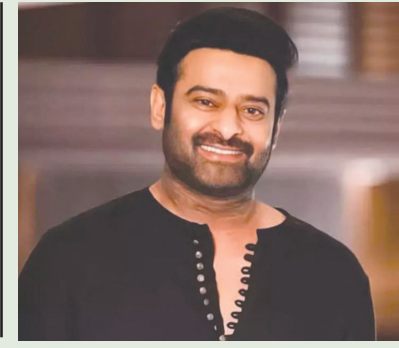
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### Two succumb in Andhra in 10 days

Amaravati, Feb 17 : A 45-year-old woman and a minor boy have succumbed to Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), an autoimmune neurological disorder, in Andhra Pradesh in the past 10 days, said Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav on Monday. The Health Minister noted that Kamamma died at Government General Hospital (GGH) in Guntur on Sunday while the 10-year-old boy died in a private medical college in Srikakulam 10 days ago. "There are 17 GBS cases now. This is a non-communicable disease with an incidence rate of up to two per one lakh population. This is not a sudden spurt of cases, this is normal," Yadav said.



## CM directs issuance of new ration cards

**Hyderabad, Feb.17 (NSS):** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed officials to promptly organise the distribution of new ration cards. He emphasised that all eligible individuals should receive these cards and recommended that families who have previously submitted applications be informed and advised against reapplying. Revanth Reddy has mandated swift action to distribute the cards in districts where the election code

for the MLC is not applicable. The Chief Minister held a meeting with officials here on Monday and also reviewed various designs for the new cards. It is known that the process for issuing new ration cards in Telangana State has been going on for several days.

## Kavitha exposes Congress-BJP drama on BC caste census issue

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 :** BRS MLC K Kavitha on Monday launched a broadside against both the Congress and BJP, charging them with orchestrating a political drama to divert attention from the Backward Classes (BC) reservations issue. She said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Union Minister Bandi Sanjay were deliberately shifting focus from the flaws in the recent caste survey. "Instead of addressing the incorrect BC census, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has conveniently started a debate on whether Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a BC or not.



## Telangana to allow Muslim employees to leave offices early during Ramzan

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Telangana government on Monday permitted Muslim employees to leave offices early during the fasting month of Ramzan. Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari had issued an order allowing Muslim employees to leave offices an hour during the holy month, which is to begin on March 1 or March 2 depending on the sighting of the moon. "Government hereby permit all Muslim government employees/teachers/contract/out-sourcing/boards/corporations and public sector employees working in the state to leave their offices/schools at 4 p.m. during the holy month of "RAMZAN" i.e., from March 2 to 31 (both days inclusive) to offer necessary prayers, except when their presence is required due to exigencies of services during the above period," said the Government Order. Meanwhile, the Minorities Welfare Department is making elaborate arrangements at the historic Makkah Masjid and Shahi Masjid (Royal Mosque) for the holy month of Ramzan.

## Delhi Police deploy six officers at NDLS for crowd management

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Two days after the tragic incident which claimed 18 lives, the Delhi Police have deployed six inspector-rank officers at the New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS) to enhance crowd management and ensure passenger safety. These officers, drawn from different districts, were specifically chosen for their experience handling operations at the New Delhi Railway Station, one of the busiest transit hubs in the country. Some of them have earlier served as Station House Officers (SHOs) at the station, giving them a strong understanding of the logistical and security challenges posed by large crowds.



## Ambassadors and HCs of Cambodia, Maldives, Somalia, Cuba and Nepal present credentials to President Murmu

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** President Droupadi Murmu on Monday accepted credentials from the Ambassadors/High Commissioners of Cambodia, Maldives, Somalia, Cuba and Nepal at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Those who presented their credentials included Rath Many (Ambassador of Cambodia), Aishath Azeema (High Commissioner of the Republic of Maldives), Abdullahi Mohammed Odowa (Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Somalia), Juan Carlos Marsan Aguilera (Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba) and Shankar Prasad Sharma (Ambassador of Nepal). Newly-appointed High Commissioner of Maldives to India.



## BRS celebrates KCR's 71st birthday with grand festivities across Telangana and abroad

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 :** BRS cadre along with people celebrated the 71st birthday of party president and former Chief Minister K Chandrasekhara Rao on Monday with grand festivities across the State and abroad as well. Party leaders, workers, and supporters gathered in large numbers to mark the occasion, with cultural programmes, social service activities, and special prayers conducted for well-being of the former Chief Minister.

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## Telangana Cong chief dares Bandi Sanjay to get constitutional protection for 42 pc BC quota

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 :** Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President, Mahesh Kumar Goud on Monday challenged Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, to persuade the Centre to include in the 9th

Schedule of the Constitution of India the Bill to be passed by the Telangana Assembly to enhance reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) to 42 per cent. He also asked Bandi Sanjay if he has the courage to urge Prime Minister Narendra Modi to conduct a caste survey across the country.



## If we borrow, we borrow to build, says FM Sitharaman

**Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's "big shift in Budget-making" is ensuring a responsible approach to handling taxpayers' money which is reflected in borrowings directed toward capital asset building.





## SCR GM presents 'Employee of the Month' safety awards to eight

Hyderabad, Feb 17: South Central Railway General Manager Arun Kumar Jain presented "Employee of the Month" safety awards for the month of January, 2025 to eight employees during safety review meeting held on Monday.

## Telangana people want to see KCR as CM again : KTR

Hyderabad, Feb 17 (IANS) : Bharat Rashtara Samithi (BRS) Working President, K. T. Rama Rao, claimed on Monday that the people of Telangana want to see BRS President K. Chandrasekhra Rao (KCR) as the chief minister once again. Rama Rao stated this while addressing BRS workers at party headquarters Telangana Bhavan at KCR's 71st birthday celebrations Rama Rao and other BRS leaders cut a huge cake weighing 71 kg to celebrate the party supremo and former chief minister's birthday. "People want KCR to become the chief minister once again. Let us work hard to make him the chief minister once again," he told the party leaders and workers. "KCR is a hero for Telangana. When he was running the movement, there was no media or support. He braved all odds to carry forward the movement. He even risked his life to achieve Telangana state," he said. Rama Rao earlier posted on 'X' that he was blessed to be the son of KCR. "I am blessed that my father isn't just mine alone but the Hero of



Telangana. He defines what it means to have a dream and to set out for it with unbridled commitment, to fight off naysayers and show them proudly how it is done, to love and fight for the dream called Telangana and to actually achieve it without even thinking about your own life," he wrote.

## BRS celebrates KCR's 71st birthday with grand festivities across Telangana and abroad

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao along with former Minister T. Harish Rao and Opposition leader in Council S. Madhusudhana Chari had cut a massive 71 kg cake at Telangana Bhavan. As part of the celebrations, a special documentary on Chandrasekhra Rao's life and political journey was screened. Cultural programmes also were organised on the occasion. MPs, MLAs, former Ministers, corporators, and activists, participated in the event. Social service programmes were taken up on a large scale, with plantation of saplings, blood donation camps, fruit distributions, and community feasts organised across the State.

**ARM BRANCH, Ground floor circle office Building, Survey no. 625, Beside Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad- 500026**

**Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (B) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").**

Ref. No: 77002752/ABFPI/RN/2024-25/MS Dated: 05/02/2025  
**To, The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor: 1) M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd Reg Office: H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 038, 2) M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd Factory, at, Sy No. 671, 673 and 674, Jangampalli Village, Bhiknour Mandal, Nizamabad district, Telangana - 503 102, 3) Sri Narayanam Raja Sekhara Rao (Promotor & Guarantor) S/o. N Ghanta Rao, Residing at, H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 038, 4) Smt Narayanam (Kasa) Latha (Promotor & Guarantor) W/o. Narayanam Raja Sekhara Rao, Residing at H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500 038, 5) Smt Srimati Amilini (Director & Guarantor) R/o. H No. 6-3-628/9, Anand Nagar Colony, Khairatabad, Hyderabad - 500 001, 6) Sri Jakkam Ranga Bhumal Reddy (Guarantor) S/o. Venkata Reddy Jakkam, Residing at, My Home Jewel Gomed Block, Flat No. 103, Venkata, Miyapur, Hyderabad - 500 039, 7) Sri Puluri Maruthi Venkata Subba Rao (Director & Guarantor) H No. 17-12, Flat No. 408, Chippendale Apartments, Golkonda X Roads, Back side NBR Estate, Musheerabad, Hyderabad - 500 020, 8) Sri Sreedhar Reddy Nalla (Director & Guarantor) R/o. H No. 168/B, MIGH, Sanjeev Reddy Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 038, 9) Smt Chikkala Lakshmi Janaki (Guarantor) W/o. Chikkala Ravi, Residing at Flat No. 104, 1st Floor, Fort View Residency, Puppalguda Village, Rajendranagar, RR Dist, Telangana - 500 030, 10) Sri Kasa Naga Durga Prasad Rao (Director) S/o. Kasa Satyanarayana Murthy O/o. H No. 8-3-167/D/123 & 125, Flat No. 601, Visista Apartments, Phase I, Kalyan Nagar Colony, Hyderabad - 500 038.**

**SUBJECT: Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (B) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").**

The undersigned being the **Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Hyderabad, Telangana** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(B) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on 07/12/2023, to the borrower M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd, the borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors as mentioned above demanding to pay an amount of Rs.20,51,89,448 /-(Rupees Twenty Crores Fifty one lakhs eighty nine thousand four hundred and forty eight Only) and interest stated therein within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrower M/s Ananda Bharathi Fertilizers (India) Pvt Ltd, the borrowers, mortgagors and the Guarantors mentioned above having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated 21/06/2024 for 4 flats and 25/06/2024 for 1 flat. Further, the said symbolic possession notice was duly published in Mana Telangana and Business Standard newspapers on 28/06/2024 for 1 flat.

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of Rs. 20,51,89,448/- (Rupees Twenty Crores Fifty one lakhs eighty nine thousand four hundred and forty eight Only) as on 30/11/2023, plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets:

i. By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or ii. By inviting tenders from the public; or iii. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or iv. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act or any other law in force.

Date: 05.02.2025  
 Authorised Officer  
 CANARA BANK  
 Place: Hyderabad

**TTD chairman seeks land from Maha Govt for constructing Ammavari temple at Navi Mumbai**

Tirupati, Feb.17 (NSS): TTD chairman BR Naidu handed over a requisition under the hands of AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis seeking land towards the construction of Sri Padmavati Ammavari Temple in Navi Mumbai and a TTD Information Center at Bandra. The handing over of the requisition letter seeking site allotment took place during the ongoing three-day International Temple Convention at Asha Convention Center in Tirupati on Monday evening. The CMs of AP, Maharashtra along with the Goa CM Pramod inaugurated the mega event and participated in the convention. It may be mentioned here that earlier 3.61 acres of land on lease basis was allotted to TTD towards the construction of Sri Vari temple in Ulve area in Navi Mumbai. TTD has decided to build an Ammavari temple also in another 1.5 acre land.

**SALE PROCLAMATION -CUM-E-AUCTION**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT HYDERABAD**  
 1<sup>st</sup>, Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, HYDERABAD-500001, Ph: 040-24756467.

RP No. 788 OF 2019 Date: 06/02/2025

**PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38.52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993.**

(C) (Ch) Canara Bank (e-Syndicate Bank), Puppalguda Branch, Puppalguda, RR District  
 Certificate Holder

(CD 1) Mr. Tammiseti Rajesh, S/o Mr. T. Raja Ram Mohan Rai, R/o Flat No. 101, Sri Raghavendra Residency, Plot No.8, Manikonda, Hyderabad, Telangana State. Also At: R/o Flat No.201, F Block, BRC, Hema Durga Siva Hills, Puppalguda, Ranga Reddy District-500089.  
 (CD 2) Mrs. Tammiseti Swamanageri W/o Mr. Tammiseti Rajesh, Occ: Business, R/o Flat No.101, Sri Raghavendra Residency, Plot No.8, Manikonda, Hyderabad, Telangana State, Also At: R/o Flat No.201, F Block, BRC, Hema Durga Siva Hills, Puppalguda, Ranga Reddy District-500089.  
 (CD3) Mr. Sangaraparubramanya Srinivas S/o Mr. S.K.R.K. Sastry, Occ: Business, R/o Flat No.402, Shankara Tajamam, Street No.2, Chikoti Garden, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana State  
 Certificate Debtors

WHEREAS a Recovery Certificate bearing RP No. 788/2019 dated 10.12.2019 was issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Hyderabad, under Sec.19(22) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993.

WHEREAS the undersigned initiated recovery proceedings in RP No. 788/2019 for recovery of Rs.60,79,218.00 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousands Two Hundred Eighteen Only) with interest, costs, etc. specified in the Recovery Certificate aforesaid and the Second and Third Schedules to the Income Tax Act, 1961, from the Certificate Debtors.

And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the mortgaged/attached property mentioned in the schedule annexed hereto in satisfaction of Recovery Certificate.

And whereas on the 27.03.2025 (the date fixed for sale), there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 60,79,218.00 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousands Two Hundred Eighteen Only) [Decree Amount] plus interest and cost payable as per Recovery Certificate issued by Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT (less amount already recovered, if any) from Mr. Tammiseti Rajesh & Others.

NOTICE is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold on 27.03.2025 by e-auction and the bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com by the Service Provider "M/s PSB Alliance (baanknet)", & Contact No : +91-8291220220, Mail id: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

For more details contact V Sandeep Kumar, Chief Manager, CANARA BANK ARM Branch, Phone No.040-27725260 Mobile No.09885660606, Mail id: cb2752@canarabank.com for query, Inspection of Schedule Property, personal copies of the title deeds and latest Encumbrance Certificate to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves about title of the property under Auction Sale.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- The sale will be of the immovable property as mentioned in the schedule.
- The reserve price below which the properties shall not be sold is Rs. 1,33,00,000/-
- The properties will be put for auction on 27.03.2025 from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM.
- No Officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961, and the income tax certificate proceedings Rules 1962, the rules made there under.
- Bidders are advised to go through the website https://baanknet.com for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, procedure and application form etc... before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
- The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of the property provided always that he is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the amount bid by him is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate so as to make it inadvisable to do so.
- The EMD to the extent of 10% reserve price shall be deposited by the bidder by 24.03.2025 either by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to credit of Account No.209272434 Name of the Account CANARA BANK ARM BRANCH HYDERABAD and IFSC Code: CNRB0002752 or by Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Registrar-DRT-2, Hyderabad".
- The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the purchase consideration after adjustment of 10% EMD on being knocked down by next day i.e by 3.00 PM in the said account as per details mentioned in Para 8 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next working day. Balance 75% of the purchase consideration is to be remitted within 15 days from the date of auction.
- In addition to the above, the purchaser shall also deposit postage fee with Registrar, DRT-2 Hyderabad @ 2% up to Rs. 1000/- and @ 1% of the excess of the said amount of Rs. 1000/- through DD in favour of "Registrar DRT-2 Hyderabad".
- In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, shall be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
- Purchaser bidding for the property shall ensure to abide by the prevailing applicable laws. The property is being sold on: "As is where is" and "As is what is" condition. The bidders should make their own enquiries regarding ownership, encumbrances, charges or statutory dues such as taxes etc... with respect to the property. It shall be deemed that the bidders have done their own due diligence before submitting the bids.
- The property is being sold on "As is where is & As is what is basis".
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason

**Specification of property**  
**(Details of immovable property mortgaged by Defendants in favour of the Application Bank)**  
**Immovable Property**  
 Property belonged to Defendant No.1 herein covered under Registered Sale Dedd No.2576/2018 dated 19.03.2018:

All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing Flat No. 201 in 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Block 'F' having the plinth area measuring 1416 Sft + common area measuring 339 Sft In total super built up area measuring 1755 Sft together with undivided share of land measuring 43 Sq.yards out of total land measuring 35,392 Sq. yards and one parking slot in cellar of Block C/D in the residential complex 'SREE HEMADURGA SIVA HILLS' covered by plot no. 11, 12 & 13 in survey no. 196,197A,199,200,200AA, 201 to 206 and land in Survey No. 192/Part, 194/Part and 195/Part are situated at Puppalguda Village, Gandipet Mandal (previously in Rajendra nagar Mandal), Rangareddy District belonging to TAMMISETTI RAJESH under Sale Deed No. 2576 of 2018 dated 19.03.2018 and bounded on: North: Open To Sky West: Corridor And Lift, South: Open To Sky East: Open To Sky

DATE OF AUCTION	LAST OF BID SUBMISSION	TIME OF ACUTION	RESERVE PRICE	10% EMD AMOUNT	BID INCREMENT AMOUNT
27.03.2025	24.03.2025	11:00 AM TO 11:30 AM	1,33,00,000/-	13,30,000/-	1,00,000/-

Given under my hand & seal of this Tribunal at on this 06<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

Sd/-  
 (PRASHANT KANKRANA)  
 RECOVERY OFFICER  
 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2, HYDERABAD-500001.

**SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED**

Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.

**BRANCH OFFICE:H No.12-2/25-12, Prabhakar Chambers, P & T Colony, Rethibowli, Mehdiatnam, Hyderabad.**

**RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE**

Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

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

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble **The Court Of VTH ADDL CHIEF JUDGE KUKATPALLY under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 17.02.2025.**

BORROWER NAME AND ADDRESS	Amount Due as per Demand Notice
<b>1) Venkat Kedari Talikonda.</b> S/o: Nageshwar Rao, Age 44 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 13-6-250/3/231, Hari Das Nagar, Near Sri Bank, Kanhan, Hyderabad-500067	Rs. 1,31,28,467/- (One Crore Thirty One Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred And Sixty Seven Rupees Only)
<b>B/O: Proprietor Of "The Bharya OTTO Service Station"</b> , At # 12-2-4/20, Gudimakkur, Near Sai Baba Temple, Mehadiatnam, Hyderabad-500028. <b>2) Sanaboina Srinivasa Rao,</b> S/O: Raja Rao, Age 43 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O: Plot No. 01, Flat No. 102, Road No. 03, New Shankar Nagar, Near Madhu Residency, Chanda Nagar, Trimalagiri, Hyderabad-500050, O/O: "Southern Power Distribution Company Of Telangana", Working As "A Asst Lineman", At # Chandanagar, Hyderabad.	Rs. 1,31,28,467/- (One Crore Thirty One Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Four Hundred And Sixty Seven Rupees Only)

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY - MDPMT/FT/1511300003:**

**Schedule-I:** All That The Flat No. G1 In Ground Floor Of Sri Nivasam On Plot No. 1 Having Plinth Area Of 829 Sq. Ft Including Common Areas Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 28.20 Sq. Yards Out Of 225 Sq. Yards In Sy.No. 236/2 Situated At Block No. 1, Chanda Nagar Village, Serilingampally Mandal And Municipality, Rangareddy District, Telangana State And **Bounded As Follows:** Towards East: Corridor, Staircase And Lift, Towards West: Open To Sky, Towards North: Parking Spaces, Towards South: Open To Sky.

**Schedule-II:** All That The Flat No. 202 In Second Floor Of Sri Nivasam On Plot No. 1 Having Plinth Area Of 834.5 Sq. Ft Including Common Areas Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 28.20 Sq. Yards Out Of 225 Sq. Yards In Sy.No.236/2 Situated At Block No. 1, Chanda Nagar Village, Serilingampally Mandal And Municipality, Rangareddy District, Telangana State And **Bounded As Follows:** Towards East: Corridor, Staircase And Lift, Towards West: Open To Sky, Towards North: Flat No. 202, Towards South: Open To Sky.

**Schedule-III:** All That The Flat No. 202 In Second Floor Of Sri Nivasam On Plot No. 1 Having Plinth Area Of 834.5 Sq. Ft Including Common Areas Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 28.20 Sq. Yards Out Of 225 Sq. Yards In Sy.No.236/2 Situated At Block No. 1, Chand Nagar And **Bounded As Follows:** Towards East: Corridor, Staircase And Lift, Towards West: Open To Sky, Towards North: Open To Sky, Towards South : Flat No. 201.

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

Date : 17.02.2025  
 Place : Hyderabad  
 Sd./Authorized Officer  
 SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

**KCR is an emotion for Telangana people : Harish Rao**

Hyderabad, Feb 17 (NSS): BRS party MLA Harish Rao today said former CM KCR was an emotion of four crore people of Telangana State and added that KCR's bond with Telangana was instinctual. "KCR was 15 years old during the first phase of separate Telangana movement in 1969 and was a leader who had chanted 'Jai Telangana'. After thousands of hours of brainstorming,

**Stressed Asset Management Branch, Hyderabad: 3rd Floor, Andhra Bank Building, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad-500095.**  
 Tel: 7032920743 e-mail: ubin0812048@unionbankofindia.bank

**NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE)**  
**RULE 6 (2)(b) (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

To: Borrowers/Mortgagor/ Guarantors: 1. M/s Transstroy (India) Ltd Plot No. 201, 202 & 202B, Guttala Bempet, Kavuri Hills, Hyderabad-500081, 2. Mr. Rayapati Jeevan S/o. Rayapati Gopala Krishna 4-20-1417, KLP School road, Rind Road, Siddhartha Nagar, Pattabhipuram Guntur - 522006. 3. Mr. Rayapati Jagadesh S/o. Rayapati Gopala Krishna KLP School Road, Pattabhipuram Guntur - 522006, 4. Mrs Lakshmi (Legal heir of Mrs Leela Kumari) D/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 5-91-25, 4th Lane, Lakshimpuram ; Chandramouli Nagar, Guntur - 522006, 5. Rayapati Ranga Rao (Guarantor and legal heir of Mrs Leela Kumari) S/o. Rayapati Sambasiva Rao Survey No.301, 302 & 303, TS No.1, Block No.1, Ward No.2, New Ward No.3, 4th Lane, Lakshimpuram, Guntur-522006, 6. Mrs Devika Rani (guarantor and legal heir of Mrs Leela Kumari) D/o Rayapati Sambasiva Rao, 5-91-25, 4th Lane, Lakshimpuram Chandramouli Nagar, Guntur - 522006. 7. Mrs Ch Vani, W/o. Ch. Sridhar 8-2-684/2, flat No 106, Rock level Apts. Gulohmar Avenue, Road No 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad - 500033. 8. Mr Narayana Chowdhary S/o. Late Veeriah Chowdhary 5-91-25, 4th Lane, Lakshimpuram, Chandramouli Nagar Guntur - 522006. 9. Mr Yalamanchili Vijay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohan Rao) S/o. Mr Jagannohan Rao Yalamanchili(late) Door No 6-4-101, 4/2-3th line, Arundelpet, Guntur -522006. 10. Mr Yalamanchili Ajay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohan Rao) S/o. Mr Jagannohan Rao Yalamanchili (late) Door No 6-4-101, 4/2-3th line, Arundelpet, Guntur -522006. 11. Mr Yalamanchili Sanjay (legal heir of Yalamanchili Jagannohan Rao) S/o. Mr Jagannohan Rao Yalamanchili(late) Door No 6-4-101, 4/2-3th line, Arundelpet, Guntur -522006. 12. Mr. Cherukuri Sridhar 8-2-684/2, flat No 106, Rock level Apts, Gulohmar Avenue, Road No 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad -500033.

Sir/Madam,  
 Sub - Sale of property belonging to (1) Dr. Jagannohan Rao Yalamanchili, (2) M/s Transstroy (India) Ltd & (3) Smt. Leela Kumari (Late) and Mr. Ranga Rao for realization of amount due to Bank under the SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

Union Bank of India (Secured Asset Management Branch, Sultan Bazar, Koti, Hyderabad -500095), the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 01.01.2016 in respect of property-1 & 2 and demand notice dated 02.12.2019 in respect of property-3 under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply with the said notice during the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 08.09.2017 in respect of property-1 & 2 and on 17.03.2020 in respect of property-3.

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY**

**Property-1:** All that the site with 3 Commercial / Institutional Use Buildings in an extent of 22500sft (1042 Sq.Yds) situated at T.S No:532 of Guntur, Block No.09, Assst No:1021044812, Revenue Ward No:17, Old Ward No:03, New Ward No:05, Ward No:06, Old Dr. Nos:8-4-101, 6-4-101/A, New Dr No:31-4-340, 4/2-3, Near Hotel Geetha Residency and Arundelpet Municipal Park, 4th Line Arundelpet, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh belongs to Dr. Jagannohan Rao Yalamanchili. Bounded by: East: Property of Tumma Masaranna, South : Municipal Road, West: Property of Masaranna, North: Municipal Road.

**Property-2:** All that part and parcel of the property belongs to M/s Transstroy (India) Ltd consisting of Commercial land at Bicavolu Village & Mandal, East Godavari Dist. 13.82 Acres. Latitude, Longitude and coordinates of site- 16.981048N 80.621427E

Land at Sy.No.223/1 to an extent of Ac.0.70 north east corner in Ac.1.50 in west side full extent of Ac.2.04 at Bicavolu Village, East Godavari Dist. Boundaries: North: Land of Claimant, South: Land of Samikota Rao, East: Land of Sodasani Puttayya, West: Land of Claimant Land at Sy.No.224/2 to an extent of Ac.0.26, in full extent of Ac.0.68 and Sy.No.224/3 to an extent of Ac.0.54 in full extent of Ac.2.88 i.e. total extent of Ac.0.80 cents at Bicavolu village, East Godavari Dist. Boundaries: North: Land of Claimant, South: Land of Senapathi Appa Rao. East: Land of Claimant, West: Land of Nelapala Suryudu. All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.221/2B to an extent of Ac.0.20 in full extent of Ac.8.96 at Bicavolu village, East Godavari Dist. Boundaries: North: Land of Kada Nagamani, South: Land of Sadanal Suribabu, East: Land of Bandaru Pradeep Kumar, West: Land of Vudi Govinda Rao.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.226/1B to an extent of Ac.1.15 in full extent of Ac.3.23 at Bicavolu village, East Godavari Dist. Boundaries: North: Land of Railway, South: Land of Claimant (purchased from Executant and Ketha Chandra Rao), East: remaining land of executant, West: Land claimant (purchased from Executant & Ketha Chandra Rao).

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.225/2 to an extent of Ac.0.24 in full extent of Ac.0.26 at Bicavolu Village, East Godavari Dist. Boundaries:- North: Land of Claimant, South: Land of Samalkota Rao, East: Land of Senapathi Thirumithulu and others, West: Land of Nelapala Suryudu and others.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.227/3B to an extent of Ac.0.50 in full extent of Ac.2.80 in southern side at Bicavolu village, East Godavari District. Bounded by: North: Land of Claimant, South: Land of Janga Venkata Reddy, East: Land of Kancharla Mangatayaru, West: Land of Claimant.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.223/1 to an extent of Ac.0.20 in full extent of Ac.2.04 at Bicavolu village, east Godavari Dist. Boundaries: North: Land of Kada Nagamani and others, South: Land of Senapathi Apparao, East: Land of Senapathi Apparao, West: Land of Claimant.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.227/3B to an extent of Ac.1.40 in full extent of Ac.2.82 at Bicavolu village, east Godavari Dist. Boundaries:- North: Land of railway, South: Land of Vanga Veera Babu, West: Land of Vanga veerappa and others, East: Land of Kancharla Mangatayaru and others, West: Land of Nelapala Krishna and others.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.221/2B to an extent of Ac.0.74 in full extent of Ac.8.96 at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu east Godavari Dist. Boundaries:- North: Land of railways, South: Land of Tanuku chintalamma& others, East: Land of Anusuri Pedaveeranna, West: Land of Nakka Veeranna.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.226/1B to an extent of Ac.0.60, in full extent of Ac.3.23 at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Bounded by: North: Land of claimant (purchased from Ketha Chandra Rao), South: Land of Kancharla Mangatayaru, East: land of claimant (purchased from Ketha Chandra Rao), West: Land of Eeli China appa Rao and others

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.226/1B to an extent of Ac.1.01 % , in full extent of Ac.3.23 in northern side at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Bounded by: North: Railway land, South: Land of Anusuri Suramma, East: Land of Anusuri Pedaveeranna, West: Land of Eeli China Appa Rao.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.226/1B to an extent of Ac.0.50 , in full extent of Ac.4.12 in southern side at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Bounded by: North: Land of Anusuri Pedaveeranna, South: Land of Katta Suramma, East: Land of Anusuri Pedaveeranna, West: Land of Anusuri Suramma and others.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.223/1 to an extent of Ac.0.16, in full extent of Ac.2.04 & Sy.No.223/4 to an extent of Ac.0.23 in full extent of Ac.0.26 (total extent of Ac.0.39) at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District is bounded by:-  
**Item No.1:- Annexed hereto, bounded on: extent of Ac.0.16 acres in Sy.No.223/1:-** North: Land of Sodasani Puttayya, South: Land of Panta Kaluva, East: Land of Tanuku Sathiyya, West: Land of Senapathi Apparao.  
**Item No.2:- Annexed hereto, bounded on: extent of Ac.0.23 acres in Sy.No.223/4:-** North: Land of Nelapala Suryudu & Remaining land of Vendor, South: Panta Kaluva, East: Land of Nelapala Suryudu, West: Land of Nelapala Suryudu.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.227/3 and 227/2B to an extent of Ac.0.90, in full extent of Ac.2.82 and as per the enjoyment and present survey it is changed to Sy.No.227/3B in northern side at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. bounded by: North: Railway land, South: Land of Eeli China Appa Rao, East: Land of Anusuri Peda Veeranna, West: Land of Janga Venkata Reddy & others in Sy.No.227/4B.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.221/2B to an extent of Ac.0.30, in full extent of Ac.3.96 at Bicavolu Village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Annexed hereto, bounded on: North: Land of Railway, South: Land of Anusuri Padmaja, East: Land of Bandaru Pradeepkumar, West: Land of Claimant.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.225/3 to an extent of Ac.1.15, in full extent of Ac.1.15 at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Annexed hereto and bounded on: North: Land of Anusuri V.V.Manikumar, South: Land of Anusuri Venkata Ramana and others, East: Land of Mandala Rani & Others, West: Land of claimant (purchased from Executant and Ketha Chandra Rao)

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.224/2 to an extent of Ac.0.16, in full extent of Ac.0.68 and Sy.No.224/3 to an extent of Ac.0.44 in full extent of Ac. 2.88 (Total extent of Ac.0.60) at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District Andhra Pradesh, bounded by: North: Land of Voodi Govinda Rao, South: Land of Katta Subba Rao, East: Land of Marreddi Durgamma, West: Land of Mandala Rani

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.223/1 to an extent of Ac.0.40, in full extent of Ac.2.04 acres of east western corner at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District is bounded by Annexed hereto, bounded on: North: Land of Nelapala Veeraveeranna, South: Land of Nelapala Chandrayya, East: Land of Senapathi Apparao, West: Land of Nelapala Chandrayya.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.224/1B to an extent of Ac.0.22, in full extent of Ac.1.18 in west south corner at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District is bounded by: Annexed hereto, bounded on: North: Railway Land, South: Land of claimant (purchased today from Anusuri Peda Veeranna), East: Land of Voodi Govinda Rao, West: Land of Railway

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.227/4B to an extent of Ac.0.40, in full extent of Ac.1.78 acres in northern side at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Annexed hereto, bounded: North: Land of Nelapala Subbanna, South: Land of Vanga Veera Babu, East: Land of Eeli China Apparao, West: illapalli Road.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.224/1 to an extent of Ac.0.62, in full extent of Ac.2.92 in west eastern side in Sy.No.224/1B to an extent of Ac.0.50 in full extent of two Sy.Nos.12.63 acres in western side (total extent of Acs.1.12) at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District (as per survey and enjoyment the survey number is 224/1B to an extent of Ac.0.95). Annexed hereto, bounded on: North: Railway Land, South: Land of Lolfa Suribabu @ water body, East: Land of Nakka Veeranna, West: Land of Kada Nagamani & others.

All that piece and parcel of land bearing in Sy.No.224/2(Ac.0.05) and 224/3 (Ac.0.45), total extent of Ac.0.50, in full extent of Acs.3.66, at Bicavolu village, Bicavolu Mandal, East Godavari District. Bounded by: North: Land of Vudi Govinda Rao, South: Land of Senapathi Appa Rao, East: Land of Mandala Rani, West: Land of Kada Nagamani.

Place: Hyderabad  
 Date: 15.02.2025  
 Authorised Officer  
 Union Bank of India



# Uttam attends Peddagattu Jatara in Suryapet & offers prayers to presiding deity

**Hyderabad, Feb.17 (NSS):** Irrigation & Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy participated in the Peddagattu Jatara at Durajpally in Suryapet district on Monday and offered prayers at the Lingamantula Swamy temple and took part in the religious rituals. The Peddagattu Jatara, also known as Gollagattu Jatara, is Telangana's second-largest religious congregation after the Medaram Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara. Held once every two years, the five-day festival is of great spiritual significance, particularly for the Yadava community, which worships Lingamantula Swamy as their deity. This year, the Jatara began on February 16 and will conclude on February 20. On the arrival, Uttam Kumar Reddy was given a grand welcome by the temple committee members, who honoured him with traditional offerings. As part of the rituals, the minister participated in the Bhairi (Bhery) drumming ceremony along with devotees in the temple premises. He later performed special prayers. He thanked Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for sanctioning Rs 5 crore for the successful conduct of the Peddagattu Lingamantula Swamy Jatara. He instructed officials to take special measures to ensure devotees do not face any inconvenience. Speaking to media persons, Uttam Kumar Reddy highlighted the rich cultural and religious heritage of Telangana.



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# TGSRTC announces 10 percent discount on Bangalore route buses

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 (NSS):** The discount applies to various services, including AC Sleeper (Berth), AC Sleeper Star (Seater), Rajdhani, Non-AC Sleeper (Berth), Non-AC Seater, and Super Luxury buses.

# ED restitutes properties worth Rs 30.71 cr to SBI in PMLA case

**Hyderabad, Feb.17 (NSS):** Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Hyderabad Zonal Office has successfully accomplished the process of restitution of properties worth Rs 30.71 crore to the State Bank of India in connection with money laundering case against Messrs Sheetal Refiners Limited & others.

Based on ED's initiative, the State Bank of India (SBI) filed restitution applications under Section 8(8) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 before the Special Court (PMLA) of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Hyderabad for release of immovable properties seized by the ED, Hyderabad Zonal Office. ED, Hyderabad urged the Court to release the seized amount to the rightful claimant, i.e. SBI in public interest. The Court vide orders dated February 7, 2025 allowed the petition.

**CAN FIN HOMES LTD**  
**Taranaka Branch: No.12-13-416/1,3rd Floor, Mani Mansion, Street No 1, Taranaka, Hyderabad - 500017. Tel.No.040-27005553, Mob:7625079156.**

**APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**  
**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 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Taranaka Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 26-03-2025 for recovery of Rs. 37,21,132/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Twenty One thousand and One Hundred Thirty two rupees only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mr. Makshetty Naveen Kumar S/o. Makshetty Karjmay (Borrower) and Mrs. Yellam Setty Thejaswini W/o. Makshetty Naveen Kumar (Co-Borrower) as on 17/02/2025 together with other interest and other charges thereon. The Reserve price will be Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,10,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ten thousand only).

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:**  
 All that the Residential Flat No 203 in second floor of Srikanth Residency with built up area of 1105 sqft (Including common Area) and one Car Parking Area of 80 Sqft along with Undivided share of land measuring 23 Sq yds (Out of 534 Sq Yds) constructed on Plot Nos 11 & 22 in Survey Nos 1738/1736, 1772 & 1737 of Sri Sai Balaji Enclave Situated at Mallampet Village, Dundigal - Gandimisamma Mandal, Under Dundi Municipal Council, Medchal Malkajgiri District, Telangana State and bounded by: **Boundaries for Land: North: Plot Nos 10 & 23, South: Plot Nos 12 & 21, East: 40 Wide Road, West: 40 Wide Road. Boundaries for Plot: North: Corridor, South: Open to Sky, East: Corridor & Staircase, West: Lift & Open to Sky.**

Known Encumbrance if any: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction: [www.bankeactionwiz.com](http://www.bankeactionwiz.com).

Date: 17-02-2025, Place: Taranaka Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd.

# Don't show negligence on illegal constructions Ilambarthi

**Hyderabad, Feb 17 (NSS):** GHMC Commissioner Ilambarthi has directed the concerned officials not to be negligent in taking action against illegal constructions within Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits. The Commissioner received complaints from the public at the Pravaajini programme held at the GHMC headquarters on Monday and gave suitable instructions to the concerned authorities. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said expressed his displeasure over the delay in resolving the complaints received in municipal circles about the illegal constructions related to town planning wing.

"It is not right to behave irresponsibly and they should do their work responsibly," he said while advising the officials to work as per the rules and move forward. The Officials of the town planning department have been instructed to take further steps to be followed immediately after the speaking orders are issued.

Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand and Amount	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Dalba Babu Rao 2. Mrs. Adaniki Adilakshmi 3. Mrs. Adaniki Bhavya Bhandari (Prospect No 978552)	Rs.91,840/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Survey No. 208/30, Door No. 8-32, Assessment No.1382, Village, Chebrolu Mandal, Vadlamudi, Guntur, 522213, Andhra Pradesh, India Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1315.00, 504.00, 100.00	03-Feb-2025	Rs. 12,70,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)
1. Mr. Seetharam Padi 2. Mrs. Santoshi Paidi 3. Mr. Salsith Kumar Neteti (Prospect No 783636)	Rs.11,80,090/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Only) Bid Increase Amount: Rs.25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that 2nd and parcel of the property bearing File No S-4 2ND Floor, Area Admeasuring 900 Sq.Ft., Built-Up Plot No 18 and 19, No 15/22/23 Sai Lalitha Nagar Phase-2, KV Vihar, Kakulametta, Vizianagaram, Vizianagaram, 535002, Andhra Pradesh, India. (Area admeasuring 297 sq. ft.)	21-Jan-2025	Rs. 20,25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
<p><b>Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale of Immovable Properties</b>                  Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infonline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at "Door No 4-14-111 A, 1st Floor, Opposite Sailayana, Anjaneyapat, Amaranavara, Hyderabad - 522007" / IFL Home Finance Ltd, 1st Floor 13-37, Vaidhyanagar Street, Opposite Kala Bhairavi Kalayana Mandapam, Ballijiguda Road, Bobbili, Vizianagaram Dist, Pin Code-535558, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"), whereas the Authorized Officer (AO) of IFL-HFL has taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFL-HFL's dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: <a href="http://www.iflhome.com">www.iflhome.com</a></p>				
1. Mr. Kuruvu Venkateswara, Mr. Kuruvu Hareesh Kumar, Mr. Kuruvu Padmaravi, (Prospect No. 370912)	Rs.10,56,937/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand and Ninety Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 21/22, Sy.No.310/1, Brahmadaidoddi Grama Panchayathi And Village, Belagani Mandal, Kurumol District, Andhra Pradesh-518642, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 992.00, Bounded By: North: Janaki Ramudu House, South: Kanchiyevulu House, East: K.Ranganama (Prospect No. 1057322)	13/01/2025	25/10/2025
1. Mr. G. Sreeni, Mrs. G. Mahalakshmi, Seenu Granite Work And Polish Cutting, (Prospect No. 1057322)	Rs.15,72,100/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.381, Sy.No. 1227/2 1228B/2 1233 1237 1238 1239 1240 1241 1242 1243 1244 1245 1246 1247 1248 1249 1250 1251 1252 1253 1254 1255 1256 1257 1258 1259 1260 1261 1262 1263 1264 1265 1266 1267 1268 1269 1270 1271 1272 1273 1274 1275 1276 1277 1278 1279 1280 1281 1282 1283 1284 1285 1286 1287 1288 1289 1290 1291 1292 1293 1294 1295 1296 1297 1298 1299 1300 1301 1302 1303 1304 1305 1306 1307 1308 1309 1310 1311 1312 1313 1314 1315 1316 1317 1318 1319 1320 1321 1322 1323 1324 1325 1326 1327 1328 1329 1330 1331 1332 1333 1334 1335 1336 1337 1338 1339 1340 1341 1342 1343 1344 1345 1346 1347 1348 1349 1350 1351 1352 1353 1354 1355 1356 1357 1358 1359 1360 1361 1362 1363 1364 1365 1366 1367 1368 1369 1370 1371 1372 1373 1374 1375 1376 1377 1378 1379 1380 1381 1382 1383 1384 1385 1386 1387 1388 1389 1390 1391 1392 1393 1394 1395 1396 1397 1398 1399 1400 1401 1402 1403 1404 1405 1406 1407 1408 1409 1410 1411 1412 1413 1414 1415 1416 1417 1418 1419 1420 1421 1422 1423 1424 1425 1426 1427 1428 1429 1430 1431 1432 1433 1434 1435 1436 1437 1438 1439 1440 1441 1442 1443 1444 1445 1446 1447 1448 1449 1450 1451 1452 1453 1454 1455 1456 1457 1458 1459 1460 1461 1462 1463 1464 1465 1466 1467 1468 1469 1470 1471 1472 1473 1474 1475 1476 1477 1478 1479 1480 1481 1482 1483 1484 1485 1486 1487 1488 1489 1490 1491 1492 1493 1494 1495 1496 1497 1498 1499 1500 1501 1502 1503 1504 1505 1506 1507 1508 1509 1510 1511 1512 1513 1514 1515 1516 1517 1518 1519 1520 1521 1522 1523 1524 1525 1526 1527 1528 1529 1530 1531 1532 1533 1534 1535 1536 1537 1538 1539 1540 1541 1542 1543 1544 1545 1546 1547 1548 1549 1550 1551 1552 1553 1554 1555 1556 1557 1558 1559 1560 1561 1562 1563 1564 1565 1566 1567 1568 1569 1570 1571 1572 1573 1574 1575 1576 1577 1578 1579 1580 1581 1582 1583 1584 1585 1586 1587 1588 1589 1590 1591 1592 1593 1594 1595 1596 1597 1598 1599 1600 1601 1602 1603 1604 1605 1606 1607 1608 1609 1610 1611 1612 1613 1614 1615 1616 1617 1618 1619 1620 1621 1622 1623 1624 1625 1626 1627 1628 1629 1630 1631 1632 1633 1634 1635 1636 1637 1638 1639 1640 1641 1642 1643 1644 1645 1646 1647 1648 1649 1650 1651 1652 1653 1654 1655 1656 1657 1658 1659 1660 1661 1662 1663 1664 1665 1666 1667 1668 1669 1670 1671 1672 1673 1674 1675 1676 1677 1678 1679 1680 1681 1682 1683 1684 1685 1686 1687 1688 1689 1690 1691 1692 1693 1694 1695 1696 1697 1698 1699 1700 1701 1702 1703 1704 1705 1706 1707 1708 1709 1710 1711 1712 1713 1714 1715 1716 1717 1718 1719 1720 1721 1722 1723 1724 1725 1726 1727 1728 1729 1730 1731 1732 1733 1734 1735 1736 1737 1738 1739 1740 1741 1742 1743 1744 1745 1746 1747 1748 1749 1750 1751 1752 1753 1754 1755 1756 1757 1758 1759 1760 1761 1762 1763 1764 1765 1766 1767 1768 1769 1770 1771 1772 1773 1774 1775 1776 1777 1778 1779 1780 1781 1782 1783 1784 1785 1786 1787 1788 1789 1790 1791 1792 1793 1794 1795 1796 1797 1798 1799 1800 1801 1802 1803 1804 1805 1806 1807 1808 1809 1810 1811 1812 1813 1814 1815 1816 1817 1818 1819 1820 1821 1822 1823 1824 1825 1826 1827 1828 1829 1830 1831 1832 1833 1834 1835 1836 1837 1838 1839 1840 1841 1842 1843 1844 1845 1846 1847 1848 1849 1850 1851 1852 1853 1854 1855 1856 1857 1858 1859 1860 1861 1862 1863 1864 1865 1866 1867 1868 1869 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025	23/10/2025	13/02/2025
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1. Ms. Shaik Mahmud Bi, Mr. Abdul Kareem Shaik, (Prospect No. 1057322)	Rs.15,72,100/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.C-37, Sy.No.914,916,917,920 etc., Bethamcherla Village and mandal, Kurumol, Andhra Pradesh-518659, India. Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 653.00, 350.00, 280.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No. 38, South: Plot No. 36, East: Plot No. 45, West: Open Space.	23/10/2025	13/02/2025
1. Mrs. Divya Melingi, Mr. Rajasekhara Ongolu, Divya Fancy, (Prospect No. 1069785)	Rs.14,89,250/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 985, Sy.No.149, Ward No.10, Kovuru Mandal, Vizianagaram District, AP, India-534091, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 350.00, 320.00, 436.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.984, South: Plot No.986, East: Plot No.1016, West: Road.	24/10/2025	13/02/2025
1. Mrs. Manikala Dorasanna, Mr. Manikala Srinivasulu, Mrs. Dorasanna Provision Shop, (Prospect No. 1046217)	Rs.49,1164/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of House No.1-180, Asst. No.180, Survey No.88/1, Bhyravaram Village, Balayapalle Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh-517442, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 208.00, 300.00, 495.00. Bounded By: North: Ramula Vaari Temple & Cement Road, South: Puriellu of Sirasambeli Krishnamma, East: Cement Road, West: House of Bhandi Venkata Swamy.	06/12/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mr. Rayi Kishore, Mrs. Rayi Mamatha, Kishore Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1028693)	Rs.5,37,582/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of Survey No.5-2, Assessment No.218, Shingalathurri Panchayathi, Melanathuru Village, Doravaramtham Mandal, Sulpur Sub Dist., Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh-517442, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 825.00, 287.30. Bounded By: North: Plot No.548, South: Plot No.549, East: Road, West: Government Land.	12/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Yaramathu Kotamma, Mr. Venkataiah Yaramathu, Kolamma Provision Shop, (Prospect No. 1047027)	Rs.4,46,646/- (Rupees Four Lakh Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of Assessment No.488, Sy.No.204, Kondapuram Village, Eswaravara Post, Vakadu Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh-524127, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1584.00, 675.00, 500.00. Bounded By: North: Land of E, South: Street, East: Land of E, West: House of Valpi Chennappa.	12/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Rathnamma Paduri, Mr. P. Venkataram, Rathnamma Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1040526)	Rs.58,1766/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.118/11, Vellipalli, Vagavudi, Sri Kalahasti Mandal, Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh-517442, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1250.00, 200.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.118/2, South: Plot No.118/3, East: Plot No.118/4, West: Plot No.118/5.	12/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Bheemavararam Bharathi, Mr. Bheemavararam Penchalamma, Bharathi Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1037588)	Rs.37,21,132/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of Door No.3-24, Survey No.98, Chintalapalem Village, Pallam, Yerpeta Mandal, Chittoor District, AP-517644, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 825.00, 287.30. Bounded By: North: Canal, South: Street, East: Penchalamma, West: Penchalamma House.	11/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Venkatarathnam Anagani, Mr. Venkateswarlu Anagani, Ms. Venkateswarlu Anagani, Anagani Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1043866)	Rs.58,1766/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.69/1, Sy.No.11, Manulapeta, Venkatigiri, SPSS Nellore, A.P-524132, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1250.00, 200.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.69/2, South: Plot No.69/3, East: Plot No.69/4, West: Plot No.69/5.	06/12/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Kumari Kuduamma, Miss. Kuduamma Jasmine, Mr. Kuduamma Vijay Kumar, Kuduamma Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1050862)	Rs.15,4134/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Four Only)	All that piece and parcel of Door No.8-34, Survey No.98, Chintalapalem Village, Pallam, Yerpeta Mandal, Chittoor District, AP-517644, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 350.00, 280.00, 440.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.802, South: Plot No.804, East: Road, West: Plot No.822.	26/10/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Masthanamma Rayaru, Mr. Muthyaliah Rayaru, Masthanamma Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1075158)	Rs.37,21,132/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy One Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of Door No.8-34, Survey No.98, Chintalapalem Village, Pallam, Yerpeta Mandal, Chittoor District, AP-517644, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 350.00, 280.00, 440.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.802, South: Plot No.804, East: Road, West: Plot No.822.	13/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mr. Satish Kumar Gera, Mrs. Neelima Gera, Satish Kumar Dairy Firm, (Prospect No. 1046819)	Rs.3,72,113/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seven Hundred and Ninety Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.330, Assessment No.330, Sy.No.1477, Aravapalli, Repalle Mandal, Ballari Dist., Andhra Pradesh-52265, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 477.00, 320.00, 225.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.329, East: Plot No.328, West: Plot No.327, South: Plot No.326, East: Plot No.325, West: Plot No.324.	12/11/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Kareli Vijaya Lakshmi, Mr. Buchi Babu Kareli, (Prospect No. 1052302)	Rs.15,2923/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.1445, Survey No. 4,5,6,7,8,130,131,132, Repalle Village, Repalle Mandal, Guntur, India-522265, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 350.00, 280.00, 436.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.1444, South: Plot No.1446, East: Plot No.1498, West: Road.	28/10/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Sridevi Samirra, Mr. Samir Ashokbhadra, Mrs. Kasi Annapurna Peddi, (Prospect No. 10593863)	Rs.15,3702/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Two Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.4, Sy.No.449-1, Vidyanimadam, Gudlavalluru, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh-521356, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 648.00, 280.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Road, South: Road, Built Up Area, Property Area: 280.00, 350.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.75, South: Plot No.74, East: Plot No.73, West: Plot No.72.	26/10/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Remala Naga Mani, Mr. Remala Anand, Nagamani Tailoring Works, (Prospect No. 1075582)	Rs.15,0680/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 551, Survey No. 20-28, 3A1, 3A2, 2B4, 21-1A, 1B, 2A, 22/1/2, Bagulupadu Village and Mandal, Krishna Dist, AP-India-521105, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 648.00, 280.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No. 554, 524, 280.00, Bounded By: North: Plot No.550, South: Plot No.552, East: Plot No.624, West: Road.	22/10/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mr. Nagababu Marlapudi, Mrs. Girilakshmi Marlapudi, Nagababu Painting Works, (Prospect No. 10349224)	Rs.3,72,113/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seven Hundred and Ninety Three Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No. 44, Survey No. 38-1, 99-2A, at Suryaropeta Village, Lingipalem Mandal, West Godavari District, AP-534001, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 648.00, 310.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.43, South: Plot No.45, East: Plot No.43, West: Plot No.43.	21/10/2025	13/02/2025
1. Mrs. Adaniki Lakshmi, Mr. Adaniki Dhanaraju, (Prospect No. 10453202)	Rs.14,89,250/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.09, Sy.No.289, Kalchahi Village, Undrivaramtham Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-534229, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 825.00, 287.30. Bounded By: North: Road, South: Road, East: Plot No.10, West: Plot No.08.	26/10/2025	14/02/2025
1. Mrs. Venkatarathnam Anagani, Mr. Venkateswarlu Anagani, Anagani Dairy Farm, (Prospect No. 1043866)	Rs.58,1766/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six Only)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.69/1, Sy.No.11, Manulapeta, Venkatigiri, SPSS Nellore, A.P-524132, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Carpet, Area Property Area: 1250.00, 200.00, 350.00. Bounded By: North: Plot No.69/2, South: Plot No.69/3, East: Plot No.69/4, West: Plot No.69/5.	06/12/2025	14/02/2025



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Maha Kumbh: Clean-up drive after Magh Purnima Snan transforms ghats, enhances sanctity of holy dip

Demonstrating its unwavering commitment to cleanliness, the Maha Kumbh 2025 administration once again proved its efficiency by swiftly restoring the Sangam Ghats after the Magh Purnima bathing festival. As soon as the sacred Magh Purnima Snan concluded, a dedicated team of cleaners launched a large-scale cleaning drive by the evening itself. Their prompt and tireless efforts ensured that, by night, the Sangam Ghats were once again pristine and beautiful, ready to welcome the next influx of devotees. On the occasion of Magh Purnima, more than 2 crore devotees took a holy dip in Sangam on Wednesday. As part of the ritual offerings, a large number of devotees left flowers, garlands, clothes, and food at the ghats, and the extensive use of public toilets was observed. Following the decrease in crowd density, the mela administration launched an intensive cleaning drive, restoring the ghats to their pristine condition by morning.

To ensure prompt cleanliness, all sector magistrates were instructed to initiate a large-scale sanitation campaign as soon as the crowd dispersed. In response, the administration swiftly disposed solid waste left behind during the bathing festival.

Special cleaning vehicles were deployed to collect garbage from the ghats and the fairgrounds, while cesspool operations were carried out to maintain hygiene in public toilets.

Anand Kumar Singh, the sanitation incharge of the fair, stated that under the cleanliness drive, sanitation workers thoroughly swept and cleaned all roads. "Dustbins and liner bags placed throughout the fair area were emptied using tippers and compactors. The administration has been running these cleaning initiatives daily to uphold the vision of a Clean Maha Kumbh. However, on major bathing days, the campaign is intensified to ensure that pilgrims arriving the next day experience a holy and hygienic environment," he explained. The swift action of the fair administration left both devotees and locals highly impressed. Expressing their appreciation, many acknowledged the efforts of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath government in ensuring a well-organised and spotless Maha Kumbh 2025. One devotee remarked that the administration's commitment to cleanliness has reaffirmed its dedication to making the Maha Kumbh a model of order and sanitation.

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Centre steps up grassroots drive to boost fisheries sector

The Centre's Department of Fisheries is organising a special nationwide campaign for registrations on the National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) along with expediting registration approvals and mobilising applications from eligible stakeholders from February 14-22 for availing various benefits provided under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PMMKSSY), according to an official statement issued. Eligible stakeholders mainly fishers, fish farmers, vendors, processors and microenterprises can register themselves on the National Fisheries Digital Platform at these camps so that they can avail the benefits under PMMKSSY which has been launched with an outlay of Rs 6,000 crore. The nationwide campaign will cover both coastal and hinterland

states. The campaign, in collaboration with State/UT Fisheries Departments, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), and Common Service Centres (CSCs), will focus on organising camps in key fisheries hotspots and potential areas across the country aimed at expediting the registration process, enhancing approval rates, and encouraging eligible stakeholders to avail themselves of the numerous benefits under PMMKSSY, such as credit facilitation, aquaculture insurance and performance grants, the statement said. The PMMKSSY, a Central Sector sub-scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) is under implementation since 2023-2024. Its main aim is to formalise the fisheries sector, enhance access to institutional finance, promote aquaculture insurance, improve value chain efficiencies, and



strengthen fish safety and quality assurance systems. NFDP has specific modules for registration, credit facilitation, strengthening of fisheries cooperatives, aquaculture insurance, performance grants, traceability and training & capacity building. So far, more than 17 lakh registrations have been made on the portal. This digital initiative, combined with targeted interventions under PMMKSSY, is expected to enhance productivity, expand domestic and global markets, and ensure long-term sectoral growth.

By addressing key challenges such as fragmentation, lack of credit access, and low value chain efficiency, PMMKSSY seeks to create a more resilient and sustainable fisheries sector, ensuring enhanced livelihoods for fishers and fish farmers. The National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) is a key component of this sub-scheme to register fishers, fish farmers, vendors, processors, and microenterprises, facilitating their integration into formal financial systems and government programmes.



Bilaspur Panchayats take stand against drug abuse; target families of offenders

In a groundbreaking move to combat the escalating drug crisis in Himachal Pradesh, Panchayat representatives in Bilaspur district have taken a firm stance against the deadly drug trade, specifically targeting the smuggling of 'Chitta (a synthetic drug made from heroin)'. The representatives, alarmed by the increasing number of drug abuse cases, have passed an unprecedented resolution: Families of youth involved in drug trafficking will be stripped of crucial government benefits, including housing schemes and subsidised rations. The decision was taken during a Gram Sabha meeting in Bari Majherwan under the Ghumarwin subdivision.

These families — whose members are under investigation or facing charges related to drug abuse under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) — will now be excluded from Panchayat-provided services, a measure aimed at curbing the illegal drug trade in the area. Four families have already been affected by the ban, with more likely to follow as additional cases are identified in nearby Panchayats. Speaking to IANS, Pankaj Chandel, the Pradhan of Bari Majherwan Panchayat in Bilaspur said, "As a Panchayat, we have not received any instructions from the department, government, or from our side to stop anyone's ration or take such actions against anyone.

There is no directive like that. "The Government of India, the Himachal Pradesh Government, and relevant departments encourage raising awareness through Gram Sabhas, particularly regarding drug abuse, so that our rural youth and schoolchildren stay clear of this harmful practice. "However, to our knowledge, there has been no proposal from the Panchayat to withhold anyone's ration. There is no legal provision in our act for this, and neither the government nor the department has issued any such instruction. Even if a child from a family is found involved in drug abuse, it cannot justify depriving the entire family of its entitled benefits."

Report exposes growing corruption in Pakistan

The latest report released by Transparency International has labelled Pakistan as one of the most corrupt countries in the world where the menace is prevalent across all sectors of government, judiciary and society. According to the report released earlier this week, Pakistan ranked 135 out of 180 countries on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) in 2024. The CPI ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption on a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). In the anti-corruption watchdog's latest CPI, Pakistan scores only 27, a clear indication of growing corruption in the country. Highlighting details from the report, several Pakistani analysts have lashed out at the current government led by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.



North Korea may soon produce ICBMs capable to hit US mainland: Top US General

North Korea may soon begin producing Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) capable of reaching the US mainland, a top US military commander warned on Friday. Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) and North American Aerospace Defence Command chief General Gregory Guillot reportedly stated that North Korea can deliver a nuclear payload to targets throughout North America while minimising the United

States' ability to provide pre-launch warnings. Presenting his projection to the committee in a written testimony, Guillot detailed the initial flight test of the Hwasong-19 (HS-19) ICBM last October that analysts believe can fly longer and at a higher altitude. Washington has repeatedly highlighted North Korea's proliferation of nuclear weapons and missile capabilities under President Kim Jong Un that poses threat to US interests in East Asia and also the US mainland. US policy on North Korea primarily focuses on nuclear weapons and missile programmes. There were many at-

tempts made to hold discussion on dismantling of nuclear weapons, but North Korea has refused to budge. In 2017, during his first term, US President Donald Trump threatened to unleash "fire and fury" against North Korea if it endangered the security and interest of the US as tensions between both nations escalated. After their meeting in Singapore in June 2018, Trump and Kim met again in Vietnam's Hanoi in February 2019, holding discussions on North Korea's nuclear and missile programmes as well as the establishment of a new relationship between the two countries.

The meeting ended earlier than scheduled as both the leaders could not come to an agreement on denuclearization and lifting of sanctions. Trump refused to ease sanctions until Kim abandoned his entire nuclear programme. In June 2019, Trump visited North Korea in a historic move. During the visit, both leaders reaffirmed that talks would continue through their negotiators and efforts would be made to reach what has been an elusive nuclear deal. However, it did not yield any result to end North Korea's nuclear programme. The process of US engaging with Kim slowed down



as Trump made way for Joe Biden in 2021. In 2022, Kim declared North Korea will never denuclearize as North Korea tested dozens of ballistic missiles, including multiple tests of ICBMs, capable of delivering nuclear warheads. This despite the US and many

countries warning Pyongyang for such destabilising activities and imposing unilateral sanctions. The United Nations also has passed multiple resolutions sanctioning North Korea for developing nuclear weapons.



## South African government cracks down on illegal food businesses amid concerns of foreign 'fronting'

**Johannesburg, Feb 17 (IANS):** With just two weeks left for food-handling businesses to register in an effort to curb food-borne illnesses, the South African government has tightened enforcement to root out illegal operations, raising concerns about "fronting" practices by undocumented foreigners, allegedly aided by local citizens. The deaths of dozens of people - mainly children - and the hospitalization of thousands due to food-borne illnesses prompted the South African government in 2024 to make business registration mandatory for all food selling and handling establishments.

National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure spokesperson Mava Scott said that locals registering businesses on behalf of foreign nationals was a criminal offence, Xinhua news agency reported. "We have received some calls and some concerns from other people. It is a concern that we have noted from the feedback that we are getting from communities and other whistleblowers," Scott noted. "It looks like there are people that are fronting for others around. That is why we warn against that kind of offence, that is a punishable offence." In December 2024, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa set February 28, 2025 as the deadline for all spaza shops and other food-



handling outlets to complete their registration. Scott said work was being done to double - and triple-check that those registering were bona fide businesspeople with relevant documentation. "The first implication is that you are committing the crime, because in terms of the Immigration Act, you may not abet an illegal foreigner to do anything in the country, including reg-

istering a business on their behalf. So you will be prosecuted in terms of that act," Scott said. "But secondly, from an economic point of view, if you are trying to make money, then that will compromise you and the business that you are trying to build. Because when you are found to be in contravention, you will be prosecuted and you may not continue the business that you wanted to do, both yourself and the person you are trying to assist," he said. Scott further noted that law enforcement was working hand-in-hand with environmental health practitioners to ensure that food being sold meets all health regulations and standards.



## Iran rejects US accusation of funding, arming Yemen's Houthis

**Tehran, Feb 17 (IANS):** Iran's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN) in New York has rejected the US accusation that Tehran is providing the Yemen-based Houthis with financial resources, arms support, and military training. Speaking at a UN Security Council briefing on Yemen, Dorothy Shea, acting US Ambassador to the UN, said, "Iran's continued and unprecedented provision of weapons components, financial support, and training and technical assistance to the Houthis over more than a decade violates the arms embargo this council imposed on the group," calling on the Security Council members to press Iran "to stop arming, funding, and training the Houthis."

In response to Shea's remarks, Iran's UN mission submitted a letter on Thursday to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Fu Cong, rotating president of the UN Security Council for February, Iran's official news agency IRNA reported.

In the letter, the Iranian mission denounced the US accusation as "unfounded," stressing Iran's principled policy has always been based on supporting peace and stability in Yemen and a political solution to the Arab state's crisis.



## Hamas to release three Israeli hostages today in exchange for Palestinian prisoners

**Gaza, Feb 17 (IANS):** Hamas has confirmed that three Israeli hostages will be released on Monday, in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held in Israel.

According to Hamas' military wing, Al-Qassam Brigades, the three hostages are Alexander (Sasha) Troufanov, a 29-year-old c-Russian civilian; Sagui Dekel-Chen, a 36-year-old Israeli-American civilian; and Yair Horn, a 46-year-old Israeli.

Israel has confirmed receipt of the list of hostages to be freed from Hamas captivity in the Gaza Strip. The list was delivered through Qatari and Egyptian mediators. Initially, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office stated that the list was "acceptable

by Israel," but a spokesman later clarified that the statement was purely factual, and Israel's position on the matter remained neutral.

"This is a purely factual description and does not reflect any Israeli position on the matter," the spokesman clarified.

In exchange, Israel will release 369 Palestinian prisoners today, including 333 who will be sent back to Gaza. Ten others will be returned to their homes in the West Bank, and one will be released in East Jerusalem.

Additionally, 25 prisoners who are serving life sentences will either be deported to Gaza or sent abroad via Egypt.

This exchange is part of ongoing

efforts to ease tensions and maintain the ceasefire, though the future of the broader peace process remains uncertain.

This will mark the sixth batch of prisoner-for-hostage exchanges between Israel and Hamas under the ceasefire agreement that took effect on January 19.

The anticipated release comes amid heightened tensions after US President Donald Trump warned that if "all of the hostages" in Gaza were not freed by Saturday at noon, the truce would be canceled, and he would "let hell break out." Netanyahu and Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz echoed the warning, saying Israel would resume its onslaught on Gaza.

## Impact of Trump's 'reciprocal' tariffs may be limited due to FTA: South Korea

**Seoul, Feb 17 (IANS):** Acting President Choi Sang-mok said on Monday that the impact of US President Donald Trump's latest "reciprocal" tariffs may not significantly affect South Korea's economy, yet emphasised the need for continued monitoring.

On Monday (US time), Trump signed a presidential memorandum outlining a comprehensive plan to impose country-specific tariffs on the United States' major trading partners, raising concerns here as South Korea's trade surplus with the US reached \$55.7 billion last year.

During a meeting with government ministers on economic issues, Choi noted that the impact of the latest U.S. policy might be limited, due to the low tariff rates South Korea applies to U.S. exports under the countries' bilateral free trade agreement (FTA), reports Yonhap news agency.

Under the FTA, the average tariff rate on imports from the U.S. stood at 0.79 per cent as of 2024, with the rate lowered when considering refunds, the finance ministry said. The rate is expected to decrease further this year in accordance with the annual tariff reduction plan.

The ministry said the tariff rate on manufactured goods imported from the U.S. is already at zero per cent.



## High risk bushfire warning issued for Tasmania on Australian west coast

**Sydney, Feb 17 (IANS):** A high risk warning has been issued for an out-of-control bushfire burning on the west coast of the Australian island state of Tasmania. Residents of the small coastal community of Granville Harbour were on Monday advised to leave within hours if they were not prepared.

## M23 seizes strategic airport in DR Congo

**Goma, Feb 17 (IANS):** The March 23 Movement (M23) armed group announced that it has seized control of Kavumu Airport in South Kivu Province, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

"Kavumu Airport was a danger to the civilian population in the liberated areas and our positions. From now on, Kavumu and its surroundings, including the airport, are under control," Laurence Kanyuka, the group's spokesperson, stated in a post on X.



## Forced displacement in Gaza 'pure brutality': Erdogan

**Ankara, Feb 17 (IANS):** Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan strongly condemned any forced displacement in Gaza, calling it "pure brutality" and completely unacceptable.

Speaking to journalists on his flight from visits to Malaysia, Indonesia, and Pakistan, Erdogan said on Monday that the US "is making a serious miscalculation regarding our region."

He emphasised that it was crucial not to adopt an approach that disregards the history, values, and accumulated experience of the region.

## Donald Trump plans to announce auto tariffs on April 2

**Washington, Feb 17 (IANS):** US President Donald Trump will announce tariffs on imported cars in early April in what could be a direct setback to the South Korean automotive industry.

The president announced the plan to unveil auto tariffs on April 2 as he has been using tariffs as a key tool to shrink America's trade deficit, boost domestic manufacturing and achieve other policy goals, including preventing the inflow of unauthorised migrants and drugs. Amid Trump's tariff-based policy push, fears have been swirling that Asia's fourth-largest economy might be put into his administration's crosshairs, given that South Korea's trade surplus with the United States reached \$55.7 billion last year, reports Yonhap news agency.

"We're going to do it on April 2, I think. Is that right?" Trump asked his aide, who said, "That's right."

The president did not elaborate on whether he will just announce the tariffs on April 2 or they will take effect that day.

The U.S. is a top auto export market for South Korea. Of South Korea's total car exports last year, exports to the U.S. were tallied



at \$34.7 billion, or 49.1 percent. No U.S. tariffs have been imposed on Korean cars since 2016 under a bilateral free trade agreement.

The auto tariff announcement came as the Trump administration is pushing to roll out "reciprocal" tariffs on U.S. imports to match what other countries impose on American goods. It has already announced a plan to impose 25 percent tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, starting March 12, while weighing new tariffs on chips and pharmaceuticals.

Trump's tariff announcements are being keenly followed by South Korean officials amid concerns that policy coordination with Washington could be slower than before in the midst of political uncertainty in Seoul caused by impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol's martial law attempt in early December.



## Rajasthan Minister in Kerala for educational tour

**Jaipur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** A delegation from the Rajasthan government, led by State Panchayati Raj Minister Madan Dilawar, embarked on an educational tour to Kerala to explore advancements in the Panchayati Raj system. On the first day of the visit, Minister Madan Dilawar had a packed schedule, engaging in discussions and knowledge exchange with officials from Kerala's Panchayati Raj Department. During a meeting at the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur, Minister Dilawar interacted with officials, professors, faculty members, and training in-charges, gaining insights into Kerala's Panchayati Raj system. The Kerala officials also de-

livered a presentation on the state's governance model, highlighting their strategies for empowering local self-governance. Madan Dilawar shared key initiatives undertaken by Rajasthan's Panchayati Raj Department, including Annapurna Rasoi – a subsidised meal scheme for rural communities, Rashtriya Gram Swarajya Abhiyan – a national program for strengthening local governance, lease distribution scheme – providing land rights to nomadic communities, ownership scheme – facilitating land ownership for rural populations and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) – promoting rural sanitation and hygiene. Additionally, he provided details about the training programmes conducted by the Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj Training Institute over the past year and the activi-

ties of its six state-level training centres. Addressing the meeting, Minister Madan Dilawar emphasised that Rajasthan is placing special focus on rural cleanliness, with the goal of making the state a leader in rural sanitation within the next two years. To achieve this, the government has implemented the revised Basic Schedule of Rates (BSR) for cleaning tenders, ensuring that sanitation workers receive fair wages rather than traditional honorariums. He further highlighted that daily cleaning and garbage collection systems have been introduced in rural areas, similar to urban regions, to improve hygiene and sanitation.



## Rajasthan Chief Secy lauds efforts for facilitating progress on MoUs

**Jaipur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Rajasthan Chief Secretary Sudhansh Pant on Monday chaired a meeting to review the progress on the implementation of MoUs signed during the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024. Lauding the efforts of key government departments for bringing MoUs worth Rs 1.66 lakh crore on the implementation stage in a record period of two months, Pant directed the officials to touch base with investors on a regular basis. Pant also appreciated the timely launch of online investor interface through which investors can get the real-time updates on the implementation of their respec-

tive MoU. Congratulating Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce, for spearheading the launch of the investor interface, Pant said that the initiative will play a significant role in enhancing ease of doing business and business competitiveness of the state. Acknowledging the role of Department Secretaries in spearheading the implementation of MoUs, Pant directed them to build a direct line of communication with the investors for seamless implementation of the MoUs. He further said that sustained efforts should be taken to retain the state's position as one of India's most preferred investment destinations. Speaking on the occasion,

Sudhansh Pant, Chief Secretary, government of Rajasthan, said: "Under the visionary and proactive leadership of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, all key departments entrusted with MoU implementation are working in a mission mode to fast-track the grounding of the investment proposals. It is to the credit of all departments that in such a short period, implementation work has started on MoUs worth Rs 1.66 lakh crore. We need to sustain this momentum for the remaining MoUs, keep in touch with the investors, understand their requirements and create a conducive ecosystem for the implementation of the investment proposals."



## Bihar Cabinet sanctions Rs 17,266cr for rural roads, development projects

**Patna, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government has approved 11,251 rural roads under the Rural Works Department, covering a total length of 19,867 km, during a Cabinet meeting here on Monday. The total cost of these projects is estimated at Rs 17,266 crore,

aimed at long-term management and maintenance of deteriorated roads across all 38 districts for the next seven years. The majority of the road projects were announced during Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Pragati Yatra for the construction of new roads or repairing of existing roads.

## Will continue to fight against illegal immigrants: Ex-Manipur CM

**Imphal, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Former Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh said on Monday that he would continue to fight against the illegal immigrants with unwavering commitment in every way as "our land and identity are under threat". Referring to a post he made on social media on November 8, 2022, Singh said: "Our land and identity are under threat. With a small population and limited resources, we stand vulnerable. I monitored and detected illegal immigration tirelessly until May 2,

2023. But after the tragic events of 3rd May, 2023 our state machinery has struggled to respond effectively." In his post on November 8, 2022, he had said: "Myanmaris national with a deceased Indian Aadhar Card, Indigenous people of Manipur is under threat by the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar, Lenkhenmang Mate (26 yrs) S/o Dujatong Mate of Tuivang Village, Myanmar, with Indian Aadhar card arrested." Singh in his post three years ago tagged a photo of a man along with a "fake" Aadhar card. In his post on Thursday, said: "How



many more remain undetected till today? My Dear Indigenous Friends, Our land and identity are under threat. With a small population and limited resources, we stand vulnerable. I monitored and detected illegal immigration tirelessly until May 2, 2023." Singh added that an unguarded 398 km border with

Myanmar and the Free Movement Regime (FMR) were rapidly shifting Manipur's demographic balance. He said: "This is not speculation, it is happening before our eyes. Since our government took charge in March 2017, the challenge has only intensified."

## AI & robotics have revolutionised medical field: Rajasthan Dy CM

**Jaipur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari said on Monday that artificial intelligence and robotics have ushered in a revolutionary transformation in the medical field. "AI-driven technologies are making disease diagnosis and treatment more efficient, ensuring patients receive timely and accurate medical care. In India, AI is emerging as a key driver of infrastructure and social progress, particularly in healthcare," she said while addressing the inaugural event of Precision-Progress on Robotics & AI, organised by the Department of Urology, Sawai Mansingh Medical College. She added that its integration into 'Digital India' is fostering medical innovation, accelerating development, and enhancing patient care.

Highlighting the role of governments in AI adoption, she said that both the Central and state governments are actively leveraging artificial intelligence to strengthen the medical sector. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, affordable and accessible healthcare is becoming a reality across the country. She added that new AIIMS hospitals, medical colleges, dispensaries, and Jan

Aushadhi centres are being established, ensuring quality medical facilities reach every corner of India while research and super-speciality services are also being prioritised. She added that in Rajasthan, the BJP government, led by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, is committed to enhancing healthcare infrastructure.



## Three killed, over 20 injured as elephants run amok in Kerala

**Kozhikode, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Tragedy struck the Kuruvangad Manakkulangara Temple at Koyilandi near Kozhikode on Monday late evening as two elephants ran amok killing three, injuring seven seriously and another 22 people. The deceased include two women -- 65-year-old Leela and 70-year-old Ammukutty and Rajan. According to local legislator K. Jameela, trouble started when the crackers was burst as part of the temple festival.

## Maha: Dy CM Ajit Pawar directs timely completion of projects to avoid costs escalation

**Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Monday directed all departments to maintain coordination and ensure timely completion of various development projects to avoid cost escalation. At the meeting of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU), he said: "Delays lead to a significant increase in project costs and ultimately leave the state in losses. To avoid this, focus on completing the projects on time." He also asked the administration

to follow-up with the Union Health Ministry to set up AIIMS in Pune. "Pune's traffic congestion is serious and should be given priority. The Pune Ring Road project should be expedited to ease traffic congestion. With lakhs of new vehicles hitting the roads annually, the pressure on Pune's transport system is increasing. Work on metro projects, flyovers, the ring road, and other ongoing infrastructure projects should be accelerated to ensure a seamless commute in Pune."







**'Bima Trinity' schemes move closer to implementation : IRDAI**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** With an aim to provide "Insurance for All by 2047," the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has announced the 'Bima Vahak' initiative, a women-centric insurance field sales force, which is inching closer to implementation. The portal for 'Bima Vahak' is near completion and gearing up for a soft launch in April 2025. During its quarterly meeting with insurance CEOs, the regulator also announced 'Bima Vistaar', a comprehensive and the first composite insurance product covering life, accident, and property risks.

**Nazara Technologies' profit declines 53.6 pc in Q3**

**Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Gaming and e-sports company Nazara Technologies reported a sharp decline of 53.6 per cent in its net profit for the October-December quarter (Q3) of FY25. The company's profit fell to Rs 13.7 crore from Rs 29.5 crore in the same period last year (Q3 FY24), according to its exchange filing. The EBITDA margin declined to 6.9 per cent from 11.3 per cent in the corresponding quarter of FY24. Similarly, the company reported a 33 per cent drop in its net profit for the July-September period (Q2 FY25). According to its financials, the gaming company incurred a loss of Rs 1.86 crore in Q2 from discontinued op-

erations. Total expenditure also went up 11 per cent to Rs 321.27 crore in the previous quarter, according to its filings. However, Nazara's revenue from operations in Q3 saw strong growth, rising nearly 67 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 534.7 crore. This increase was driven by acquisitions, including Fusebox Games, and a solid performance from existing games like Animal Jam. The company also posted its highest-ever EBITDA of Rs 52.4 crore -- a 39 per cent increase from the previous year. Nazara Technologies recently acquired gaming IPs CATS: Crash Arena Turbo Stars and King of Thieves, which it will now operate and publish directly. The company believes this will help generate consistent revenue



and profit in the future. To support expansion plans, Nazara is raising Rs 495 crore through a preferential equity issue to Axana Estates LLP, led by Arpit Khandelwal and Mithun Sacheti. The fresh capital, along with its existing cash reserves, will provide financial flexibility for future acquisitions and business growth. "To support expansion, Nazara is raising Rs 495 crore through a preferential equity issue to Axana Estates LLP," the company said in its exchange filing. "The fundraising and the

company's existing cash reserves will provide the company with the financial flexibility to pursue further acquisitions and boost organic growth to drive long-term value creation," the company's regulatory filing read. Following the results, shares of Nazara Technologies ended at Rs 935.60 on the BSE, up 1.30 per cent from the previous session.



**Market Outlook: PMI, trade deficit and global economic data key triggers to watch next week**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The market outlook for next week will be guided by the purchasing managers index (PMI), trade deficit and global economic data, according to the experts. Moreover, the Reserve Bank of India will release minutes of the last Monetary Policy Committee meeting. Investors remain cautious due to the weakness in the rupee against the dollar.

**Gold up 11 pc in 2025, likely to remain bullish amid global uncertainties**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Gold is 11 per cent up so far in 2025, outperforming equities and bitcoins, according to industry reports, which project that the bullion is heading towards \$3,000 per ounce and is likely to cross \$3,080 in Q1 this

year. With the increased US trade tariffs there's a lot of uncertainty surrounding the US trade policy. These have increased the demand for safe haven asset, said Ventura Securities. Spot gold hit a record high of \$2,943 and Comex gold \$2,968 an

ounce. There are talks around about tariff on gold which also has sparked a rush for the physical metal in London, Switzerland and Asia to ship to the U.S. ahead of any new levy. "Gold keeps trading at record highs on the back of increasing

demand by central banks for their reserves to maintain an expected surge in fiscal deficits which could raise inflation manifold and probably a recessionary fear across the globe," said the brokerage in a note. Central banks acquired 1,045 tonnes of gold in 2024.



**Meta's 50,000 Km undersea cable project to enhance India-US' digital connectivity**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp parent company Meta announced a new 50,000 Km undersea cable project 'Waterworth' to enhance digital connectivity between India and the US. According to the Meta, Project Waterworth will bring industry-leading connectivity to the US, India, Brazil, South Africa, and other key regions. "The project Waterworth will enable

greater economic cooperation, facilitate digital inclusion, and open opportunities for technological development in these regions," the company added. Once the project is complete, it will reach five major continents and span over 50,000 km (longer than the Earth's circumference), making it the world's longest subsea cable project using the highest-capacity technology available.



**Production begins at Rajhara North Coal Block in Jharkhand, to boost economy**

**Palamu, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Production has officially begun at the Rajhara North coal block in Palamu district, Jharkhand. The coal block, allocated by the Union government to Fairmine Carbons Private Limited, was inaugurated on Monday by Jharkhand

Finance Minister Radha Krishna Kishore. The coal block holds an estimated reserve of 22 lakh metric tonnes and has been leased to the company for 30 years. With operations now underway, the project is expected to generate over 500 direct jobs, while several hundred more employment opportunities

will be created indirectly. The state government anticipates annual revenue of approximately Rs 102 crore from coal production at Rajhara block. In addition to contributing to Jharkhand's economy, Fairmine Carbons Pvt Ltd has committed to infrastructure and community development in the region. The company plans to invest in improving road connectivity, access to clean drinking water, healthcare services, and educational facilities to support the local population. Highlighting the significance of the project, Finance Minister Kishore said "The opening of the Rajhara North coal mine marks a major milestone in Jharkhand's economic progress. This project will not only increase state revenue but also create substantial employment opportunities for the local youth. It will also aid in expanding infrastructure and promoting industrial development. The Jharkhand government is committed to strengthening the state's

economy and supporting industries that drive growth." The inauguration ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Palamu MP Vishnu Dayal Ram, Fairmine Carbons Pvt Ltd Managing Director Sameer Lohia, and senior government officials. Jharkhand is a key coal-producing state in India, with 34 coal blocks allocated to private companies by the Union government. Of these, mining operations are expected to commence in 13 blocks within the next two to three months, accelerating economic activity across multiple districts. Production at JSW's coal blocks in Latehar, Badam, and Moitra (Hazaribagh district) is set to begin later this month. At a review meeting, Chief Secretary Alka Tiwari stressed the urgency of operationalising these coal blocks to maximise economic benefits.

**Bank of Maharashtra gets RBI go-ahead to set up branch in GIFT City**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Government-owned Bank of Maharashtra announced on Monday that it has received the RBI's approval to set up an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Unit at GIFT City in Gujarat. The branch will be the Bank of Maharashtra's first unit for offshore banking operations from India. Bank of Maharashtra Managing Director & CEO Nidhu Saxena said, "This is a significant opportunity for our bank as we continue to expand our operations across ge-

ographies. The opening of IBU in GIFT City will be yet another milestone in the bank's growth story." The new branch will help expand the international banking business and also enable the bank to provide specialised banking services to its customers, he added. Aligned with the government's vision of making India an international financial hub, the GIFT City, located in Gujarat's Gandhinagar, is the first IFSC in India, aimed at revolutionising the country's financial ecosystem by providing world-class banking services locally and reducing re-



liance on offshore financial hubs, Bank of Maharashtra said in a statement. The centre has also become a hub for fintech innovation and global investments, generating jobs and attracting institutions across banking, education and technology centres, the statement added. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

announced several incentives in the Union Budget including a slew of incentives aimed at promoting investment, employment and off-shore funding at GIFT's International Financial Services Centre.

**Indian economy in very stable political regime, structural story remains intact: Report**

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Indian economy is in a very stable political regime and with recent wins in various assembly elections and a good budget, the current BJP-led NDA administration has further ce-

mented its position as a stable regime, according to a new report. Quarterly earnings are expected to improve sequentially as government spending accelerates.







## Case filed in Kota against Samay-Ranveer over obscene remarks

**Jaipur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** A legal complaint has been filed against popular YouTubers Samay Raina, Ranveer Allahabadi, Ashish Chanchlani, and Apoorva Mukhija in Kota over allegedly obscene and offensive remarks about parents in their comedy show 'India's Got Latent'. The complaint, lodged by a group of lawyers at Nayapura police station, claims that the show promotes

vulgarity under the guise of comedy, which they argue is an attack on India's social and moral values. The complainants, including lawyers Ritesh Gurjar, Hemlata Sharma, Yash Kumar Nagar, Vishwas Shaktawat, Arvind Rathore, and Rukhsar Syed, emphasised that such content negatively influences society, particularly the youth, and erodes traditional values. The episode in question was uploaded to YouTube on February 8

as part of stand-up comedian Samay Raina's show 'India's Got Latent', which has a global subscriber base of over 7.3 million. Known for its bold comedic content, the show has now become the centre of controversy. Lawyer Ritesh Gurjar expressed concerns about the show's impact, particularly in Kota, a city renowned as India's educational hub, where lakhs of students arrive each year to prepare for careers in medicine and engineering. He argued that such content negatively shapes young minds, stating: "In our culture, parents are revered like God.

## CRPF jawan kills two, injures eight before taking his own life in Manipur

**Imphal, Feb 17 (IANS) :** In a case of fratricide, a CRPF jawan on Monday gunned down two of his colleagues on the spot and injured eight others in Manipur's Imphal West District before committing suicide by his own service arms, officials said.

A police official said that in an unfortunate incident that happened inside a CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) camp in Lamsang in Imphal West District, a jawan suddenly started indiscriminate firing.

"In the firing two CRPF jawans were killed on the spot and eight others injured. Later, the accused jawan also committed suicide by using the service weapon," the official said.



## Bihar: Khan Sir alleges massive fraud in the BPSC 70th PT Exam

**Patna, Feb 17 (IANS):** Renowned educationist Faisal Khan, popularly known as Khan Sir, made serious allegations of corruption and irregularities in the 70th Preliminary Test (PT) of the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) on Monday. He claims to have gathered solid evidence proving rigging in the examination and asserts that the exam is certain to be cancelled by the High Court.

Speaking to the media on Thursday, Khan Sir revealed that his team had been investigating possible misconduct in the BPSC exam since the beginning.

"We were always suspicious of fraud in the BPSC exam, but without evidence, nothing could be done. Now, after a month of effort, we have found undeniable proof that exposes the lies of the Bihar Public Service Commission. This exam will definitely be cancelled, and a re-examination will be conducted," he said.



## HC summons Bengal Home Secy over govt's 'non-cooperation' with panel on chit funds

**Kolkata, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Calcutta High Court on Monday summoned West Bengal Home Secretary Nandini Chakraborty to be present in the court next week and clarify the state government's points in a case related to the state's alleged non-cooperation with a committee formed to ensure compensation.

## Imposition of President's Rule admission of BJP's inability to govern Manipur: Rahul

**Imphal, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that the imposition of President's Rule in Manipur is a belated admission by the BJP of their complete inability to govern in Manipur. Rahul Gandhi in a post on X, said: "Now, PM Modi can no longer deny his direct responsibility for Manipur. Has he finally made up his mind to visit the state, and explain to the people of Manipur and India his plan to restore peace and normalcy?" Congress General Secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh in a separate



post on the X said: "On the 10th of February, the Congress was bringing a no-confidence motion. They knew the chief minister had lost the confidence of his own BJP and NDA colleagues."

## LS Speaker Birla to open orientation programme for Haryana MLAs in Chandigarh

**Chandigarh, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate a two-day orientation programme for newly elected members of 15th Legislative Assembly of Haryana in Chandigarh on Monday.

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini; Speaker of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, Harvinder Kalyan; ministers in the state government, besides members of the Assembly will be present on the occasion. During the orientation, Union



Ministers, Chairpersons of Parliamentary Committees, Members of Parliament and domain experts will brief the Members of the Haryana Legislative Assembly on, among others.



## Centre grants Z-category security to Dalai Lama

**Bengaluru, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Centre has provided Z category security to Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama, who is currently in Karnataka, on the basis of a threat report by the Intelligence Bureau (IB), sources said on Monday. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has given VIP security to the Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama will get all India Z-category security. Sources said that the security and protection of the 89-year-old Tibetan spiritual leader would be taken over by the VIP Division of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Thirty CRPF commandos will take charge and work in three shifts. The security cover for the Dalai Lama was provided by Himachal Pradesh earlier. As per the official schedule, the Dalai Lama will attend a Long Life offering ceremony at the

Gyudmey Assembly Hall in Hunsur town in Karnataka on February 14. He had arrived at the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery at Bylakuppe on January 5. Dalai Lama's security was tightened following the detention of two persons who were allegedly tracking his movement on the directions of Chinese national Charlie Peng, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said on January 20, 2018. Charlie Peng was earlier booked by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for allegedly running a money-laundering racket. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had detained him. The incident of security forces recovering two powerful live bombs fitted with suspected improvised explosive devices (IEDs).



## Hydrocarbon industry players invited for 'Advantage Assam' summit on Feb 25

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** During a special session held on Assam in the India Energy Week-2025 in the national capital on Monday, the industry players in the hydrocarbon and allied sectors were invited to attend the upcoming investor summit—Advantage Assam 2.0, officials said. The event took place at Yashobhoomi in Delhi's Dwarka area. According to an official statement, the 'Team Assam' led by Bikul Ch. Deka, Chairman Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd.,

conveyed the clarion call of Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, to the investors, particularly in the hydrocarbon and allied sectors to attend the ensuing Advantage Assam 2.0 – Investment and Infrastructure Summit 2025, being held in Guwahati on February 25-26, 2025 besides urging them to explore the huge investment opportunities in Assam. The Special Session on Assam was attended by around 150 participants; comprising investors, business leaders and media personnel from across the

globe. During the session, the speakers of the session highlighted the investment opportunities in the petrochemical sector in Assam (including its downstream industries using methanol and formalin as feedstock), exploration/drilling/gas extraction sector, refinery auxiliaries, gas processing sector and especially in northeast gas grid sector and down the line sectors of gas cracker Industry. With Advantage Assam 2.0 set to take place in Guwahati later this month, the Assam government

continues to position Assam as a premier investment destination in the energy and infrastructure sectors. The event serves as a crucial platform for investors to interact with industry leaders and government representatives, unlocking pathways for economic growth and industrial expansion in Assam. Moreover, Sachiv Kumar, the Addl. Director General, the Directorate of Hydrocarbon and other Senior Officials of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, also graced the occasion.



## Meghalaya: Ban imposed on animal fights during local fete

**Shillong, Feb 17 (IANS) :** District authorities in the Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills District prohibited bull and animal fights across the district, following reports of illegal wrestling being organised during local festivals and fetes, officials said on Monday.

District Magistrate of East Khasi Hills District R.M. Kurbah in an order said that any violation of the prohibitory order, imposed under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), would be strictly dealt with as per legal provisions. The District Magistrate said that if this

rampant holding of bull's fight or animal fight is allowed, it will violate Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. She said that it has been brought to the notice of the district authority that there is the rampant holding of bullfights or animal fights organised especially while holding fetes and other local festivals in the East Khasi Hills District. Such animal fights also violate the Supreme Court of India ruling against bullfighting in the 2014 Judgement, Kurbah said. "In view of the urgency of the matter, this order is passed ex-parte and shall come into force with immediate effect until further or-



ders," the DM in her order said. A district administration official said that the local authorities are expected to increase monitoring of festivals and public gatherings to ensure compliance with the directive. During various festivals and fairs, the fights between animals and birds were traditionally organised by various indigenous

organisations and civil societies in a few northeastern states, including Assam and Meghalaya. The Gauhati High Court last year banned buffalo and bulbul fights.

## Building space parks across India is crucial, says ex-ISRO chairman

**Bengaluru, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The quality of technology in space-sector startups must reach greater heights, and establishing 'Space Parks' in all states is essential, said former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman S. Somanath on Monday. Speaking at a panel discussion on The Future of the Commercial Space Sector at the Global Investors Meet (GIM) Invest Karnataka 2025, he noted that earlier, there was no clarity regarding private participation in the space sector. However, with the government now formulating a clear policy, this is the right time for investment. He highlighted the vast opportunities for private participation and investment in the commercial space sector. Startups and young entrepreneurs should capitalise on this momentum. Venture capital is crucial for startups, and the government is also extending financial support through various programmes.



## Second life for Cong MLA Uma Thomas as she leaves hospital after 46 days

**Kochi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** After spending 46 days in the hospital and enduring anxious moments, Congress legislator Uma Thomas, who survived a severe fall, was discharged on Monday and returned home.

The incident occurred on December 29 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here, where she had come to attend a record-breaking dance performance. As she was about to take her seat, she accidentally fell nearly 15 feet, suffering serious injuries. Her ribs were fractured, with some piercing her lungs, making her condition critical. Doctors described her recovery as miraculous.

## Mehbooba Mufti bats for opening roads to Pakistan, BJP terms it 'irresponsible'

**Jammu, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Former J&K Chief Minister and President of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Mehbooba Mufti on Monday pitched for opening routes to Pakistan while senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former MLA, Ravinder Raina called her statement as highly irresponsible. Mehbooba Mufti on Thursday launched her party's membership campaign at the party headquarters in Jammu and while addressing the party workers, Mehbooba Mufti spoke about the improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in Akhnoor sector on February 11 in which an army captain and a soldier were killed. She also raised her voice against the killings of two civilians in the Baramulla and Kathua districts. She criticised the priorities of the J&K administration, saying that security meetings are held regularly while nothing is being done to solve the unemployment problem in J&K. She also pitched for the unity of the people of Kashmir, Jammu and Ladakh. "People must get united to fight for their rights," she asserted. She further spoke about the abrogation of Article 370 and pleaded for the opening of routes to Pakistan. She said by abrogation the Article 370, the rights of the people have been snatched. Reacting to Mehbooba Mufti's statement, senior BJP leader and former MLA, Ravinder Raina told reporters that she has made a "highly irresponsible" statement.



## BJD MP demands special category state status for Odisha

**Bhubaneswar, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Senior Biju Janata Dal Leader and MP Sasmit Patra on Monday reiterated the party's demand for special category state status to Odisha.

Speaking in the upper house of the parliament on Monday, Patra also alleged that Odisha has been neglected again by the centre in the Union Budget for the financial year 2025-26.

"I stand here today not just as a representative of Odisha, but as the voice of a state that has been abandoned by this Union Budget! This is not just neglect—this is an affront to four and a half crore people of Odisha!," alleged Patra.

Targeting the ruling BJP, the BJD Rajya Sabha MP further stated that the Odisha BJP in its 2014 election manifesto promised special category status for Odisha. "Eleven years later, where is that promise? Where is that status?"

Where is the justice?" asked Patra. He said the Biju Janata Dal and its supremo Naveen Patnaik have been constantly demanding Special Category Status for Odisha over the past two decades. The Rajya Sabha MP also noted that the four and a half crore people of Odisha are hopeful that the state will be provided Special Category Status but it hasn't happened so far in this Budget.

## Rajasthan: Strict action to be taken against latecomers, absentees in govt offices

**Jaipur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Government personnel arriving late or being absent without permission will face strict action in Rajasthan, as per directives issued by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma.

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of prompt service delivery to the public, instructing officials to be present at their designated seats on time. Government employees must efficiently address citizens' concerns and provide clear information about government schemes, eligibility, and application processes to ensure seamless public service.

He further directed that the work of common people coming to the government office should be done as soon as possible, they should not face any inconvenience and the government personnel should sit

on their seats at the prescribed time, solve the problems, give information to the common people about the benefits, eligibility, application process of government schemes.

To enforce this directive, the Department of Administrative Reforms.



## Bihar: Police issue property attachment notice against absconding gangster

**Patna, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Bihar Police have issued a property attachment notice against Monu Singh, the notorious gangster of the Mokama region, in Nauranga-Jalalpur village under Pachmahala police station on Monday.

Monu Singh was involved in the Mokama firing incident involving former MLA Anant Kumar Singh. The action was taken on Thursday, as Monu Singh remains absconding, while his brother Sonu Singh has already been arrested. The Barh Subdivision administra-

tion had earlier ordered the property attachment based on FIR number 03/25 lodged at Pachmahala police station.

Following the directive, a police team led by Barh ASP Rakesh Kumar reached Monu Singh's residence and pasted the attach-

ment notice on his house.

During the operation, Monu Singh's sister Neha Singh opposed the police action, arguing that the house belonged to her and not to Monu. She protested, stating that while the police could arrest Monu, they had no right to paste



a notice on her property. As tensions escalated, the notice was torn and discarded by family members. ASP Rakesh Kumar warned that legal action would be taken against those who obstructed police proceedings.

In a wider crackdown, police pasted notices of two more absconding accused apart from Monu Singh in Jalalpur village.

## Committed to make Maharashtra a cataract-free state: CM Fadnavis

**Nagpur, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said that the state government is fully committed to realising the dream of a cataract-free Maharashtra. He said that organisations like Mastek (Vidarbha) and Shankara Foundation, U.S. have come forward to support the cataract-free Maharashtra Mission in every possible way. These institutions, which aim to perform around one lakh free cataract surgeries annually, have been doing commend-

able work. Their efforts will significantly contribute to achieving the goal of a cataract-free Maharashtra, he added. He added that the government has launched various healthcare initiatives prioritising public health.



## Naveen Patnaik accuses BJP of hijacking achievements of BJD govt

**Bhubaneswar, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Odisha Leader of Opposition and former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday accused the BJP government of hijacking the credits for the achievements of the previous BJD government. Speaking to media persons regarding Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati's speech in the

Odisha assembly on Monday, Patnaik said: "In the Governor's address today this BJP government is trying to take credit for many of the achievements of my government. The government should concentrate on various areas where it is failing, like the law & order situation, rising prices and unemployment."

Meanwhile, BJD Leader Goutam Buddha Das said that Governor Kambhampati is new to Odisha and has no knowledge of the ground reality in the state. Das also alleged that the Governor just read out the information supplied by the state government.







## MP gov't signs agreement with Finland-based organisation to promote tourism

**Bhopal, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Finland-based organisation 'V Real' at Samatva Bhavan in Bhopal Niwas. The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Finland's Ambassador for India, Kimmo Lahdevirta in Bhopal. On this occasion, Chief Minister Yadav said that the MP Tourism Board and Finnish organisation 'V Real' discussed the application of modern technology at tourist sites, historical heritage locations, and museums in the state. He said the virtual tour initia-

tive will allow people interested in tourism, history, and culture to explore the rich heritage and glorious history of Madhya Pradesh from the comfort of their own countries. "The initiative is expected to promote the state's tourism sites and historical landmarks on a global scale, increasing international tourist visits," the Chief Minister said in a statement. Principal Secretary of Tourism and Culture, Sheoshekhar Shukla, informed Finland-based organisation 'V Real' has been preserving history, culture, and heritage through advanced technology by producing high-quality videos.

## Laos to tighten telecom rules for enhanced cybersecurity

**Vientiane, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Laos' Ministry of Technology and Communications has issued strict regulations regarding the use of telecommunication and internet services in the country, aiming to ensure secure and efficient operations while protecting against fraud. Individuals, legal entities, and telecommunications and internet service providers are strictly prohibited from connecting Laos' telecommunication and internet systems to foreign networks without prior authorisation from the Lao Ministry of Technology and Communications, Xinhua news agency reported quoting the Laos National Radio on Friday. This measure aims to curb fraudulent activities, including scams operated by criminal

groups and call-centre fraud. The ministry has also established a committee to oversee telecommunications and internet connections and ensure compliance with national laws. This body will monitor and enforce regulations to maintain secure and reliable digital communications in Laos. The notice, issued on Wednesday, reaffirms the Laos government's commitment to promoting the safe and efficient use of telecommunications and internet services, supporting the country's digital transformation goals. The government's initiatives to combat cyber fraud have gone beyond merely regulating telecommunications. Recently, Electricite du Laos (EDL) implemented a reduction in electricity supply to the Tachileik district in Myanmar's Shan State, an area



recognised for its involvement in call-centre scams. The move follows a similar action by Thailand, which cut power supply to disrupt criminal operations in the area. EDL confirmed that electricity restrictions aim to prevent misuse by illegal groups while minimising the impact on local residents. The state enterprise emphasised that the Lao government does not supply power to unlawful entities, ensuring that energy exports are directed towards supporting public infrastructure, businesses, and

essential services. Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting systems, networks, and programmes from digital attacks. These cyberattacks are usually aimed at accessing, changing, or destroying sensitive information; extorting money from users through ransomware; or interrupting normal business processes. Implementing effective cybersecurity measures is particularly challenging today because there are more devices than people, and attackers are becoming more innovative.



## Air India doctor gets three years jail for bribe from CBI court

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** A Special CBI court in Gujarat on Monday sentenced a doctor employed in Air India to three years rigorous imprisonment, along with a fine of Rs 1 lakh, for demanding a bribe of Rs 25,000 to give a favourable medical report to a new joinee. In two separate cases, the CBI booked a hotel owner in Uttarakhand for duping a bank of Rs 11 crore and an iron casting company in Rajasthan of Rs 9.62 crore for cheating after taking a loan from a bank, an official said on Thursday. While hearing the Air India doctor's case, the Special CBI court in Ahmedabad held Suresh Marotrao Bhagatkar, then engaged with the airline, Mumbai,

guilty of indulging in corruption under the Prevention of Corruption Act. During the trial, the court examined 27 prosecution witnesses and 49 documents/exhibits in support of the charges against the convict. The CBI had registered the case on January 3, 2011, against Bhagatkar on allegations of bribery/corruption. It was alleged that the accused conducted a medical examination of a person for his appointment to the post of Security Agent in Air India Air Transport Corporation Limited, a subsidiary of Air India Ltd, and had demanded illegal gratification from the complainant during a conversation over mobile phone to give a favourable blood report. The doctor had demanded a bribe of Rs 25,000 from the

complainant. When the complainant showed his reluctance to pay the bribe, accused Bhagatkar reiterated his demand for a bribe and asked him to deposit the amount in his bank account, the CBI said. Subsequently, the doctor sent his account number to the complainant on the phone for depositing the demanded bribe. An amount of Rs 5,000 was also deposited in above mentioned account as per directions of the accused, the CBI said. After the completion of the investigation, a chargesheet was filed by the CBI on November 9, 2011, against the accused. In a separate matter, the federal probe agency booked a private company, Hotel Pine Queen.

## Vijender Gupta urges L-G to implement PM-ABHIM in Delhi

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Even before the swearing-in of the new BJP government in Delhi, the party's legislator and former Leader of Opposition in Assembly Vijender Gupta on Monday wrote to Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena seeking early implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission and using Rs 2,406 crore under the scheme to improve the city's health services. In a letter addressed to Saxena, the newly-elected legislator from Rohini said that PM-ABHIM along with the Health Information Management System would go a long way in improving the public health care system. "The PM-ABHIM is being implemented in all states/UTs across the country except NCT of Delhi.



## Cong appoints Harshwardhan Sapkal as Maha unit chief; Vijay Wadettiwar named legislature party leader

**Mumbai, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday appointed former legislator Harshwardhan Sapkal as the president of Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee replacing the incumbent Nana Patole. Sapkal's appointment came after Patole submitted his resignation to the party high command recently. Sapkal was elected to the

state assembly in the 2014 Assembly elections from Buldhana constituency and before that, he had headed the Buldhana Zilla Parishad. The Congress party's central leadership has yet again appointed a leader from Vidarbha after Patole. Vidarbha had been Congress party's bastion but after 2014, the BJP increased its dominance.



## Punjab to disburse arrears of Rs 14,000 crore of employees, pensioners

**Chandigarh, Feb 17 (IANS) :** In a bonanza to employees and pensioners of the government, the Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday accorded consent to disburse arrears of Rs 14,000 crore to them. A decision to this effect was taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held here under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. A spokesperson for the Chief Minister's Office said the Cabinet gave approval to release arrears of revised pay and pensions.

## Gujarat: ABVP protests outside MSU Vadodara over scholarship policy change

**Vadodara, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) members staged a protest outside the Maharaja Sayajirao Univer-

sity (MSU) campus on Monday to voice their dissent against a government circular affecting scholarship eligibility. Dressed in traditional attire, students partici-

pated in various cultural activities, including garba performances, to honour the day's significance. The MSU witnessed contrasting scenes as students celebrated Tra-

ditional Day within the premises, while, ABVP activists gathered in large numbers in the Fatehganj area.



## Assam CM raises questions on Gaurav Gogoi's parliament questionnaire after meeting Pakistan High Commissioner

**Guwahati, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma continued his attacks on Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi for meeting the Pakistan High Commissioner despite not being a member of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs. Sarma claimed post that meeting, Gogoi posted several questions on national security in the Parliament.

## Lalu Prasad Yadav's brother-in-law slams RJD for running 'political empire'

**Patna, Feb 17 (IANS) :** As Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad Yadav sharpens his attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of Assembly elections, he is facing criticism from within his own extended family. His youngest brother-in-law, Subhash Yadav, has launched a scathing attack, accusing him of shielding criminals and running a political empire based on backdoor dealings of the kidnapping cases from the Chief Minister's residence from 1990 to 2005. Subhash Yadav, a former Rajya Sabha MP and Rabri Devi's brother alleged that during Lalu-Rabri's rule, criminal cases like kidnapping were allegedly settled at the Chief Minister's residence itself.

"In the 90s, Lalu Yadav used to orchestrate deals to secure the release of kidnapped persons. Sadhu Yadav and I were wrongly defamed. We never committed any crime. After I distanced myself from him, Lalu's downfall began, and RJD was reduced to 20 seats. This time, the party will again fall below 20 seats," he said. Subhash Yadav also dragged Mohammad Shahabuddin and businessman-politician Premchand Gupta, alleging that

Lalu Prasad Yadav personally intervened in criminal cases across Bihar. "Who took money to settle criminal cases? Everyone knows.







## Namibia implements strict measures to combat lumpy skin disease outbreak

**Windhoek, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Namibia's Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) has updated control measures to combat the ongoing outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) affecting cattle across several regions according to an announcement issued on Monday. Since the first reported case in the Okakakam constituency of the Otjozondjupa Region in June 2024, the disease has spread to areas in the Omaheke, Kavango East and West, Zambezi, Ohangwena, Oshana, Oshikoto, and Kunene regions. To date, 1,564 clinical cases and 443 deaths have been recorded, acting Chief Veterinary Officer

Johannes Shoopala said in a statement. LSD, a highly contagious viral disease transmitted by biting insects, has prompted the DVS to implement stricter regulations to contain its spread and protect international trade. According to Shoopala, the DVS has already vaccinated 17,671 cattle in the Otjombinde constituency and an additional 11,066 cattle in the Okakarara State Veterinary District. Shoopala said that effective immediately, all cattle intended for export must be vaccinated at least 21 days and no more than 12 months before export. "As of March 13, cattle movements will be permit-

ted from several districts (Okakaraia, Grootfontein, Nkurenkuni, Ondangwa, Epukiro, Oijinene, Rundu, Eenhana, Katima Mulilo, and Omuthiya) provided the animals have been vaccinated within the same timeframe. This excludes cattle destined for direct slaughter, provided they are clinically healthy," he added. Shoopala said cattle movement to and from affected areas is permitted only if they have been vaccinated within the specified 21-day to 12-month window. Existing control measures remain in force in the affected areas, Xinhua news agency reported.

## Bangladeshis protest near White House demanding end to 'unconstitutional' Yunus rule

**Washington, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Bangladeshis protested on Monday near the White House demanding an end to the "unconstitutional" rule of Muhammad Yunus, the country's interim leader. The participants numbering about 150 at the protest organised by the Awami League and its sister organisations, raised slogans and held placards demanding justice and a return to constitutional rule. They also demanded protection for mi-

norities. The protest took place ahead of US President Donald Trump's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House. A spokesperson for the protesters alleged that Yunus took over the country with the help of "terrorists" endangering the security of the country. He said that the "terrorist group doesn't believe in a secular democracy" and the safety of minorities. Yunus is creating an international "drama with false statements to the world leaders," he said, add-

ing that they wanted to show the true picture. For holding the protest on Thursday, he said, "We want fairness, justice" and want to get the message across "especially (when) Donald Trump and PM Modi are here". "We want attention to taking the fear away and ensuring justice so people can practice their democratic rights," he said. "Our minority groups in Bangladesh, especially Hindus, have been attacked and so many have been killed," he added.



## Malaria cases in Vietnam down 21 per cent in 2024

**Hanoi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** The number of malaria cases in Vietnam continued to decline in 2024 with 353 cases, a 21 per cent decrease compared to the previous year, Vietnam News cited the Ministry of Health as saying on Monday. One third of these cases were imported, and no deaths or out-

breaks were reported, highlighting the country's progress in eliminating the disease, said the report. Hoang Dinh Canh, Director of the National Institute of Malariology, Parasitology and Entomology, said the country had made notable progress in eliminating malaria, with 48 provinces and cities officially recognised as malaria-free.



## South Korea: Six dead, 25 injured in fire at hotel construction site in Busan

**Busan, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Six workers died and 25 others were injured in a fire at a hotel construction site in South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan on Monday, authorities said. The fire started at the Banyan Tree hotel under construction at approximately 10:50 a.m., presumably from insulating material loaded near a swimming pool on the first floor of one of the three buildings on the site, according to the Busan firefighting headquarters. The flames were mostly extinguished by around 1:30 p.m., firefighters said. "When we arrived at the scene, black smoke had filled the interior of the building," Park Heung-mo, a rescue official with the Busan firefighting agency, said at a press briefing. "The deceased were found at the location where the fire broke out, and it's presumed they weren't able to escape because there was a lot of flammable material near the exit," he said.



## India and Nepal agree to accelerate talks on stalled hydroelectric projects

**Kathmandu, Feb 17 (IANS) :** India and Nepal have agreed to resume talks on various mechanisms related to three multipurpose hydroelectric power projects - Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project, Saptakoshi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sunkoshi Storage cum Diversion Scheme - the local media in Kathmandu reported on Monday following a meeting of the power exchange committee held in New Delhi, earlier this week. According to Sandip Dev, the Joint Secretary at Nepal's Ministry of Energy, the forthcoming talks will also focus on issues related to floods and irrigation. Dev told Nepal's leading daily Kathmandu Post that both sides have agreed to convene

the sixth meeting of the Joint Expert Group to finalise the detailed project report of the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project. Both countries have been in regular contact at different levels to weed out issues arising out of joint projects. Nepalese Energy and Water Resources Minister Deepak Khadka also travelled to India to participate in the 'India Energy Week' organised by the Indian government. Hydroelectric projects, one of the biggest areas of focus in Indo-Nepal cooperation, have faced various challenges due to a range of issues. The Saptakoshi High Dam project which aimed at controlling floods in Nepal and India and generating hydropower was a cause of dispute between both nations over potential flooding and impact of local communities in Nepal. In 2023, India and Nepal agreed to reduce the height of the dam. Implementation of the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project is the centerpiece of the Mahakali Treaty signed between the two countries in February 1996. The project aims at energy production and augmenting irrigation in India and Nepal.

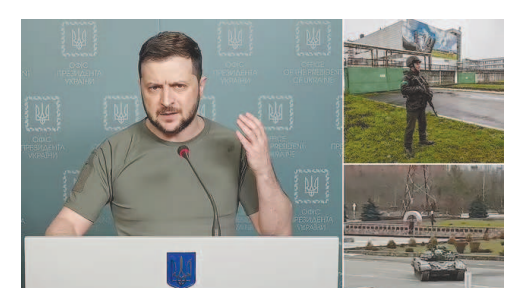
## WHO allocates additional two million USD to support Uganda's Ebola response

**Kampala, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced the release of additional \$2 million to support Uganda's effort to fight the ongoing Ebola outbreak, bringing the total funding to \$3 million in three weeks. In a post on X social media platform, Ghebreyesus said the funds would further support the East African country's response to the outbreak. "Our teams are supporting surveillance, laboratories, logistics, infection prevention and control in hospitals, treatment centers and research," he said. On January 30, the WHO released \$1 million and mobilised trial vaccines to support Uganda's national health authorities to contain.



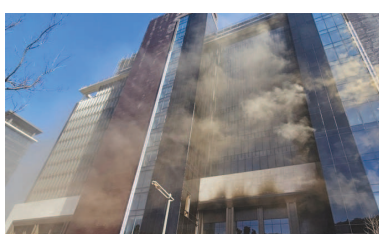
## Trump approves extradition of 26/11 terror attack accused Tahawwur Rana to India

**Washington, Feb 17 (IANS) :** In a big announcement after his bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Donald Trump said his administration has approved the extradition of the 2008 Mumbai terror attack accused, Tahawwur Rana to India. During a joint press meeting with PM Modi after their bilateral meeting, Trump said. "I am pleased to announce that my administration has approved the extradition of one of the plotters (Tahawwur Rana) and one of the very evil people of the world, having to do with the horrific 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack to face justice in India." "He is going back to India to face justice," he added. PM Modi appreciated the US's stand to extradite the terror accused and thanked President Trump for confirming his extradition.



## Russian drone strikes Chernobyl Nuclear disaster zone; Zelensky shares video

**New Delhi, Feb 17 (IANS) :** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday revealed that a Russian drone hit the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant, the site of the infamous 1986 nuclear disaster. The drone hit occurred on the night of February 13, and Zelensky shared footage of the aftermath on social media platform X.







**Jabilamma Neeku Antha Kopama Releasing on February 21 – Team Request Audience Support**

Dhanush is currently basking in success with back to back hits. Meanwhile his other directorial project Jabilamma Neeku Antha Kopama is all set for release. This romantic comedy is produced under his home banner, Wunderbar Films, in collaboration with RK Productions. The film is set to release on February 21 with Asian Suresh Entertainment LLP handling the Telugu release.

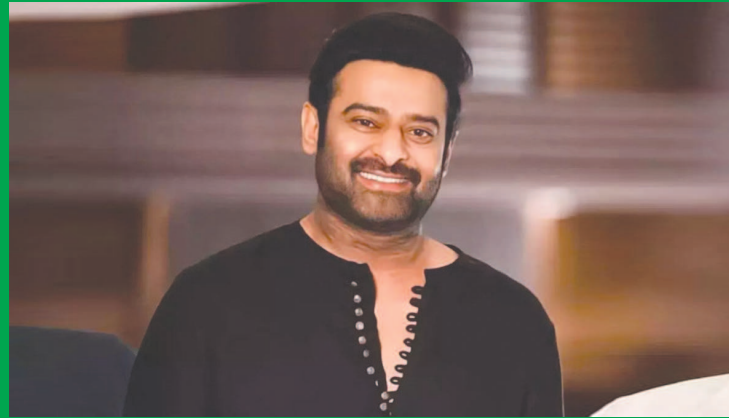


**Ram Charan For Diwali: Will It Really Happen?**

After having wasted three years on Director Shankar and his aimless project, Game Changer, Ram Charan is very calculated about his upcoming projects now, and here is a look into the story behind the same. After having wasted a lot of time for Shankar, it appears that Charan has learnt a valuable lesson.

**Prabhas Doing It For First Time After Spirit**

Promise has been one of the most hard-working and consistent heroes in Tollywood in recent years. He had been lining up multiple films every year and is simultaneously working on several projects at once. Can also be noted that Prabhas is the only superstar in Tollywood, who has multiple projects lined up simultaneously and shooting happening parallelly.



**Is Allu Arjun Joining Hands with Minnal Murali Director?**

After the record-shattering victory of Pushpa 2, which crossed ₹1800 crore at the box office, fans are enthusiastically holding up to see what Allu Arjun does following. Theories have been flying in all directions first approximately Pushpa 3, at that point a venture with Trivikram, taken after by rumoured talks with Jawan director Atlee. Including fuel to the fire, Allu Arjun recently met filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali in Mumbai.

**Only Director To Show Promise For Vishwak Sen**

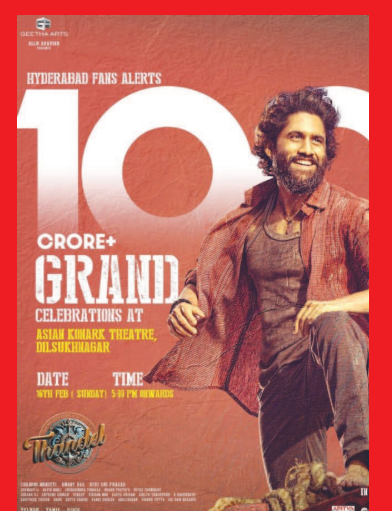
After a super strong debut to his acting career in the form of Falaknuma Das, youngster Vishwak Sen showed great promise. He followed it up with films like Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi, HIT, and others. However, what followed later

for this talented youngster is beyond disastrous. Pick up a series of bad films that did not work one bit at the box office and he ended up losing his box office potential to a great extent. His latest film Laila turned out to be a mega disaster at the box office, as it could not even pull respectable numbers.



**Naga Chaitanya's Thandel Attains A Great Milestone, Collects 100 Cr+ Gross**

Yuva Samrat Naga Chaitanya's latest sensation Thandel has made a remarkable impact at the box office, marking a noteworthy breakthrough as his first film to enter the 100 Cr club.



**Vishwambhara: Chiranjeevi's Stylish Intro Song Shot on a Lavish Set**

Megastar Chiranjeevi after Waltair Veeraya is all set to score another blockbuster with his upcoming socio-fantasy film Vishwambhara. The movie is creating massive excitement among fans since its launch. Directed by Vassishta and produced by Vikram, Vamsi, and Pramod under UV Creations, the film promises to be a grand visual spectacle. After the teaser release which offered a glimpse into its stunning world, anticipation for the film skyrocketed. As the film nears completion, an extravagant introduction song featuring Chiranjeevi is currently being shot in

Shankarpally, Hyderabad. The massive set has been designed by production designer AS Prakash, ensuring a grand and visually appealing experience. Renowned music director MM Keeravani has composed a powerful mass anthem for this sequence, with Ramajogayya Sastry providing the lyrics. Popular choreographer Shobi Master is overseeing the dance moves, making sure Chiranjeevi's presence in the

song is impactful. A recently released image from the song shoot shows Chiranjeevi in a stylish avatar sporting sunglasses and making a grand entry from a car. His intense gaze and energetic presence in the image have further raised expectations among fans. Director Vassishta who made a successful debut with Bimbisara considers Vishwambhara his most ambitious project. This film brings together a combination

of high-end VFX, thrilling action sequences and emotionally engaging drama. The film is expected to be a larger-than-life cinematic experience. The movie features Trisha Krishnan and Ashika Ranganath as the female leads while Kunal Kapoor plays a crucial role. The cinematography is handled by Chota K. Naidu and music is composed by MM Keeravani.



**Nag Ashwin With Alia: Is It Really Exciting?**

Creative film maker, Nag Ashwin is one of the most talented directors in the contemporary crop of India director. After impressing the audience with his earlier film, Mahanati, he followed it up with a historic blockbuster in the form of Kalki, which collected over 1200 crore at the global box office.

Coming to the topic, now, the latest developments are suggesting that the talented director is apparently lining up a new film, but there is a catch here. Apparently, Ashwin is preparing a female oriented subject that he had been contemplating for a long time now, and he is likely to take this project, the floors at the earliest.

**Why Did a Kannada Fans Fire at Rashmika?**

As success grows, so does criticism, and Rashmika Mandanna is no exception. The well-known actress, who began her journey in Kannada cinema but picked up enormous fame in Telugu movies, has recently found herself at the centre of a heated controversy. Amid the promotions of her Bollywood film Chhaava, Rashmika made an articulation that didn't sit well with her Kannada fans. She said, "I am from Hyderabad. I have come alone, and nowadays I trust I am a portion of all your family." Whereas the comment may have appeared safe, numerous Kannada fans felt she was separating herself from her roots. Given that she began her career with Kannada movies like Kirik Party and afterwards moved to Telugu cinema with hits like Chalo.



**Sudheer Babu's Mystery Thriller Jatadhara Starring Sudheer Babu Starts Filming**

Zee Studios and well-known Bollywood producer Purna V Arora have teamed up for the pan-India film Jatadhara starring Sudheer Babu in the lead role. The film was officially launched today in Hyderabad with key members of the team and several film industry personalities in attendance.

Many well-known directors and producers, including Harish Shankar, Venky Atluri, Mohana

Krishna Indraganti and Ravi Shankar from Mythri Movie Makers, attended the grand Muhurat event. Actress Shilpa Shirodkar was also present. Director Harish Shankar gave the first clap marking the official start of the film's production. Jatadhara is the second project where Zee Studios and Purna V Arora have collaborated. Their previous partnership was for the 2016 Hindi blockbuster Rustom. The new film is set to be a gripping mystery thriller packed

with action and suspense, promising an exciting cinematic experience for audiences. The story delves into the intriguing mysteries of the Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple. It will explore the scientific and mystical aspects that have intrigued historians for years along with the legends and theories surrounding the temple's unexplained powers. To prepare for his challenging role, lead actor Sudheer Babu underwent intense physical training.