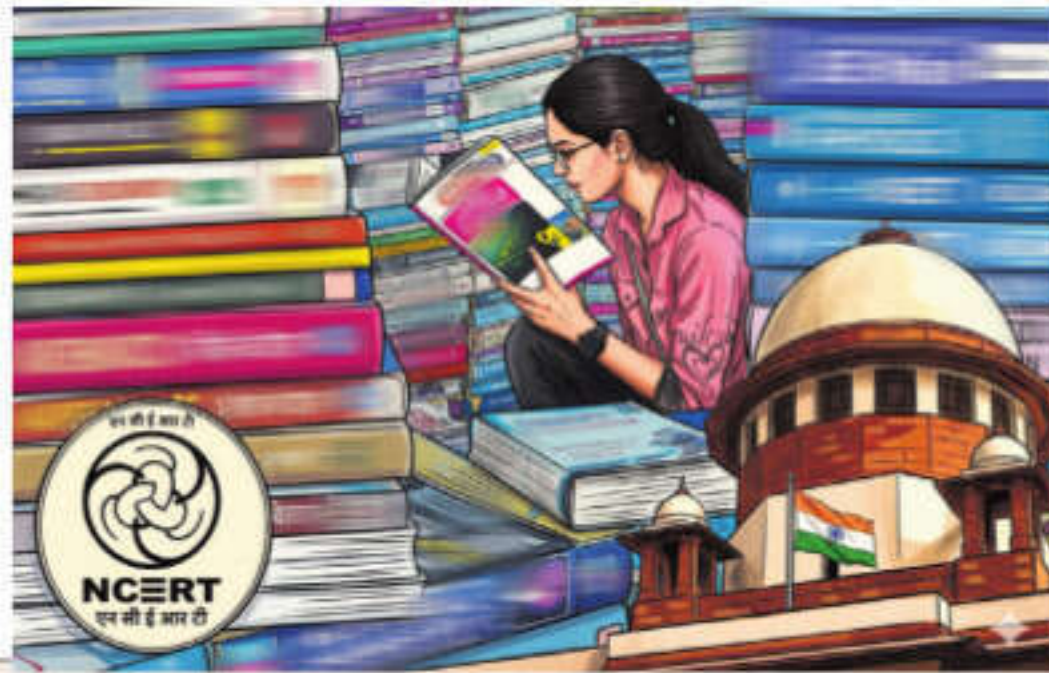




THREE ACADEMICS CAUGHT IN NCERT ROW APPROACH SUPREME COURT

The three academics in the NCERT book row moved the Supreme Court on Monday and said drafting of the content was a collective process

TRIO HAS LOTS OF CREDIBILITY: DEFENCE

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Jyomaya Bagchi was told the three experts, Professor Michel Danion, Suparna Diwakar and Alok Prasanna Kumar, were not fly-by-night persons and had credibility. On February 26, the court banned NCERT's Class 8 social science book which contained 'offending' contents on corruption in the judiciary

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO VET REVISED CHAPTER

- On March 11, acting tough against the three experts involved in the drafting of the controversial chapter, the top court had directed the Centre and all state governments to disassociate from them
- The court was informed Monday that a committee comprising former SC judge Justice Indu Malhotra will review the revised chapter

14 days

IS WHEN THE SUPREME COURT BENCH MEETS AGAIN TO HEAR THE CASE

Towing back in City Central Corpn, will cover all areas soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOUR years after it was stopped following a severe backlash from the public, towing of vehicles parked in no-parking zones have made a comeback to the city. The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have already reinstated towing operations within the Bengaluru Central City Corporation from Sunday (April 5) and will gradually extend it across the city.

According to a press release issued by BTP on Monday, the decision was taken in coordination with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to ensure seamless movement of traffic and reduce violations related to unauthorised parking.

The police said there will be no break in towing operations to maintain orderly traffic across the city. They advised motorists to strictly follow parking regulations and avoid unauthorised parking to prevent penalties and inconvenience.

Meanwhile, GBA Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Monday instructed officials to start towing of abandoned vehicles in all the five corporations limits from Tuesday.

Towing should start immediately to remove abandoned vehicles parked on city roads for many months, he said. "Bengaluru North and Central City Corporations have already communicated to the traffic police to remove such vehicles. The North City Corporation has also given a list of roads with such vehicles. In the remaining corporations, towing should start from tomorrow (Tuesday)," he said.

The government suspended towing operations on February 2, 2022, following allegations of harassment by motorists and rude behaviour by traffic police and towing staff. In some instances, motorists engaged in physical fights with the towing staff.



The convicts in the Sathankulam custodial death case being taken away from the court in Madurai on Monday evening | K K SUNDAR

TN CUSTODIAL DEATH: IT'S GALLOWS FOR ALL 9 COPS

Madurai: All the nine policemen, who were convicted for the custodial torture and death of two traders — P Jeyaraj and his son Beniks — at Sathankulam in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, in 2020 were awarded the death penalty by a Madurai court on Monday. Judge G Muthukumaran said, "If a life sentence is given, police officials may get emboldened that they can come out of jail after serving it." P7

Kalpakkam PFBR attains criticality

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INDIA on Monday achieved a major milestone in its civil nuclear programme, with the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam attaining criticality, the stage at which a controlled, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction begins.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described it as a "defining step" in advancing the second stage of India's nuclear programme. "The indigenously designed and built Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam has attained criticality... a decisive step towards harnessing our vast thorium reserves," he said in a post on X, congratulating scientists and engineers.

The 500 MWe PFBR, developed by Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and operated by BHAVINI, is India's first fast breeder reactor; a technology that produces more nuclear fuel than it consumes. Using plutonium-based fuel and liquid sodium as coolant, the reactor converts non-fissile uranium-238 into fissile material, improving fuel efficiency and reducing waste.

The milestone follows clearance from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board in 2024 for fuel loading and low-power physics experiments.



AIR INDIA CEO CAMPBELL WILSON RESIGNS

His resignation was accepted at a board meeting last week and he is currently serving his notice period, reports said

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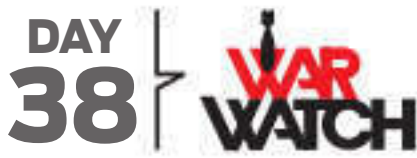
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Both sides reject Pak proposal on truce, Israel hits South Pars again

Ceasefire plan not enough to end war, says Trump; admits bid to arm Iranian protesters



AGENCIES @Dubai

IRAN and the United States received a draft proposal late Sunday calling for a 45-day ceasefire and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

The proposal, tentatively dubbed the 'Islamabad Accord', came from Egyptian, Pakistani and Turkish mediators, hoping the 45-day window would provide enough time for talks to reach a permanent ceasefire. It was sent to Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff.

Iran on Monday rejected the proposal. News agency IRNA said, "Iran... has rejected a ceasefire and insists on the need for a definitive end to the conflict." Iran's refusal for truce came after the head of intelligence for Iran's Revolutionary Guard, Maj Gen Majid Khademi, was killed in an attack targeting him in Tehran.



File photo of the South Pars gas field in the southern Iranian port town of Assaluyeh, which was hit by an Israeli missile strike on Monday | AFP

Oil refiners to postpone maintenance shutdown

Indian oil refiners are planning to postpone maintenance shutdowns of their units to meet domestic production of LPG, petrol, and diesel. According to a top official, some refineries of Indian Oil Corporation and BPCL have already planned shutdowns.

The Revolutionary Guards said they will avenge Khademi's killing. For his part, US President Donald Trump said the truce

Two more LPG tankers sail through Hormuz

Two more Indian-flagged LPG tankers have crossed the Strait of Hormuz and are headed for Indian ports even as 16 other vessels remain stranded. Green Sanvi carrying 46,650 tonnes of LPG will reach India on April 7 while Green Asha with 15,500 tonnes will reach on April 9.

proposal was a "very significant step," but not enough yet to end the conflict. Word of Iran's rejection came while Trump addressed a White

House event. Asked if Tuesday at 8 pm Washington time was his final deadline for Iran, Trump replied, "Yeah."

Trump also revealed the US attempted to arm Iranian protesters but the weapons were diverted and never passed to the right people. "We sent guns, a lot of guns... The people that they sent them to kept those guns." Besides, he threatened a media outlet with jail time if it does not reveal the person who leaked information about a US airman who was missing in Iran.

Israel's defence minister Israel Katz said they struck a petrochemical facility in Iran. "The IDF has now strongly attacked the largest petrochemical facility in Iran located in [Assaluyeh]," he said, adding the facility in the Pars region services Iran's South Pars natural gas field, and produced half of its petrochemicals. This was the second hit on South Pars in weeks.

Strikes on cities across Iran killed more people, while in Israel's Haifa, four persons were found dead in a rubble.

55% of voters remain excluded even after review: West Bengal

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE West Bengal government on Monday told the Supreme Court that as many as 55% of voters whose names were removed from the electoral rolls stand excluded even after the adjudication of claims and objections.

"Out of these 60 lakh cases, available data of 40 lakh cases indicates the exclusion rate is 55%," said senior lawyer Shyam Divan, appearing for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant and comprising justices Jyomaya Bagchi and Vipin Pancholi, noted that 59.15 lakh out of 60.06 lakh cases were decided by April 6 noon.

Divan argued that the rejection rate is very high despite the judicial safeguards. "These were mapped individuals. Seven lakh objections have already been filed and several lakh appeals are in the process of being filed," he said.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the State of West

Bengal, said the appellate tribunals should pass interim orders for those prima facie found wrongly excluded.

The bench, however, declined the submissions and refused to set any deadline for the tribunals to decide on the appeals.

The court noted the electoral list needs to be frozen at some point in view of the upcoming Assembly elections, but it was leaving the decision to the appellate tribunals.

The CJJ asked the Calcutta High Court chief justice to constitute a three-member panel of former senior judges to frame uniform procedures for these tribunals.

"Let the committee prescribe the procedure by tomorrow (Tuesday) so that adjudication of appeals can be expedited," it said and fixed the matter for further hearing to April 23.

In another decision, the court directed the NIA to take over the probe into the gherao of judicial officers engaged in SIR work in Malda after noting serious allegations against the local police.



Tribunals will go on hearing and we do not want to rush it, but we need to freeze the list somewhere... Appellate process can take a month or even 60 days Supreme Court



Mamata Banerjee addresses a public meeting in Nadia on Monday | PTI

'Stalin, Congress in cahoots with BJP'

Kolkata: Mamata Banerjee on Monday alleged that the BJP had entered into a "tacit understanding" with the Congress and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, saying many officers from Bengal had been sent to the southern state as poll observers. Also, the EC transferred around 500 officers in Bengal compared with a handful in other poll-bound states, she alleged

Quarry allotted for Kaiga Units 5, 6 in tiger reserve, but forest official okays it

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Kaiga (Uttara Kannada)

THE proposed Units 5 and 6 of the Kaiga nuclear plant have encountered their first hurdle -- a quarry allocated to extract construction material for the units falls within the ecologically sensitive Kali Tiger Reserve and Western Ghats.

Environmental activists, who have opposed the proposal, want an alternative site to be allocated. Despite accepting these facts, considering the objections and taking note of intense opposition, the Deputy Director General of Forests (DDGF) has okayed the proposal for consideration.

The approved site to extract construction material for the two units of Kaiga Nuclear Power Station measures 3.70 hectares on Survey No 87, Devikar village in Karwar taluk of Uttara Kannada district that falls within the tiger reserve.

"It is within the ecologically sensitive zone of Kali Tiger Reserve, where quarrying is prohibited. Devikar village is part of the Western Ghats eco-sensitive area. The user agency (UA -- Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant) has not submitted any environ-



The quarry site for Kaiga Units 5 and 6

mental clearance (EC) and Wildlife Clearance (WLC) required for the purpose," observes DDGF S Senthil Kumar in his letter, but still goes ahead and recommends it for consideration.

His letter suspects that Kaiga plant carried out quarrying at the site, violating norms. "The quarry area had earlier been in operation and under the possession of the UA. After the expiry of the lease in 1999, it was not taken back by the forest department and the quarrying reportedly continued beyond 1999 for Units 3 and 4 in violation of the Forest Conservation Act 1980," the letter available with *The New Indian Express* observes. **CONTINUED ON: P7**

Security scare at Delhi Assembly as private car breaks through the iron gate

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Accused followed farmers' agitation: Police

Police sources said the accused, identified as 37-year-old Saravjeet Singh, a resident of Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, is believed to be a follower of the farmers' agitation. Uttar Pradesh Police reached the residence of Singh in Pilibhit and questioned his family members, who claimed he was suffering from mental health issues and was undergoing treatment

tering the area via gate number 2, which is a VIP gate.

Several police teams, including the bomb squad and dog squad, rushed to the spot. A Forensics team also came to the spot and lifted the exhibits from near the gate and the area where the bouquet was placed.

The bouquet was also checked.

Police checked the CCTV footage and intercepted the car at Roop Nagar area in north Delhi. Three persons, including the driver identified as Saravjeet Singh, were intercepted.



Forensic team inspecting Delhi Assembly premises on Monday | SAVANTAN GHOSH

Deputy Commissioner of Police (north) Raja Banthia said that around 2.10 pm, a white-coloured Tata Sierra bearing registration number UP-26AZ8090 forcefully entered the premises of the Delhi Assembly through gate number-2.

"One individual alighted from the car and proceeded towards the porch area carrying a bouquet and a garland of marigold flowers. The Vidhan Sabha was not in session. During the incident, the accused drove the vehicle in a dangerous manner with intent to run over security personnel on duty, thereby endangering their lives," the DCP said.



UTTAR PRADESH The MSME Hub



Under the decisive and forward-looking leadership of Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has undergone a remarkable transformation in last 9 years, from a traditionally agrarian economy into a thriving hub of industry, investment and innovation. With a strong emphasis on transparency, policy-driven governance, and investor confidence, the state government has created an ecosystem where businesses can grow seamlessly. Strategic reforms, infrastructure expansion, and global engagement have not only accelerated economic growth but also unlocked unprecedented employment opportunities, making Uttar Pradesh a cornerstone of India's development story.



Mukhyamantree Yuva Udyamee Vikaas Abhiyaan (YUVA)

- With the objective of connecting the state's educated and trained youth with self-employment opportunities and facilitating the establishment of new micro-enterprises, the "Chief Minister's Youth Entrepreneurship Development Campaign" was launched in the year 2024-25.
- 147,312 youths have received benefits under this scheme for establishing enterprises, through which employment has been generated for over 451,775 people across the state.



Chief Minister's Youth Self-Employment Scheme

- The benefits have been extended to 37,280 youths for setting up units in the industrial and service sectors, and margin money amounting to ₹940.86 crore has been disbursed. Through these units, 298,240 people in the state have secured employment.



Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

- The scheme have been extended to 32,936 entrepreneurs since the year 2017-18, and margin money amounting to ₹1,105.49 crore has been disbursed. Through these units, 2,63,488 people in the state have secured employment.



Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana

- The scheme has been operational since 2019 with the aim of preserving the art of traditional artisans—including carpenters, tailors, blacksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, confectioners, weavers, barbers, and other craftspeople—as well as enhancing their income.
- Till date, 420,540 individuals have been provided with training and supplied with modern toolkits.



PLEDGE (Promoting Leadership in Developing Growth Engines)

- The PLEDGE scheme was implemented in 2023 for the development of industrial infrastructure facilities.
- MSME Parks ranging from 10 to 50 acres in size have been developed.
- Till date 12 PLEDGE Parks have been approved across the districts of Aligarh, Saharanpur, Kanpur Dehat, Hapur, Sambhal, Jhansi, Meerut, Amroha, Sitapur, Mathura, Moradabad, and Unnao.



Business-Friendly Environment

- Under the MSME Act, 2020, newly established units have been granted an exemption from inspections by various departments for a period of 1,000 days.

Industrial Expansion



Yamuna Express Region



Film City



Toy Park



Apparel Park



YEIDA Medical Device Park
(Semi conductor & MRO Service Unit)



Mega Industrial Park



Plastic Park (Gorakhpur)



Perfume Park (Kannauj)



Food Park (Bareilly)



Trans Ganga City (Unnao)



Nivesh Mitra Portal 3.0 (Single Window System)

- Through the Nivesh Mitra portal, entrepreneurs are being provided with No Objection Certificates (NOCs), licenses and various permits in a completely online and time-bound manner. This has rendered the process of establishing an enterprise both transparent and simplified.



Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show

- The first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show was organized in Greater Noida from September 21 to 25, 2023, with buyers from approximately 70 countries participating.
- The second edition was held from September 25 to 29, 2024, attended by 500 buyers from 71 countries.
- The third edition was organized from September 25 to 29, 2025, with buyers from approximately 70 countries taking part.



India International Trade Fair

- Uttar Pradesh was conferred the Gold Award for its outstanding performance at the India International Trade Fair, held in New Delhi from November 14 to 27, 2024.
- The state received the Bronze Award in the edition held from November 14 to 27, 2025.



UP National Trade Show 2025

- "UP National Trade Show 2025- Swadeshi Mela" was organised from October 9 to 18, 2025 in every district of the state.



Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara has said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will continue as CM for the full five-year term. "There is no question of leadership change. Any such remarks by leaders are purely personal opinions," he told reporters in Mysuru on Monday

TWO DAYS TO VOTING, NETAS MAKE FINAL PUSH

Public campaigning for D'gere South, Bagalkot Assembly constituencies ends at 5pm today

Siddaramaiah highlights govt's implementation of five guarantees, other development works

Even Anna Bhagya rice scheme has become Kanna Bhagya (theft), claims LoP Ashoka



(Left) Chief Minister Siddaramaiah relishes the famous Davanagere benne dose while campaigning for Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur in Davanagere on Monday; BJP supporters take out a roadshow in support of party candidate Srinivas T Dasakariyappa | EXPRESS, X

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KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will wrap up his whirlwind campaign for the April 9 bypolls to Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly constituencies by holding a Congress leaders meeting in Bagalkot on Tuesday morning. The Davanagere South and Bagalkot seats fell vacant following the demise of Congress leaders Shamanur Shivashankarappa and HY Meti, respectively. The public campaigning for the bypolls will come to an end at 5 pm on Tuesday.

During his high-voltage campaign, the CM had raised several issues targeting the BJP-led Union Government. He said the Centre was meting out step-motherly treatment to Karnataka in tax devolution and was not cooperating with the state in the implementation of irrigation projects. He also highlighted his government's implementation of the five guarantees and other development works.

The 77-year-old AHINDA leader had campaigned extensively in both the seats, albeit devoting more time to Bagalkot to chalk out a strategy to retain the seats. He had resolved the confusion over the issue of

ticket distribution in Bagalkot by ensuring that his associate HY Meti's son Umesh Meti, was fielded as candidate. According to sources, Siddaramaiah's presence has helped the Congress significantly. Citing a state intelligence report, sources added that Congress was initially facing headwinds. BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath and his party leaders were making all-out efforts to woo Hindutva voters, especially in Bagalkot urban.

In Bagalkot, Siddaramaiah had addressed two public rallies and a dozen roadshows. In Davanagere South, he addressed one public rally and 10 roadshows.

In Davanagere South, he campaigned for Samarth Shamanur, grandson of former Congress veteran the late Shamanur Shivashankarappa. Samarth's father, SS Mallikarjun, is the Horticulture Minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, and his mother, Prabha Mallikarjun, represents Davanagere in the Lok Sabha.

If the Congress wins both the seats, the Siddaramaiah camp is likely to take the credit for it. Siddaramaiah's associate and Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan

had also joined the campaign trail in Davanagere South reconciling with his cabinet colleague Mallikarjun.

Both the seats witnessed intense campaigning by bigwigs from both the national parties. In the Congress camp, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who is also state Congress chief, and the entire cabinet campaigned.

In the BJP camp, 83-year-old party veteran and former CM BS Yediyurappa campaigned extensively. Apart from Yediyurappa, a host of other BJP leaders, including state unit chief BY Vijayendra, LoP in Assembly R Ashoka, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and others campaigned.

According to informed sources, the battle in Bagalkot looks close. Realising the ground reality, Siddaramaiah's MLC son Dr Yathindra, too, camped there for over a week. CM's confidant and Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, too, camped there to neutralise the anti-incumbency factor, sources added. Satish had also chalked out a strategy and carried out a "silent operation" to get tacit support from a section of BJP leaders who are averse to the party's candidate Veeranna Charantimath.

Congress is banking on its strong presence in rural areas, whereas the BJP is banking on the consolidation of its core votes in urban areas.

Charantimath, exuding confidence of winning from Bagalkot, claimed that Hindus, irrespective of their castes and sub-castes, will unite and vote for him.

Political analysts expect photo finish

In Davanagere South, it is to be seen whether the Congress continues its winning streak. Being the grandson of Veerashai-va Lingayat strongman Shamanur Shivashankarappa, Samarth apparently has an edge. Samarth's parents minister SS Mallikarjun and MP Prabha Mallikarjun, campaigning will also help him.

Zameer, who was reportedly sulking after a Muslim was denied a Congress ticket to contest from Davanagere South, had joined the campaign on Sunday. Yet, 13 Muslim candidates, including SDPI candidate Afsar Kodlipet, remain in the fray, giving jitters to Samarth. The BJP, with its candidate Srinivas T Dasakariyappa, a ST Nayaka leader, is trying to capitalise on the division of Muslim votes.



Siddu: Gowdas, Chaluvadi should revisit their old speeches on Modi

DAVANAGERE: Taking a dig at Union minister HD Kumaraswamy, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Chaluvadi Narayanaswamy and former PM HD Deve Gowda, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday advised them to revisit their old videos and listen to what they had said about Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Responding to media questions, he said, "Don't you know what these people, who have now joined BJP for their existence, said about BJP, RSS and Modi in the past? What morality do they have to criticize us?"

Siddaramaiah said the guarantee schemes aimed at uplifting the poor and needy are consistently being targeted by the BJP, though the beneficiaries are appreciative of them. People find no reason to support the BJP, which is anti-poor and anti-Constitution, he said. Responding to a question about Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy's statement that the people brought them and fielded them for the elections, the CM said, "Then why did his son lose in Channapatna? It is not wrong to contest elections when people want us. However, when they reject, it is not proper to speak like this. The people rejected Nikhil thrice," adding that when he was JDS president, the party had won 59 seats, and now the number is 19. Replying to a question that minister Zameer Ahmed Khan did not campaign much in Davanagere South, Siddaramaiah said, "Zameer has worked everywhere, including Kerala, Bagalkot and Davanagere. Zameer is a soldier of the party."

Development works, pro-people governance will help Cong, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Davanagere/Bagalkot

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday expressed confidence in winning both the Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly bypolls.

Addressing a rally in Davanagere, the CM stated that the Congress was seeking votes based on its pro-people governance and development projects undertaken by his government since 2023. "The BJP, however, is trying to grab votes by badmouthing my government and me. Such is a disgrace to which the BJP has fallen," he said. He said Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who was a six-time MLA and one-time MP, has won four times from Davanagere South and has contributed immensely to the development of the constituency, he said, appealing to voters to elect Samarth Shamanur.

"The BJP, which ruled the state for nine years, indulged in corruption. Therefore, they are badmouthing me and trying to gain sympathy as they have no development undertaken during their tenure to showcase to voters," he said. Siddaramaiah said the Congress does not indulge in creating rift between religions and castes. He said that it is the BJP's pride to organise communal riots. "Basavanagouda Patil Yatnal, who was a BJP member, has directly accused BS Yediyurappa and BY Vijayendra of looting Rs 25,000 crore. Then what moral rights they have to criticize me?" he said.

Siddaramaiah said that his government has fulfilled the promises made in the Congress manifesto ahead of the 2023 polls, including the guarantees.

Hits out at Yediyurappa

In Bagalkot, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah strongly refuted allegations made by former CM and BJP strongman BS Yediyurappa, who had described him as a symbol of "betrayal and corruption". The CM asked whom he had allegedly betrayed and demanded documents from Yediyurappa, if any, to substantiate the corruption charges.

Siddaramaiah alleged that Yediyurappa himself was facing corruption accusations from within his own party. "It is not the Congress but leaders from his own party who have raised these allegations," Siddaramaiah said. On criticisms that he was campaigning for Congress candidate Umesh Meti in Bagalkot due to caste considerations, Siddaramaiah rejected the claim. He clarified that he had also campaigned for Congress candidates in other constituencies, including Davanagere South, irrespective of their community background. He further questioned whether Yediyurappa was not campaigning for BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath, who belongs to the Lingayat community, thereby turning the allegation back on his rival.

On reports that some Congress workers had allegedly threatened college students to vote for the party, the CM maintained that the law would take its course. Addressing another allegation that the Congress government was misusing funds under its flagship guarantee schemes, Siddaramaiah clarified that the benefits were being directly transferred to the bank accounts of beneficiaries, and hence there was no scope for corruption.



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Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

CM KNOWS CONGRESS SET TO LOSE BOTH SEATS: ASHOKA



BENGALURU: Leader of Opposition **R Ashoka** said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has received reports of losing both the seats in the byelections. "Had the Congress government taken up development work and delivered the Guarantees Schemes, why would they have to struggle this much," he asked. Speaking to reporters on Monday in Bengaluru, Ashoka said the BJP is going to win Davanagere South and Bagalakote seats with a big margin. "At Davanagere, Muslim voters are saying they will not vote for Congress. Siddaramaiah went to Kerala to campaign for Congress candidates. Since the CM got the information that the Congress would lose both the seats he immediately left for Kerala and returned to Karnataka for campaigning," said Ashoka. "Even the Anna Bhagya has become Kanna Bhagya (theft). Congress is anti development," he said. He claimed that at both the assembly segments, Congress leaders are internally campaigning for BJP candidates.

Forum seeks spl session to discuss trade agreements and agri sector

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THE Forum of Public Intellectuals, Cultural Voices and Civil Society has urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to convene a special session of the state legislature to discuss the adverse impact of trade agreements with the European Union and USA on the agriculture sector in the country.

In a letter to the CM, the forum members stated that though agriculture is a state subject, the Union Government is taking decisions without consulting states. Like the Himachal Pradesh and Punjab governments, the Karnataka government should call a special session of the state legislature and pass a resolution against the Union Government's decision, they stated. According to them, around 68 per cent of farmers' families in the state are facing the burden of debt, and in such a situation, implementation of trade agreements would further worsen the crisis in the agriculture sector.

They urged the CM to pass a resolution in the assembly, urging the Union Government not to include the agriculture and animal husbandry sectors in the trade agreements. The government should also get a comprehensive study done by experts on the impact of the trade agreements on small farmers and publish the report, they urged.

Internal reservation for SCs to take centre stage once polling completed

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ONCE the polling for the byelections to Davanagere South and Bagalkot gets over on April 9, the issue of internal quota for SCs is likely to take the centre stage. The results of the two bypolls will likely have a bearing on the government decision after the Congress analyses which SC sub-castes voted in its favour, sources said.

Instead of holding a special cabinet meeting, which was scheduled for March 27 but deferred due to bypolls, CM Siddaramaiah is likely to take the

State Government is committed to implementing the internal quota ensuring that all SC sub-castes get justice — Dr G Parameshwara, Home Minister



issue as one of the key subjects during the regular cabinet meeting, sources added.

BJP leaders, especially Chitradurga MP Govind Karjol, has reportedly wooed the SC left (Madiga) community to vote in favour of their candidate Veeranna Charanthimath in Bagalkot. Now, the Siddaramaiah camp is putting an all-out effort to convince

Madigas, telling them that the government will implement internal reservation.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara had reportedly criticised splitting of 17% quota. But on Monday, he clarified that the government is committed to implementing the internal quota ensuring that all SC sub-castes get justice.



SEEKING VOTES

Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar campaigns for UDF candidate G Sudhakaran in Ambalapuzha in Kerala's Alappuzha district on Monday. The state goes to polls on April 9 | PIC: X

Re-verify 279 postal ballots rejected in Sringeri in 2023: HC

BENGALURU: The Karnataka High Court directed the Returning Officer to reverify 279 postal ballots that were rejected in the 2023 Sringeri assembly elections within two weeks and announce the result afresh. Justice R Nataraj delivered the verdict on the petition filed by BJP's defeated candidate D N Jeevaraja, questioning the election of Congress candidate T D Rajegowda, with a margin of 201 votes. However, the court stayed its order for two weeks, considering the request of Rajegowda to enable him to file an appeal against this verdict before the Supreme Court. According to the operative portion of the order that was pronounced on Monday, the Returning Officer now has to reverify the 279 postal ballots in accordance with the law and ascertain the result afresh.

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22.24L farmers benefited from 79K water conservation works in Karnataka

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KARNATAKA has reported 79,440 water conservation and recharge works under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB 2.0) initiative as of March 2026. Among the districts, Kolar leads with 18,422 completed works, followed by Tumakuru (11,014) and Chikkaballapura (9,321), indicating a strong push in water-stressed regions. At the other end, Bengaluru Urban has reported zero works, Raichur just 18 works, Mandya

(94) and Udupi (74).

The initiative focuses on intensifying community action and mobilisation to build low-cost rainwater harvesting structures in low cost and saturation mode. The JSJB initiative leverages community funds, individual donations, Corporate Social Responsibility funds and others for construction of low-cost structures like borewells, recharge shafts, recharge pits, using locally available material, to harvest rainwater, to boost ground wa-

ter level and provide local tailor-made solution to water issues. The Union Ministry of Jal Shakti presented a detailed snapshot of water conservation efforts in Karnataka in response to a question raised by Dr D Veerendra Heggade in the Rajya Sabha, recently.

Under watershed development efforts linked to PMK-SY 2.0, as many as 2,174 water harvesting structures (WHS) have been created or rejuvenat-

ed in Karnataka, contributing to 6,397 hectares of additional protective irrigation.

The state has also made notable progress under micro-irrigation through the Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) scheme. Over the last decade, 108.07 lakh hectares have been brought under micro-irrigation, with yearly expansion peaking at 11.73 lakh ha in 2019-20 and maintaining steady coverage above 10 lakh hectares in recent years. In just

the last three years (2023-24 to 2025-26 so far), 29.57 lakh hectares have been covered.

The response said Karnataka has utilised approximately Rs 4,897.89 crore across schemes such as PDMC, RIDF, and Atal Bhujal Yojana since 2015-16 to drive water efficiency. These investments have directly benefited about 22.24 lakh farmers, covering 22.62 lakh hectares with micro-irrigation systems across all districts.

On urban water management, under AMRUT and AM-

RUT 2.0, Karnataka has undertaken one water body rejuvenation project worth Rs 29.83 crore. Additionally, 180 green space and park projects have been taken up, covering 347.78 acres of permeable area, aiding groundwater recharge and urban sustainability.

Aquifer mapping has also progressed significantly, with 1.91 lakh sq km mapped in the state under the NAQUIM programme. Recent studies alone covered over 2,700 sq km across 2023-25.



EVERY DROP MATTERS

LPG CRUNCH

Auto drivers say petrol conversion unviable



Autorickshaws queue outside a refuel station in Kengeri Satellite Town |SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

INDRA S @Bengaluru

AUTORICKSHAW drivers in the city have expressed concerns over suggestions to switch from LPG to petrol, stating that the conversion is economically unfeasible and could severely impact their livelihoods.

The concerns follow a recent advisory from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, which noted that nearly 70% of autorickshaws are equipped with dual-fuel capability and suggested a temporary switch to petrol amid ongoing LPG supply constraints.

Drivers estimate that converting LPG-run autos to petrol would cost between Rs 10,000 and Rs 15,000, involving engine modifications and installation of a petrol tank. Despite this investment, they say the mileage drops sharply to less than 10 km per litre compared to 20-25 km per litre on LPG, significantly reducing daily earnings.

Chandre Gowda, an auto driver, said the falling mileage combined with prices of petrol and LPG almost on par would lead to heavy losses. "We will not be able to sustain operations at current fares," he said, adding that recent increases in fitness certificate (FC) charges have already strained their finances. He noted that support from the state government could ease the burden.

Another driver, Vasudeven, echoed similar concerns, stating that most drivers rely on daily earnings and lack the financial capacity to invest in costly modifications, noting that the initial reason to adapt to LPG was the cost advantage.

Rudramurthy, general secretary of the Autorickshaw Drivers Union (ARDU), said the shift is impractical. "Petrol-run autos deliver significantly lower mileage, making operations economically unviable despite the required investment," he said, also highlighting the impact of petrol usage on environment.

However, drivers maintain that without financial assistance or policy support, such a transition remains largely impractical.

Minister to meet drivers on April 10

The Adarsha Auto Union, along with other auto associations, gathered near the residence of Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa on Monday, protesting against the state government's "inaction" during a crisis affecting the livelihoods of auto drivers. The minister met union representatives and assured them that a meeting would be convened on April 10 to discuss the issue, including the alleged increase in gas prices at private LPG stations.

Muniyappa blames Centre for fuel shortage, seeks urgent intervention

BENGALURU: Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister KH Muniyappa on Monday pointed fingers at the Centre for the ongoing fuel and gas supply crisis in the state, accusing it of failing to take timely measures amid global disruptions. In a statement, he said supply of LPG, commercial cylinders, CNG, petrol and diesel is entirely under the Union government's jurisdiction through the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and the state has no direct role in regulating it. Muniyappa said the supply disruptions caused by the conflict in West Asia has impacted Karnataka severely. Auto drivers are facing shortages, hotels and food businesses are struggling due to lack of commercial gas, and households are finding it difficult to access cooking fuel. He alleged lack of coordination in fuel management at the Centre and raised concerns over unequal distribution among states, suggesting that Karnataka was not receiving its fair share. Urging immediate action, he called on the Centre to enhance supplies and ensure equitable allocation. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has also written to the Union petroleum minister seeking intervention, he added. Amid the LPG supply crisis affecting autorickshaws, the minister has written to Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri seeking intervention to ensure that private auto LPG stations supply fuel at regulated prices, safeguarding drivers' livelihoods and easing commuter hardship across the state.



A woman carries a 15kg cylinder to her home in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T



Cases filed against black marketing of LPG cylinders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

HOME Minister G Parameshwara said on Monday that the State is taking action and booking cases against those indulging in black-marketing of LPG cylinders.

He said Union government failed to supply a minimum quantity of cylinders to Karnataka, but they were supplied to some BJP ruled states. Parameshwar claimed, "We are aware that due to the ongoing conflict, we are facing shortage of LPG cylinders. But Central government has not supplied minimum supply."

On opposition for Hindi, Parameshwara said this is not new. "For non Hindi speaking states, specially the Southern, there has been confusion over this for many years and this needs to be ended. The regional language needs to be prioritised," he said.

Woman beaten up for refusing advances, 5 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A 20-year-old woman and her neighbour were brutally assaulted by a group of migrant workers at a labourers' shed in the Varthur police limits on Friday night. The police arrested five accused, including three women, on Monday. Three others are absconding.

The victim, Afruja Parveen, is a domestic help. The arrested accused are Baban SK, Suknhar Khatun, Seema Daddar, Asura Khatun and Fatay Daddar. The victim and the accused have all migrated from West Bengal.

The police said Afruja lived alone in a shed. She was being followed on her way to work and home by a few boys living near her house. They were pestering her to give them her phone number. She had refused and warned them not to

do so. Nursing a grudge, the group allegedly barged into her house on Friday night, picked a quarrel, assaulted her and issued death threats.

On Friday night, Riyaz, a neighbour, came to deliver drinking water. A group of men barged into the premises, locked the house from the outside, and began creating a ruckus. Sensing danger, the woman also locked the door from inside.

But the accused allegedly broke open the door, dragged her out and assaulted her. They also assaulted Riyaz accusing him of being in a relationship with her.

Afruja charged that one of the accused threatened to kill her after his release from jail, if she identified him at the police station.

The police said the accused brutally assaulted the victim with sticks and also kicked her, suspecting her of having an illicit relationship.

DRDO office receives hoax bomb threat email

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A bomb threat email was sent to the offices of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) in Bengaluru from an unidentified account on Monday afternoon.

The email in Tamil stated, "I will kidnap the grandson of the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. For this, 13 cyanide gas poisons have been prepared. The DRDO office will be blown up within an hour." The staff immediately alerted the police. A bomb disposal squad and police personnel rushed to the spot and conducted a thorough inspection.

It was later confirmed that the threat was a hoax. A case has been registered at the Byappanahalli police station. An investigation with the help of cyber experts is under way to trace the origin of the email.

2 online betting rackets busted, 7 booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AMID ongoing IPL matches, the city police busted two gangs allegedly running organised online betting rackets and cheating the public through advertisements on social media. Two separate cases were registered against seven persons, and the Cubbon Park police have issued notices to the accused and are probing the matter.

In the first case, the accused, Ansari Bhasha, Ramesh C and Jayantilal T Raj, were using social media platforms to promote online betting apps to cheat innocent people of money, said Police Inspector Dayanand MJ of the Special Enquiry Cell of the

Central Crime Branch. By posting ads on these platforms, they allegedly lured the public into participating in games of chance and other betting activities and encouraging them to engage in gambling.

The preliminary probe revealed that the accused collected necessary documents from others to run their illegal operations and opened bank accounts in the names of different individuals. They then took money from unsuspecting participants both through online transactions and in cash, using it as stakes to conduct online betting and gambling. It was also found that they were operating through various online

platforms such as Lotus, Kingexchange365, Tigerexch365, KAbook, REDDYAnna, and other similar applications. A senior police officer said the accused were running an organised betting racket, and efforts

are under way to identify them and other associates involved, including those who created the betting applications and provided IDs and passwords for operating them.

In another case, filed by Inspector Shanmugham M of the Special Enquiry Cell, it was stated that the accused, Snehil, Mahesh, Nimay, and Kishor, were also running an organised cricket betting racket and cheating the public.

Head constable among 3 held for student kidnap, extortion bid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THREE persons, including a police constable, were arrested by the Sanjay Nagar police for allegedly abducting a student on the pretext of drug sale and consumption and attempting to extort money from him.

The accused were Puneeth, a head constable at the Mahalakshmi Layout police station, and police informants Arjun and Shivasagar. The police said that the accused had taken a student of a private college residing near Sanjay Nagar into custody on the pretext of involvement in drug sale and consumption.

They later allegedly kept him in illegal confinement in a room behind the Mahalakshmi Layout police station, threatened him, and demanded money. After the student agreed to pay, they released him. The victim discussed the matter with his family members and filed a complaint against the constable with North Division DCP Babasab Nemagouda.

An internal police inquiry confirmed that the offence had taken place. Subsequently, the victim lodged a formal complaint against all the three accused. The police then registered a case of kidnapping and extortion, arrested Puneeth, Arjun, and Shivasagar, and sent them to judicial custody, the police said. Following the incident, Constable Puneeth has been suspended from service for misuse of his official position and involvement in criminal activities.

HC refuses to quash crime filed by Korean woman against airport staffer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday refused to quash the criminal case registered by a Korean national against an airport staffer for allegedly sexually harassing her by taking her into a male washroom on the pretext of frisking.

Justice M Nagaprasanna on Monday rejected the petition filed by the accused Mohammad Affaan Ahmed (25), who was working at the Kempegowda International Airport, questioning the legality of the crime registered against him by the 32-year-old Korean national with the airport police on January 19. The accused was hired on a contractual basis by the airport.

When the matter was taken up for hearing, the court asked the counsel for the accused, orally, that she is a woman of another nation and she has narrated what all you did. Why did you take her to a gent's toilet?

The court also pointed out that the complaint shows that the accused, who is an airport staff of a private firm took the Korean woman to the washroom, made her stand in 'T' position there and touched her inappropriately without her consent. What kind of officer are you? And the justification is that there was someone else in the ladies' washroom. Should you be spared?, the court orally observed before dismissing the petition.

EXPRESS READ

Kannada actor's head smashed with beer bottles, three held

BENGALURU: The Subramanyapura police have arrested three men for allegedly assaulting a Kannada film actor, Niranjan, over a trivial issue by smashing beer bottles on his head in Uttarahalli at around 2 am on March 28. Niranjan, who played one of the younger brothers in the movie Odeya starring Darshan, was returning from a friend's house on a two-wheeler and stopped to buy a bottle of water near a bar on Uttarahalli main road. A verbal altercation broke out with an unidentified man after he allegedly pushed Niranjan. When he questioned the incident with the bar owner, three more individuals joined in. They allegedly abused and attacked him, striking his head with beer bottles. After receiving medical treatment, the actor lodged a complaint with the police. Based on the CCTV footage, three accused were arrested and further investigation is underway. **ENS**

BTP book 638 for drunk driving, 151 for overspeeding cases

BENGALURU: The Bengaluru Traffic Police booked 638 cases of drunk driving after checking 42,558 vehicles in a special drive across the city between March 30 and April 5. They also conducted a special drive against overspeeding and registered 151 cases, collecting a fine of Rs 1,52,000. The drives were conducted for road safety, the police stated. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **MR. MUNAFBHAI VIRAMGAMWALA** intends to purchase Property bearing No.5, katha No.9, Sarakki kere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West: 37 feet and North to South: 30 feet and bounded on the : East by: Road, West by : Siddappa Reddy's Property, North by: Site No.4, South by : Site No.6 from Mr.R.P.Lokaraju, S/o.P.Narasara Raju. Any person's asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within **(5) Five days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU,
PRASHANT N RAJ, Advocates
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor,
50 Feet Road, Hanumanthanagar,
Bengaluru - 560 019. Date: 06/04/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI.YOGESHA.Y.L.,** Son of Sri.Lakkanna, has lost the original of Sale deed 09.11.2009 executed by Sri.L.Prakash in favour of Sri.V.Vijendra, registered as document No.4053/2009-10 of Book-I and stored in CD No.56 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Dasanapura, Bengaluru and Original of Sale deed dated 08.10.2014 executed by Sri.V.Vijendra in favour of Sri.Narasimha Murthy, which is registered as document No.3216/2014-15 of Book-I and stored in CD No.106 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Yeswanthpur, Bengaluru in respect of property being Southern portion of Site No.20 and Northern portion of Site No.21, Khattha No.10, Assessment No.68/3, situated at Gangandahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, about some months back in transit. In case the same are traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
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Date:- 02.04.2026

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
Reserved for SC Category					
1	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT35362	100.00			
Reserved for 2-A Category					
2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT34425	36.00			
General Works					
3	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT35153	31.00	7	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT34395	120.00
4	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT34119	100.00	8	PWD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT28587/CALL-2	300.00
5	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33930	86.00	9	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT32229/CALL-2	150.00
6	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT35268	110.00			

1.Quarries of Tender On: As Per kppp Portal. Pre-Bid Meeting: 15.04.2026 @ 16.00 Hours. 2.Last Date of Tender Submission On: 18.04.2026 @ 10.30 Hours. 3.Tender Opening date On: 20.04.2026 @ 10.30 Hours. 4.Financial Bid Opening Date: As Per kppp Portal.

Note: If any changes either in Tender date, Retender or any other conditions , Tenderers shall be viewed in kppp Portal, No Separate Advertisement / Notification will be published.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/13

PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

KODAGU INCIDENT SPARKS FRESH CALLS TO PROHIBIT SOLO TREKKING

Tadiandamol trekking trail temporarily shut for corrective measures

PRAJNA GR @ MADIKERI

THE Forest Department temporarily closed the Tadiandamol trekking trail till April 11, after a solo woman trekker from Kerala went missing for four days before being rescued.

Madikeri Deputy Conservator of Forests Abhishek stated that the department plans to introduce clearer trail markings and strengthen on-ground safety protocols. He noted that while other major treks in the district, such as Kumara Parvatha from Beedahalli in Somwarpet, have relatively well-defined paths, they too pass through dense forest areas and may require enhanced safety systems.

Experienced trekkers have reiterated the risks associated with solo expeditions. "It is not advisable for anyone, regardless of experience, to attempt a solo trek on an unfamiliar trail," said Meghna Kushalappa, co-founder of Trek n Tales. She urged trekkers to thoroughly research routes in advance and, if trekking alone, to carefully track and mark their path. She also recommended using navigation apps such as WikiLoc, Maps.me, and Strava (premium versions), which offer pre-mapped trails. Kushalappa stressed the importance of carrying essential gear, including a flashlight, water and food, whistle, portable charger, and first-aid kit.

"KA 12 Miles", a Kodagu-based trekking group, submitted many recommendations to authorities aimed at improving safety and management, which include installing cautionary and directional signage, setting up communication points, building rest shelters, deploying backup rescue teams, and ensuring access to healthcare facilities at base camps.



Tadiandamol in Kodagu district, where the woman techie were missing

‘Healthy adult can survive 3-4 days without food’

Madikeri: Amid online scepticism over the survival story of Kerala trekker Sharanya, experts said that the incident is entirely plausible, countering claims that the episode may have been staged. When many questioned how she could survive solely on water for several days without appearing severely exhausted, Dr Suryakumar, a retired physician from the Madikeri hospital said, said a healthy adult can survive three to four days without food if hydration is maintained. The body first relies on glycogen reserves and then shifts to fat metabolism. He explained that such metabolic adaptation makes it medically possible to endure short periods of food deprivation, especially for physically fit individuals. The doctor also addressed why Sharanya did not appear visibly fatigued. Reduced physical movement after getting lost, access to a water source, and the cool, humid forest environment could have minimised dehydration and fatigue. Micro-sleep cycles, brief, involuntary moments of rest, may also have helped her body cope despite the lack of proper sleep. He further noted that psychological resilience plays a crucial role in survival situations, with some individuals entering a calm, focused state that helps conserve energy and avoid panic. **ENS**

No further inquiry into Sharanya's case

Madikeri: The rescue story of the Kerala woman trekker from Tadiandamol peak has raised questions among several trekkers and residents. Several social activists and many youngsters urged the Kodagu district administration and the Kodagu Police to order an investigation into the facts on how Sharanya lost the trail and how did she go off network? However, SP Bindu Mani confirmed to TNIE that there is no further investigation into the case. "There is no reason for suspicion and we have taken her statement. She took a wrong trail and that is what is found through investigations. There is no further enquiry into the case," she confirmed. **ENS**

Trekkers’ safety: Tracking devices, tech important, so are guides & rules

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE safety of trekkers and the need to address a rising demand for adventure sports has caught the government off-guard, particularly with the recent incident in Tadiandamol, Kodagu.

While officials agree to the demand for introducing technological interventions for tracking, experts stressed the need to get the basics right. This includes trained guides, stringent rules and regulations for companies and trekkers.

Naveen Mallesh, founder of TrekNomads, said small hand-held GPS trackers are used in other countries, including Nepal. Through this, a person can be traced from anywhere in the world. But they are not used here, as they are not permitted by the Department of Telecommunication. Use of walkie-talkies by private operators without licence and registration documents is not permitted. Thus, many follow basic tracking tools available on smartphones and watches. There are also many apps which help retrace tracks.

Experts pointed to replication of technology devised for defence forces tracking trekkers or people in forests. The DRDO-designed tracker-enabled jackets help trace defence personnel in crisis. This was later advanced to check on their health parameters also. Chip-enabled or radio-collar enabled devices that work on satellite-based phones can also be used while trekking.

"We are creating radio-collars that work without GPS technology. They can be extend-



The Kumara Parvatha trail

ed for humans also. But satellite connectivity permissions are a concern," said a manufacturer working with the forest department.

Tourism department secretary KV Trilok Chandra said a discussion with all stakeholders, including the forest department, will be held to introduce technological devices for tracking, even if they are a bit costly. All permissions and tours inside protected areas are through the forest department.

Karnataka has 38 registered trek routes, operated by the Karnataka Eco-Tourism Board, a forest department wing. On an average, around 5,000 people go trekking on weekdays, and the number multiplies on weekends. Some routes are presently closed as it is forest fire season. There are other trekking routes operating on revenue lands, without permission.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Bishwajit Mishra said the responsibility of taking people trekking also rests with companies. There is a need for all government and private agencies

Karnataka secured the third place at the recently-held IndiaSkills National Competition 2025-26 in Greater Noida. The state was represented by 48 competitors across 32 skills, earning 29 honours and finishing behind Odisha and Tamil Nadu



The elderly man being rescued from a well at Kambalakatte in Adi Udupi | EXPRESS

Man trapped in well for 3 days rescued

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

AN elderly man, who accidentally fell into a well and was trapped there reportedly for three days, was rescued by fire personnel. The incident occurred on March 28 and came to light on Sunday (April 5).

Charan, his neighbour who alerted fire personnel about the trapped man on March 30, said Srinivas Bhat, aged 60, who lives alone in his house at Kambalakatte in Adi Udupi, had said he was trying to repair a water pumpset.

Charan said Srinivas had booked a gas cylinder and the agency delivery staff went to the house, but did not find him there, and his phone was also switched off. Out of suspicion, another neighbour went to his house and, upon searching, found him inside the 20ft-deep well.

An officer said that they received a call on March 30, and found the elderly man trapped inside the well, holding a rope attached to the pumpset. He was dehydrated. He was rescued and shifted to the district hospital, and was admitted to the ICU for a few days. He is currently undergoing treatment and out of danger.

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ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through Electronic Tendering System)

Item rate tenders are invited through Gok platform <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from Contractors having adequate financial resources, state of art technology, suitable construction equipment and technical manpower with sufficient past experience in executing similar work for the work of **"Consultancy for preparation of Integrated Township Master Plan, Infrastructure Plan for the proposed Rehabilitation and Resettlement project of KPCL at Angul District, Odisha"**. Period of Completion is One month. Those who have not registered in e-Procurement portal: kppp.karnataka.gov.in may do so in order to participate in the tender. The brief bid notification containing the pre-qualifying criteria for the bidders, EMD, calendar of bid activities and other details can be accessed from e-Procurement portal. Further details can be had from **Chief Engineer (LA, R & R), KPCL, No.3, 1st Floor, Green Building, (Drug Controller Office Premises), Palace Road, Bengaluru-560 001**. e-mail: chiefengineer.larr.2025@gmail.com Website: <https://www.karnatakapower.com>

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are hereby invited in two parts (Techno-commercial bid and Price bid) from eligible bidders for the work of Execution of deposit works, including the Supply, Erection, Installation, Testing, and Commissioning of materials/equipment for the construction of 33/11 KV sub-stations, 33 KV & 11 KV overhead Line, laying of 33 KV and 11 KV underground XLPE Cable, construction of 33 KV Bay, 11 KV Bay and shifting of 33 KV & 11 KV line, Metering under Baran and Kota circles on turnkey basis against TW/TN 618 to TN-622. Participating bidders can download complete set of bidding documents from e-procurement portal <http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>. Last Date/Time for receipt of online bids through e-procurement portal is 24.04.2026 up to 05:00 PM. For further details regarding Works, Tender Notifications & Specifications please visit website <http://www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in> & <http://energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/jvnl>. UBN: VVN2627WLOB000002, VVN2627WLOB000003, VVN2627WLOB000004, VVN2627WLOB000005, VVN2627WLOB000006 (JPR-3140 (2026)) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (TW) (Raj.Samwal/CL/26/302)

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Tender Notice No.01/SE(Projects)/MMC/2026-27 Date: 07.04.2026

Item No.	Name of work	Estimate Amount
1.	Construction of RK Puram ROR Deposit work under Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC)/Turnkey Basis.	Rs. 26.18 Crores
Total		Rs. 26.18 Crores

Sl.No.	Events	Date and Time
1.	Start Date	07-04-2026 from 04:00 PM 13-04-2026 at 03:00 PM
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	Location: O/o Chief Engineer (Projects), MMC 1 st Floor, HMDA Complex, Tarnaka, Hyderabad.
3.	Last Date & Time for receipt of Bids	16-04-2026 upto 03:00 PM
4.	Opening of Technical Bid	16-04-2026 after 04:00 PM
5.	Opening of Price Bid	17-04-2026 after 4:00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to seprojectsmc@gmail.com. Address of the officer concerned Sri P.V. Krishna Rao, SE(Projects), 9515074641, Superintending Engineer (Projects), MMC, 1st Floor, HMDA Complex, Tarnaka, Hyderabad. Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>. DIPR No. 10.188-PP/CL/Advt/2026-27, Dt: 06/04/2026 Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Projects), MMC.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ONLY)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, ROSAR Branch-South, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **25.04.2025** calling upon the **1) Mr Mohammed Azam Hussain** S/o Mohammed Azharul, Flat No 306, 3rd Floor, 'D' Block, Pruthvi Royal Apartments, Guttigere, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560076, **2) Mrs Rounak Jahan** w/o Sri Mohammed Azam Hussain, Flat No 306, 3rd Floor, 'D' Block, Pruthvi Royal Apartments, Guttigere, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560076 (**Borrowers**), **3) Sri Gopala Krishna R** s/o Ramakrishnaiah, No 187, 4th Cross, Chikkaswamy Layout, Jaraganahalli, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore - 560078 (**Guarantor**) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs. 38,95,087.42** (Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakhs Ninety-Five Thousand Eighty-Seven and Paise Forty-Two Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **4th day of April of the year 2026**.

The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs. 38,95,087.42** (Rupees Thirty-Eight Lakhs Ninety-Five Thousand Eighty-Seven and Paise Forty-Two Only) plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing converted Sy No 43 (vide order No.ALN(S,U)SR174/2010-11 dated 03.05.2021) measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 14 guntas out of which 04 Guntas of Kharab situated at Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Limits and bounded on, East by: Re-Sy No 61 (Quarry), West by: Private Property, North by: Sy No 44 and Road, South by: Himagiri Properties
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: 382.24 Square feet undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership in SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY.
SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY: All that Residential Flat No 306, in (D-Block) 3rd Floor in "PRUTHVI ROYAL" Apartments constructed in Schedule "A" Property apartment measuring 1483.12 Sq Ft of Super built up area consisting with Three Bed Rooms with attached toilets, living hall, kitchen, balcony, floorings with vitrified tiles and inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered car parking space and the said apartment bounded by: East by: Open to Sky, West by: Corridor and Flat No 301, North by: Flat No 307, South by: Open to Sky
Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 04.04.2026
Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda,

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Sri Annapurneshwari Complex, Above Canara Bank, B.G.S. Road, Bangalore - 562109, Ph: 080-2782850
Bangalore - 562109, Ph: 080-2782850
e-mail ID: bidadi@canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

Bidadi Branch

APPENDIX - IV A
(See proviso to rule 9(1))
Sale notice for sale of immovable property
E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) 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., Bidadi Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **28.04.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 23,93,626/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Six Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr.Venkatesh K S/o Mr.Kalaiah and Mrs.Poornima V W/o Mr.VENKATESH** (Borrowers) and (Guarantor) Sri Umesh S/o Sri Dasappa as on **06.04.2026**, together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 51,90,000/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakh Ninety Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,19,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Nineteen Thousand Only)
Description of the Immovable Property
All that piece and parcel of Residential Property Bearing Site No.03, Sy No.26/2, Old Khaneshumari No.116/3, New Khaneshumari No.456/116/3, Ward No.08, Kethaganahalli Main Road, Kethaganahalli, Bidadi Town, Ramanagara Taluk And Dist- 562109.
Measuring East to West-30 Feet, North to South-42 Feet, Total-1260 Sq Ft, Bounded On East: Site No.04, West: Site No.02, North: Private Property, South: 25 Feet Road
Known Encumbrance : 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.auctionbazaar.com Sd/-
Date: 06.04.2026
Place : Bidadi
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client Vihav V is the absolute Owner in possession of the Immovable Property bearing No.29, JBRMP No. 67-38, Situated in Sy.No. 6/1 of Gaviyura Village, Brundavana Nagara, BBMP Hanumanthnagar, Ward No.52 New Ward No. 155, Dehligat, Godwin River Road, Shreeganga, Kotechi Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Old PID No. 52-82-569, measuring East to West: 18.17' and North to South : 36 feet, totally measuring 664 Square Feet and bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : M.G.Margadana Property. My Client has lost the Original property document i.e. Sale Deed Registered on Dec No. 6229/2003-04, Dated: 17-10-2003/21-10-2003, registered in office of the Sub-Registrar, Sasavanagudi, Bangalore. The said property is in possession of Vaidhar V (Vaidhar Raj) who is the absolute owner and free from all encumbrances. My Client has lost the above mentioned Sale Deed, despite of several efforts the Original deed is not found and he has lodged the police complaint through online dated 05-04-2026. Last Report No. 2130001/2026. If any person found or anyone having any claim or interest over the said property, he/she is required to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 7 days. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 7 days, it will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and if any one found the above deed kindly contact below mentioned.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my clients Mrs. Prema Angelo and Mrs. Deepa Peck intend to sell Property #755, GFA, C-4, BDA MIG Flats, Austin Town Layout, Bengaluru - 560 407. Any individual or entity having any claim or interest in the said property may contact the undersigned with relevant documents in support of any such claims within 12 days from the date of this notice, failing which the sale will be completed without further reference, and no claims will be entertained after 12 days.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Flat No. 755, GFA, C-4, Austin Town Layout, Bangalore 560 407, Measuring 79.23 sq. mtrs, Bounded on:
East by : Open Space;
West by : Open Space/Pathway.
North by : Open Space; and
South by : Flat No. 756.
Date : 07-04-2026
Place : Bengaluru
Balagopal Menon, Advocate.
Door No. F-4, 1st Floor
Jeevan Building
Kumara Park East
Bengaluru - 560 001.
Mob. +91-96012 60991

HASSAN CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED
P.B.NO.120, INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, B.M.ROAD, HASSAN-573201
PH NO : 08172-240631 FAX: 08172-240640
E-mail address: hamul77@yahoo.co.in

NO/HCMU/GM(TI)/M(ENGI)/TENDER/63572025-26 DATE: 24.03.2026
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two cover system through kpp-portal only)
HAMUL invites E-Procurement tender for 1) Operation and Maintenance of Effluent Treatment Plant at Hassan Dairy. 2) Quantity & EMD amount: as per bid notification available in e-portal, 3) Last Date for Submission of tender: 08-05-2026, up to 05.00 PM, 4) Technical bid Opening: 11-05-2026 at 03.00 PM, 5) Address for Communication: General Manager (Tech) at the above address. 6) Further details and Tender Document may be downloaded from website <https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in/>
Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

AADHAR HOUSING FINANCE LTD.
Corporate Office : 802, Narraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Jayanagar Branch : Office No. 180, Amrutha 5th Main, 4th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011, (KA).

APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice is issued by the Authorized Officer of the borrower(s) - Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(COMBINE LOAN CODE NO. 18810000397 Jayanagar Branch) Shivakumar B P (Borrower) B P Kavitha (Guarantor)	Schedule 'A': All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing No. 49/A, Khatha No. 782, Assessment No. 130/41/A, New Khatha No. 1325/782/130/49/A/1, Now Bearing Clubbed Bhmp Khatha No. 2995/1325/782/49A/782/130/49A/1 Measuring East To West 50-0 Feet, North To South 80-0 Feet Totally Measuring 4000 Sqft, Situated At Guttigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk Presently Coming Within The Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 194 Bangalore Which Is More Fully And Particularly Described Hereto And Hereinafter Referred To As The Schedule C Property . Schedule 'B' 170 Sq Ft, undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE A PROPERTY , (i.e., proportionate to the built up area of the Apartment), together with appurtenances whatsoever, whether situated on, below or above the surface. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY Schedule 'C' All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Residential One Bedroom, Apartment Bearing No. 501 Situated On The Fifth Floor In The Building Known As "Pruthvi Blossom Chavadi" Flat Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property With A Super Built Up Area 700 Sq Ft., (Which Is Inclusive Of The Balconies, Common Passages And Proportionate Share In The Common Area) Having R.C.C. Roofing, Mosaic Tiles Flooring, Horne Wood Doors & Steel Windows, Along With Electricity, Water And Sanitary Connection, Together With All Appurtenances Whatsoever, Whether Situated On, Below Or Above The Surface. Bounded by: East To : 1) Site No. 38/A 2) Door/Terrace, West To : 1) Road 2) Open To Sky, North To : 1) Road 2) Lift Area /Open To Sky and South To : 1) Site No. 43/A 2) Open To Sky.	09-10-2025 ₹ 21,65,452.00	06-04-2026

Place : Jayanagar
Date : 07.04.2026

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

epaper.newindianexpress.com

SATHANKULAM CASE



Family of the victim speak to reporters in Madurai on Monday | KK SUNDAR

All 9 cops get death penalty

JEGADEESWARI PANDIAN
@ Madurai

IN a groundbreaking verdict, the 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge of Madurai, G Muthukumaran, on Monday, imposed the death penalty on all nine policemen who were convicted for the custodial torture and death of two traders — P Jeyaraj and his son Beniks — at Sathankulam in Thoothukudi in 2020.

The nine convicts were identified as, then inspector S Sridhar, then sub inspectors P Raghu Ganesh and K Balakrishnan, then head constables S Murugan and A Samidurai and constables M Muthuraja, S Veil Muthu, S Chelladurai and X Thomas Francis.

Referring to similar incidents, including George Floyd's murder in the United States and recent killing of Ajithkumar in Madapuram, the judge observed that custodial killings are a social evil and an assault on human rights. "When there is power, there should be responsibility. The policemen involved misused their power

'POLICEMEN SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN UP'

The trial court judge said he cannot distinguish who among the convicts had beaten the deceased more, nor could he accept the explanation that some convicts engaged in the crime out of fear of higher officials. They should have spoken up, he added.

and like the fence eating away at grass, they took the life of two common men, a father-son duo, by stripping them of their clothes and beating them throughout the night, merely because Jeyaraj scolded them and Beniks tried to prevent them from assaulting his father," the judge said, adding that the judgment should serve as a warning so that such incidents do not recur.

Clarifying why a life sentence is not enough in such cases, Muthukumaran said, "If a life sentence is given, police officials may get emboldened that they can come out of jail after serving it."

Parties go all guns blazing in Kerala final lap

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

WITH just hours left for the curtain to fall on open campaigning, political parties went all out wooing voters on Monday, with national heavyweights from all three fronts crisscrossing the state, trading sharp accusations and making ambitious promises.

Kerala turned into a battleground of narratives, with Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, BJP stalwarts Amit Shah and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, and Karnataka Congress leaders, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK



Home Minister Amit Shah hoists the BJP flag in T'puram on Monday; Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacts with youth | BP DEEPU, PTI

Shivakumar, hitting the campaign trail. CPM veteran Prakash Karat held fort for the LDF, asserting confidence in LDF government's "sterling performance". In Palakkad, Rahul sharpened the Congress at-

tack, alleging a "deliberate and strategic understanding" between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. "When the BJP continuously targets me... Why is there no action against the Kerala CM? This is clear evidence of a political under-

standing," he said.

Rahul claimed Modi was "operating under pressure" from Donald Trump, alleging geopolitical and corporate leverage shaping India's policy choices. Echoing the charge, Priyanka, addressing meetings across north Kerala, said people were

"victims of a corrupt government that has worked more for corporates than for the people". Priyanka flagged unemployment, youth migration, and what she termed a crumbling healthcare system.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah's roadshow in Haripad injected visible energy into the NDA campaign, with hundreds lining the route amid traditional performances and tight security, signalling the party's push to expand its footprint. Earlier, Shah took stock of the NDA's election campaign in the state at the BJP headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram, where he also hoisted the party flag to mark BJP's 47th foundation day.

'No forest clearance obtained under Act'

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"THERE has been no forest clearance obtained under the said Act (Wildlife Act 1980) for the existing approach road connecting quarry site and the nuclear power plant. The area, according to the DFO, is ecologically rich with flora and fauna diversity which includes endemic and endangered species listed under Schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972," the letter states.

The region is also a high rainfall zone — prone to soil erosion and landslides. But, ironically, the letter says, "The quarry ma-

terial is proposed to be used for construction of Unit 5 and 6 of the nuclear power plant. The proposal is recommended. The above observations are submitted for consideration."

These observations have been made following a letter written by Belagavi-based conservationist Giridhar Kulkarni to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and climate change dated January 6, 2026. Assistant Commissioner Forestry Jitesh Kumar had referred this letter and forwarded it to the DDGF, Regional Office, Bengaluru, and additional chief secretary, Department of Forests, Ecology

And Environment, Bengaluru, requesting appropriate action.

Pointing out that the lease was allocated to the Kaiga plant in 1994, Kulkarni objects to the forest clearance proposal for quarry work. "The said proposals have been recommended by the Government of Karnataka based on recommendations by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, DCF Karwar Division. Thereafter it has been sent to the Government of India for and principal approval without insisting upon mandatory requirements of obtaining fresh forest, wildlife environmental clearance," the letter stated.

EXPRESS READ

KERALA CM'S CRITICISM OF TG BASED ON OUTDATED DATA: REVANTH

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has hit back at his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan after the latter's criticism of the performance of the Congress government in Telangana. Revanth, in a statement on Monday, said: "Kerala is struggling with brain drain, industrial stagnation and a welfare model increasingly dependent on Gulf remittances. It deserves a better government than the one that held power for 10 years and has run out of new answers. The people of Kerala deserve the Congress model." Revanth said: "I will be happy to visit Thiruvananthapuram on April 7 and share our data with you directly — and also hear your views — in a fact-based discussion." Countering Revanth's allegations during his recent election campaign in Kerala, Vijayan, in a post, said that his Telangana counterpart was misinformed and accused him of ridiculing Kerala and its people while concealing the weaknesses of his own state. **ENS**

Farmer ID now must to purchase urea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

FARMERS will now need a farmer ID (FID) to buy urea fertiliser, Joint Director of Agriculture Kiran Kumar stated in a press release on Monday. The new rule takes effect from the 2026-27 kharif season. Kumar said that the measure is aimed at bringing transparency to fertiliser distribution and curbing black market sales.

Under the system, fertiliser will be distributed through the K-Kisan software based on each farmer's landholding size and crop, ensuring that only the required quantity is allotted. Farmers who do not yet have an FID are asked to visit their nearest Raitha Samparka Kendra, Horticulture De-

partment office, or Common Service Centre with their pahanis (land records), bank passbook and Aadhaar card to register. Those who already hold an FID can get all their survey numbers linked to it. Licensed fertiliser dealers have been told they must mandatorily enter the farmer's FID in the K-Kisan software before completing any sale. Retail dealers are also required to renew all their O-Form registrations. Dealers who sell fertiliser without valid O-Form registration, charge more than the permitted price or supply fertiliser for non-agricultural purposes face cancellation of their licence, Kumar warned. Department officials have been trained and briefed on the new requirements.



BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

O.A No. 456 of 2024
Summons under Sub-Section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Union Bank of India
-Vs-
M/s.N mart

To
M/s. N Mart, Rep. by its Prop. J.G. Manjunath, (PAN No. AITPT9478J), R M Nagar Police Station, R M Nagar Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 068.
Also At
No. 31-41, Main Road, Opp. Junior College, Kalwara, Chikaballapur, Karnataka-563 128.
Also At (Amended as per I.A. No. 250/2025 order dated 05.05.2025) No. 46/2, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, (Old Police Station Building) Ramamurthy Nagar, S.O. Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 016.
Also At (Amended as per I.A. No. 250/2025 order dated 05.05.2025) Door No. 474, B-Channasandra Main Road, B-Channasandra, Banaswadi Sub Post Office, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka-560 043.

...Defendant
Summons
WHEREAS, O.A. No. 456 of 2024 was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar 02.01.2026

WHEREAS, this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (O.A) filed against you for Recovery of Debts of **Rs.27,47,231.07** (Application along with copies of documents, etc, annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets of such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of the business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 11.05.2026 at 10.30 A.M., failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this date-20.02.2026

Signature of officer
Authorized to issue summons

IT ALWAYS SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S DONE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client's have agreed to purchase Residential Property bearing BBMP Municipal New No.10, (Katha No.129/10 and CITB Site No.129), E-Ashi No.72572968, situated at 12th Main, Pipe Line Road, SBM Colony, Sunkeshwari Adjacent Sides, Bengaluru-560 050, as described below in the schedule from, Smt. SHOBHA .M. Daughter of Late. T. N. Mahadevaswami and Wife of Sri. Venkateshwar. K. V. Any person who has got any valid claim, title, demand or interest over the said property or any objections to the purchase of the said property by my clients, may file his/her objections in writing, along with interested copies of the supporting documents, with the undersigned within **(7) Seven days** from this date. Failing which it will be deemed that no other person's has got any claim, demand, share, interest or title in the said property, by way of previous sale or agreement to sell or otherwise or objections to the purchase of the said property by my clients and my clients will complete the sale, as if there is no such claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing BBMP Municipal New No.10, (Katha No.129/10 and CITB Site No.129), E-Ashi No.72572968, situated at 12th Main, Pipe Line Road, SBM Colony, Sunkeshwari Adjacent Sides, Bengaluru-560 050, having PID No.53-46-10, Now Coming under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No.155 of Hanumanthnagar (old Ward No.53). Consists of Land measuring East to West 50' 6" + 54' 62" feet and North to South 15 feet, totally measuring **789 Square Feet** (73.300 Square Meters), and having RCC building thereon consists of Ground Floor and First Floor totally measuring 1350 Square Feet with RCC roofing and Mosaic flooring with Jungle wood doors and windows, with civic amenities like water, sewerage and electricity, along with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on:-
East by: Site No.131, West by: ROAD, North by: Site No.130 and South by: Property to the share of Smt.H.S. Nagarathna bearing No.10/1.
DIRAJA KUMAR JAIN, ADVOCATE
D-5 & 6, 4th Floor, Sakalesha Market, Avenue Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Mobile No. 9916971407.
Mobile No. 8884232323.
Place: Bengaluru Date : 06-04-2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients (1) Sri. Uday Shivakumar, S/o. Nagaraj Shivakumar, (2) Sri. Ajay Shivakumar, S/o. Shivakumar, Both are R/rt. No. 47/2, Sanjay Layout, Opp. Hebron, Hebballi Bangalore 560036, are intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners (1) Sri. G. SRINIVASA, S/o. Late. Govindaswamy, (2) Smt. SUGUNA, W/o. Sri. G. Srinivas, both are R/rt. No. 16, SV Nilaya, Kalkere Main Road, Raghavendra Nagar New Extn, Pappannavar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016, for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my clients shall get executed sale deed in their favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 123, Katha No. 50/1735, E-PID No. 2472599408, carved out of Property No. 135, situated at Kowdhanahalli, K.R. Puram Hobli, erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (erstwhile K.R.Puram City Municipal Council, Bangalore), measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 1800 Square feet and bounded on that:
East by : Site No.122,
West by : Site No. 124,
North by : Site No. 119, G 120,
South by : Road.
The Schedule Property consisting of 1500 Feet RCC roofed House at Ground Floor, Granite Flooring, Doors and windows are made with Teak Wood, and provided one bore well and electricity facilities, with all civic amenities provided thereon.
Mr. Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LL.B., Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LL.B., No. 8/7, Mega City BMDL Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36, Ph: 9845520830, 9035809488, 9845976889

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE, BANASWADI
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, State-1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru - 560043
TEL No: 080 -25943790/91, FAX No: 080 -25943793,
Email Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable Property)
File No. GWR/1706/H/115 A/c No. HTL 40728293504, Home Top Up 40728267529 WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **20.01.2026** calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor, **Shri Vikram K Sahu, S/o Shri Siba Ram Sahu, G-103, 1st Floor, Tower -G, "Shriram Luxor", Hennur Main Road, Beside United School, Chikkagubbi, Bengaluru - 560077, Also at: Balisail Street, Madhu Patna, Cuttack sadar, Cuttack, Odisha - 753010, Office: Shri Vikram K Sahu, M/s Wells Fargo, Embassy Tech Village, Bengaluru - 560103** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.61,66,035/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Thirty Five Only)** as on **16.01.2026** + interest from **17.01.2026** + incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **06.04.2026**.
The Borrower/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.59,52,969/- (Rupees Fifty Nine lakh Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Only)** as on **02.04.2026** and interest from **03.04.2026** + expenses thereon.
The Borrower/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY: (Description of the Entire Property)
All that Property available within the four boundaries detailed below and measuring (*) 04 Acres and 31 Guntas in Sy.No.160/1 (old Sy.No.160 carved out of Sy.No.16) situated in Kannur Village, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No.BDIS.ALN.(E)(B)SR 156/2007-08 dated 07/11/2008 with permanent right of way/access in land bearing Sy.No.207 (as shown in Sale Deed dated 07/04/2005) which is presently merged with the Road and bounded by: East: Property bearing Sy.No.16 (portion); West : Property bearing Sy.No.16 (portion), 16/P25 and Road; North : Property bearing Sy.No.157 and proposed CDP Road; South : Road, Property bearing Sy.Nos.160/2 and 207.
(*) From and out of Schedule 'A' Property, a portion of the Schedule 'A' Property measuring 759.03 Square Meters is earmarked for proposed 15 Meter wide Road under Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) **MORTGAGED PROPERTY.**

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: (Description of undivided share)
379.237 Sq.Feet (35.232 Sq.Mtrs) / 0.190% of Undivided Share in right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property proportionate to the Schedule 'C' Apartment as provided in the Declaration of Apartment Owners.
ALONG WITH Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in a proportionate share of the built-up Common Areas as provided in the Declaration of Apartment Owners.
SCHEDULE 'C' APARTMENT:
(Description of Apartment): All that Residential Apartment under construction and bearing Apartment No. G-103 (PID No. 1502040040020221508) in First Floor of Tower-G in the "SHRIRAM LUXOR PROJECT" being built in Schedule 'A' Property and containing Two Bedrooms having Super Built-up Area measuring of 1195 Sq.Feet / 111.01 Sq.Mtrs (which includes proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts and staircases) having Carpet Area measuring of 835.50 Sq.Feet / 77.82 Sq.Mtrs with exclusive right to use of Balcony (*) area measuring of 81.81 Sq.Feet / 7.60 Sq.Mtrs both Carpet Area and Balcony Area together measuring of 917.31 Sq.Ft (85.22 Sq.mt) with exclusive right to use One Covered Car Parking Space/s on 1st Level Basement / 2nd Level Basement / Surface Level and The said Flat standing in the name of Mr. Vikram Sahu alias Mr. Vikram Keshari Sahu, vide Sale Deed dated 23.12.2020 and Registered as Document No.BNS-1-12541/2020-21 and CD No.BNSD1173 dated 23.12.2020 at SRO, Banaswadi, Bengaluru and the apartment is bounded by: East : Open Space, West : Lobby, North : Open Space, South : Open to Sky.

Place: Bengaluru, Sd/-
Date : 06.04.2026 Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase the schedule property from **Mrs. ANISHA MALHOTRA and M/s. SHIVANI MALHOTRA**, both are D/o. Roopa Satyan, Residing at No. 757, 17th 'H' Main, 3rd 'A' Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 095. Any person's having any right, title, interest, claim or possession over the schedule property can file their objection in writing with documentary proof to the under mentioned address within **15 days** from the date of this publication. If objections are not received within 15 days, it will be presumed that there are no any impediments or claims to conclude the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 316/109, PID No. 150200202500226888, (forming part of Converted Sy.No. 65 measuring 30 Guntas, Sy.No. 86 measuring 2 Acre 10 Guntas), totally measuring 12140.569 Sq.Meters, situated at Kadathanamalle Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on:- East by: Land belonging to Manisha Kumar, West by: Road, North by: Lands belonging to Janaki Annappa and others, South by : Lands belonging to Raniatha Balasubramaniam.
K. KUMAR, Advocate
No. 100, Mylaralingeshwara Complex, Annamathalli Main Road, Annamathalli, Sahakarannagar Post, Bangalore-560 092.

Government of Karnataka

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/By/AE-2/2026-27/04 Date : 01.04.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for the work of under **Head for Account 4702 Plan LIS for 01 work in Hosapete Taluk Vijayanagara Dist in Two Cover System Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.105.27 lakhs** the tenderers should download and submit the tenders from date : **01.04.2026 to 09.04.2026 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid is on 13.04.2026 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 15.04.2026 at 11.00 hours.** Any other information should get by login the website "KPPP" <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Ballari. DIPR/Ballari/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/22

ರಾಯಚೂರು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ, ರಾಯಚೂರು Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur (ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ) ವೈದ್ಯಾಚಾರ್ಯ ರೋಡ್, ರಾಯಚೂರು -584102 Phone /Fax-08532-238488/89 www.rims-raichur.karnataka.gov.in info@rims-raichur.com			
ಸಂ. ರಿವ್ವ/ಸರಬರಾಜು/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.04.2026			
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2024-25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಕ.ಕ.ಪ್ರ.ಅ. ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಮೈಕ್ರೋ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ದೇವದುರ್ಗ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿತೀಯಾಚರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.			
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BROADER CENSORSHIP MECHANISM PROPOSED REQUIRES WIDER DEBATE

THE “procedural” amendments recently proposed to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 broaden the remit and mechanism to monitor online content and strengthen compliance. On the face of it, as the debate on ways of curbing the deleterious effects of online content reaches a fever pitch among parents, health experts and lawmakers, the move to address “synthetically generated information” (with artificial intelligence tools), user-generated news and content moderation by social media intermediaries seems a well-meaning one. But it also raises questions about the broader mechanism for censorship and lack of clear definitions and transparency behind some of the proposals.

It’s no surprise that platforms are sought to be made more accountable. Draft Rule 3(4) takes away the discretion of intermediaries in adopting their own standards in deciding freedom of expression by requiring them to comply with “any clarification, advisory, order, direction, standard operating procedure, code of practice or guideline issued” by the electronics and IT ministry relating to due diligence obligations. A failure would remove the intermediary’s safe-harbour protection under the IT Act, 2000. The extension of the code of ethics for digital media proposed by draft Rule 8 to “news and current affairs content” created by users, who would not otherwise qualify as publishers, leaves the question hanging on who would qualify. Whoever the onus of compliance is on, the price will be paid in terms of new guardrails on the freedom of speech.

Earlier efforts to moderate online content should provide clarity on how not to proceed. While striking down Section 66A of the IT Act in *Shreya Singhal* (2015), the Supreme Court warned against censorship of speech on vague grounds. That instinct should be curbed, and a clear authority and written reasons mandated for taking down content. In September 2024, the Bombay High Court struck down the 2023 amendment to the IT Rules that had empowered the Centre to set up a fact-checking unit for social media. These amendments should not provide another way of bringing back such a mechanism. Feedback on the new draft has been sought till April 14. This is the moment for a broader debate about the proposed amendments’ intent and effect before the rules come close to enactment.

FACULTY CODE OF CONDUCT SHOULD GUARD STUDENTS

A Bengaluru professor’s mention of a minority community student as a ‘terrorist’ at least 13 times before a class full of students has evoked outrage. The police filed a *suo motu* case and the university suspended the professor. Such aberrant classroom behaviour is not new in India. In 2022, a student at the Manipal Institute of Technology took on a professor for calling him ‘Kasab’, referring to the 26/11 terror convict; the professor was dismissed from service. More worrying was the Muzaffarnagar case of 2023, in which a private school teacher told pupils to slap their seven-year-old Muslim classmate for getting his math tables wrong. Humiliation followed by the authorities’ silence had distressed Dalit scholar Rohith Vemula and tribal medical student Payal Tadvī. Casteist and communal targeting on campus is an unhealthy trend that reflects the fissures of our society. It is the normalisation of such behaviour in educational institutions that is more worrying.

Though action follows at times—the Bengaluru police charged the professor under Sections 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings) and 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke a breach of peace) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita—such comments leave youngsters vulnerable. The professor is also recorded to have said, “The Iran war happened because of people like you.” In a world fraught with violence, teachers must keep their personal biases aside and, instead, host inclusive discussions on the various ways the label ‘terrorist’ has been applied and the need to be careful about it.

These incidents raise the need for a debate on the ethics and conduct of faculty, and how students should be equipped to handle such harassment. The need of the hour is a tool such as the UGC (Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2026, which has been stayed by the Supreme Court. The Karnataka government has taken a step in the right direction with the Rohith Vemula (Prevention of Exclusion or Injustice) (Right to Education and Dignity) Bill, 2025. They promise students legal remedy against caste-based discrimination. Rights groups must also raise their voice for such cases. Just as students sign a mandatory declaration on ragging, institutions should have a binding code of conduct for faculty on campuses, which are considered to be temples of learning.

QUICK TAKE

FOR HUMANITY’S SAKE

AMONG the war crimes Israel is committing is targeted degradation of health infrastructure. If it offered the suspicion of militia tunnels under hospitals as a reason for destroying them in Gaza, it has dropped the fig-leaf for attacks on Iran and Lebanon. The WHO has said the Israel-US combine hit as many as 13 health facilities in the first week of bombing Iran. Since then, the verified number has climbed to 20, with the unverified claim of hits at more than 200 hospitals, labs and drug facilities. Such action, indefensible under any ruse, is making it more difficult for other nations to join the war effort. Will Israel and America be able to protect their own future generations from the guilt of their excesses?

THE real will be valued less and the virtual will be valued more. What kind of a statement is that? I guess I am making a harsh statement about the times we live in. We are living through ‘Kalyuga’, hopefully its last few decades. It’s an age where impressions matter more than fact. That is the truth. And perception is more important. Can this be denied?

I work in the realm of brands and brand-valuation today is a science all on its own. The brand, for a start, is a perception. One that is created and nurtured to fruition. It begins as a small seed of thought that is strengthened year on year. That small seed grows into a mighty tree. A brand-tree that gives birth to more and more thoughts.

Is all this sounding a bit too surreal? Let me bring it back to our real lives and go straight to that one piece of virtual-estate created exactly 19 years ago—the Indian Premier League. This is the crown jewel of the Indian cricket board and, today, represents a startup ecosystem of its own. One that has a standalone brand value of \$3.9 billion, with each team commanding significant a valuation of its own. In 2025, the total business valuation of the IPL reportedly reached \$18.5 billion. That’s eighteen-and-a-half unicorns in startup language. IPL’s first season commenced in 2008 and it has taken all these years to cobble together this \$18-billion valuation. A billion a year. Not bad at all.

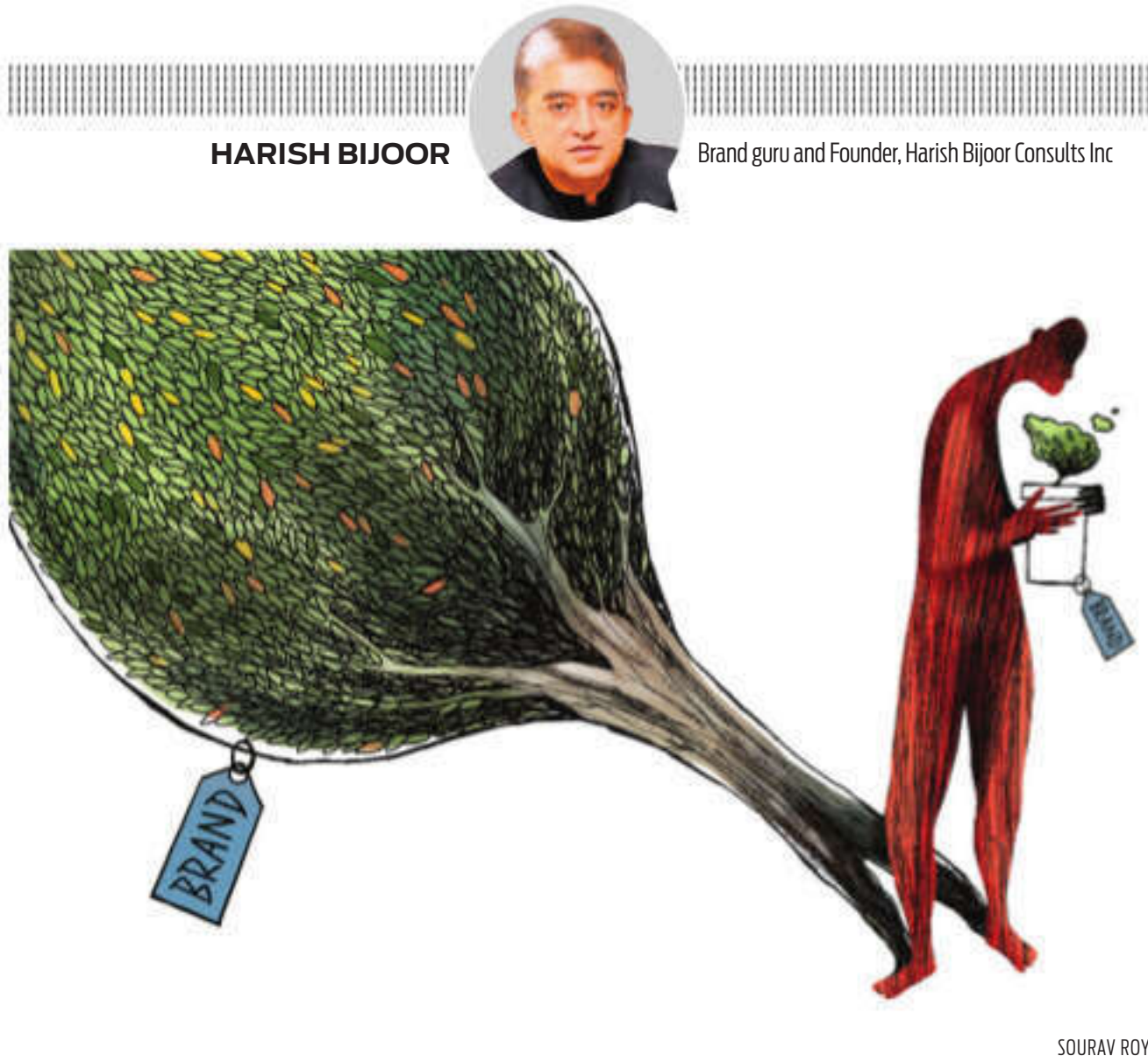
The IPL is therefore this brand, a thought and a valuation. A piece of virtual-estate that today captures the imagination of literally every Indian (at least 51.5 crore living in India). The IPL is a physical sport that comes alive for 9 weeks in a year and is a virtual brand that captivates the imagination of the cricket lover all year round. And somewhere in the imagination of its fans lies its valuation.

Just about two weeks ago, two of the IPL franchises announced a proposed sale. Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Rajasthan Royals (RR) announced the first monetisation of an IPL franchise. What was till today only the thought of a valuation is a reality. The RCB cobbled together for its owners \$1.78 billion, while RR brought in \$1.63 billion. The going price for an IPL franchise has all of a sudden hit the \$1.7 billion level. Imagine then the collective enterprise value of all teams put together.

Vijay Mallya bought the RCB fran-

The IPL is a tournament played for a few weeks and a brand that lives on fans’ minds through the year. Recent valuation of two franchises triggered fresh perspectives on them

OTHER WAYS TO LOOK AT IPL BRAND VALUES



chise in 2008 at \$112 million. Diageo, its current owner, sold it at \$1.78 billion. In 18 years, this investment has a return multiple of nearly 16. Such is the dizzying value of IPL, its franchise and the collective imagination of the spectators of this sport. The entire Indian cricket ecosystem of the cricket board, the individual franchisees, broadcasters, sponsors, stadiums and venue managements, digital partners and six more involved entities are excited. Very excited. The IPL has hit top-dollar valuations for now.

What is this valuation all about then? And how is it done at all? As someone involved in the valuation of some of the teams every now and then (managements keep assessing their real value), let me put it simply. A team is only as valuable as its fans think it to be. My ethos of valuing a team is totally based on the end-consumer of the league: the fan. Valuation can either be done top-down or bottom-up. You can do both as well, and conveniently pick any of the valuation numbers or arrive at a negotiated average. Valuation top-down is what all the intelligent people in team-management think is the value of their team. It is investment led. How much have I spent on the team to date? What is the size of the fan base? How do global teams benchmark their value basis investment? What must my value be?

Valuation bottom-up, though, is a different process altogether. This is the terrain of hard work. This is the ter-

THEIR MANDATE WITH YOUR MONEY

S TATE elections, especially when five units move together—Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Puducherry—invite inflated claims. Each verdict is billed as a turning point in history. But look closer and the pattern is less dramatic: these are contests over distribution rather than direction. The grammar is, by now, standardised—promise, transfer, consolidate. Call it welfare, a word with fashionable compassionate pretensions, or something closer to inducement.

The scale is no longer incidental. Tamil Nadu’s welfare architecture runs into tens of thousands of crores annually; West Bengal’s Lakshmi Bhandar absorbs roughly ₹12,000-15,000 crore a year; Assam’s Orunodoi crosses ₹3,500 crore; Kerala’s social security pensions exceed ₹10,000 crore. These are not episodic gestures. They are embedded fiscal commitments. The parties hand out the fish; they do not teach angling. And the fish was originally your catch.

At times, this instinct slips down the ladder of responsibility. Rahul Gandhi has promised free public transport for women in Kerala—on a system that is already perennially loss-making. The obvious question is sidestepped: why universalise by gender, rather than target by need? Why exclude the male daily-wage worker? The segmentation is not accidental. It is electoral arithmetic.

The larger ethical problem is harder to evade. What parties promise with flourish is not their money; it is public revenue. When benefits are timed to elections, the line between welfare and inducement thins to a technicality. The liberal defence—equity, empowerment, consumption support—is not wrong. It is incomplete. The taxpayer funds the pool; the political class allocates it; the gratitude accrues to the allocator. It is your money; it becomes their mandate.

Which leads to the question: could even a fraction of this fiscal energy be redirected towards employment generation, towards building capacity rather than easing consumption?

The answers are uniformly vague. Tamil Nadu speaks of industrial corridors and investor summits; Assam of infrastructure-led growth; Kerala of startups and knowledge parks; West Bengal of periodic industrial revival. All of it sounds plausible. None of it is specified with the precision of a cash transfer: ₹500, ₹1,000, ₹1,250 a month—the voter can count these. The money is promised, but the method of generating it is left unsaid.

C P SURENDRAN

Author whose latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

The silence is louder in areas that determine long-term resilience. With volatility rippling through energy markets, India’s vulnerability is not theoretical. Fuel-linked inflation quietly alters the cost of living. A cup of tea from a wayside shop is now ₹15, not ₹12. Solar is an obvious hedge in a country rich in sunlight. Yet manifestos speak of capacity, not capability—installation, not research. Storage, grid innovation, manufacturing ecosystems remain largely unarticulated. There is promise, but little by way of plan.

tem rooted in rural mobilisation, land reform and dense organisational presence. The current dispensation has not dismantled that architecture; it has retrofitted it. Where the Left relied on cadre networks and class idiom, the present regime prefers cash—clearly branded, directly received.

But the larger constraints remain the same. Industrial revival is hesitant. Employment generation trails aspiration. Investor confidence rises and falls with political temperature. This pattern repeats, with local variations, across other states. Kerala is sustained by remittances, tourism, human capital—its governments manage, not transform. Tamil Nadu grows on the strength of its industrial base despite rising welfare costs. Assam balances identity and development within limits not easily altered. Puducherry oscillates politically while its service economy endures.

The through-line is clear: growth of a certain kind proceeds regardless of who governs. Administrations influence the margins—efficiency, corruption, delivery. The deeper currents are structural.

What elections do change, decisively, is distribution. And here the system has evolved into a competitive marketplace. Parties bid for voter trust through segmented benefits. Women, farmers, communities—each becomes a category of allocation. The language is populist; the practice is segmentation. The taxpayer occupies an ambiguous position—financier of the system, indirect beneficiary at best.

Is it fair? The answer depends on how one balances equity with productivity. Welfare is necessary in an unequal society. But when it becomes the primary mode of politics, it crowds out investment in the sectors that could phase it out. Employment generation, industrial expansion, research ecosystems—these are slow, difficult, and electorally unrewarding. They are also the only exit from a politics of perpetual distribution.

In these five elections, the voter is offered competing visions. In practice, the choice narrows to competing methods of giving. The state may change hands. The script largely does not.

(Views are personal)
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Even the basics of civic modernity—waste management, sewage treatment—rarely enter the electoral centre. No party wins votes by promising that garbage will be recycled or that effluents will not flow into the nearest river.

Nowhere is the tension between change and continuity clearer than in West Bengal. The shift from the Left Front to Mamata Banerjee’s regime was framed as rupture. In political style, certainly; in administrative instinct, less so. The Marxist era, shaped by leaders like Jyoti Basu and Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, built a sys-

rain of fandom research. This is a space that looks at numbers a wee bit differently. It looks at the number of fans of the team in a slightly more granular manner. We use a total of 11 different methods to arrive at a bottom-up valuation of an IPL team. I will mention just one as an illustration.

I make three pyramids for IPL teams and their fans. Pyramid One is the fandom in India. This is the prime kingdom of the team at large. Pyramid Two is the diaspora audience that is passionate about a team. A guy from Patiala living in Ottawa is at times more passionate about the Punjab Kings than a guy living in Patiala itself. Pyramid Three is the non-Indian audience all across the world.

Remember, IPL is watched in many countries today and non-Indians like to track their cricketers as they sweat in the scorching Indian summer. The largest of these pyramids, needless to state, is the Indian Pyramid One (69 in size). The second largest is the diaspora Pyramid Two (30 in size) and the smallest is the non-Indian Pyramid Three (one in size). Remember, this is just gross-sizing of the market and dividing it into three pyramids of the audience by numbers. One needs to then check the sizes of the audience across the top-of-the-pyramid, the middle-of-the-pyramid and the bottom-of-the-pyramid in each.

Suddenly, these numbers reveal monetisable valuation ‘truths’ across the various pyramids. In terms of sheer money-flow to teams and to the entire IPL enterprise itself, it is quite likely that top-of-the-pyramid and the middle-of-the-pyramid audiences are the only true-blue money-contributor audience segments today as opposed to the noise and bluster of the bottom-of-the-pyramid fandom of the IPL team in question.

Valuation numbers are then pegged on the basis of what is being monetised today, what can be monetised tomorrow and what will never be monetised into the medium-term future. The key questions to ask: Who is my audience? What is their spend-value in the consumer market today? What is my brand-chemistry with this key audience? How is my fan relationship? Is it transactional? Or is it a real relationship?

That then is a peek into the science of brand valuation. Just one tool of the 11 we use. Would not want to bore you with the other ten for now. Am sure you will agree.

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Election fairness

Ref: *Roll revision* (Apr 6). The scale of exclusions raises legitimate concerns about the due process and voter confidence. Authorities should be judicious with appeal windows, publish reasons for deletions and provide assisted filing. Independent audits and real-time grievance tracking can improve transparency before the polling period.

A Mylsami, Coimbatore

Lanka’s challenges

Ref: *When the crisis hits home* (Apr 6). Post 2022, the island nation is recuperating from an aftershock triggered by economic faultlines and the current imbroglio has had inter-continental side effects. Maintaining equidistant neutrality and revival of economic sustainability are hard nuts to crack in trying times.

Sachidananda Satpathy, Sambalpur

Real devotion

Ref: *The original dhurandhar* (Apr 6). Hanuman’s appeal cuts across regions and generations. What strikes me most is the verse the author had quoted—essentially a template for character-building; not ritual. In an age of performative religiosity, that distinction matters. Devotion that makes you calmer and stronger is worth revisiting.

Abbarna Barathi, Chennai

US’s credibility

Ref: *US rescues airman* (Apr 6). The rescue has raised global curiosity and scepticism. The Pentagon should release non-sensitive visual proof to strengthen credibility and counter Iranian narratives. Given Donald Trump’s inconsistent statements, mere assertions no longer suffice; the world now seeks verifiable evidence.

RS Narula, Patiala

Health emergency

Ref: *Urban obesity* (Apr 6). The study has not found anything new, but reiterated the already existing socioeconomic effects on our populations. Regulation of balanced food and a healthy lifestyle must begin at home. A sound mind in a sound body must be our need of the day.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Mamata’s tirade

Ref: *No one safe in Bengal* (Apr 6). It’s quite absurd to hear Mamata Banerjee demanding the PM’s resignation. In fact, it’s Mamata who remains a great threat to West Bengal with the jungle raj she is running in the state. These election stunts should not be paid any heed.

VS Ganeshan, Bengaluru



Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Heartfelt greetings to all workers of North Mumbai on the occasion of BJP's 47th Foundation Day organized at the Lok Kalyan Office. #47YearsOfNationFirst



Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Prime Minister has urged unanimous support for the women's reservation bill in the special session of Parliament. How much more bogus can he get?



Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
Among the residents of Ayodhya, this question has become a topic of discussion: why, after all, is Ayodhya's master plan being repeatedly changed?

‘Aggressive anti-Maoist push since ‘08’

Vigilance and sustained pressure remain essential to keep Naxals at bay, says ex-MHA advisor K Vijay Kumar

RETIRED IPS officer K Vijay Kumar, widely recognised for leading the operation that resulted in the end of forest brigand Veerappan in 2004, and who served as Senior Security Adviser in the MHA on Left-Wing Extremism, tells **Mukesh Ranjan** in an interview that though apex Naxal bodies—Central Committee and Politbureau—are dismantled, the Centre and affected states must be more vigilant now to keep the menace permanently at bay. Excerpts:

The March 31, 2026, deadline has passed. How do you assess the threat posed by the Naxal menace in the country? Their Central Committee and Polit Bureau are now completely finished, as the security forces either eliminated the top Naxal leadership or got them to surrender. However, I feel that Centre and state governments, along with security forces, should be more alert and keep up the pressure on the possible leftover leadership or cadres. Since the State has achieved its goal of dismantling the Naxal apparatus, it has to keep a close watch on the leftover elements, at least for some time.

You were part of the decision-making body as MHA advisor. What level of planning went into diminishing the Naxal threat? The results are due to the perfect coordination between the Centre and the states. Earlier, the affected states asked for more assistance from the Centre, as they were unable to deal with the menace on their own due to incapacity, lack of planning and resources. But Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh did well in decimating the armed rebellions. In Maharashtra, except for Gadchiroli district, the state handled it well. The district remained affected, as it bordered Madhya Pradesh and Telangana. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were the most successful in dealing with the menace. Even Odisha was fairly successful. But, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar remained problem states.

How do you assess the steps taken in the past two decades to fix the menace? It was during the UPA government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that the Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) was formed in 2008 as a specialised unit within the CRPF to counter Naxalite



insurgency. K Durga Prasad, an IPS officer of the 1981 batch, played a pivotal role in the formation and raising of the battalion under the guidance of ML Kumawat, who was then the Special Secretary, Internal Security, in the MHA. Since then, extensive training has been provided to personnel of the special force, nearly 200-300 fortified police stations have been built, and technical and human intelligence processes have been streamlined. Unified commands in problem states of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Bihar were created under the chairmanship of chief ministers and these led to better decision-making and penetrating developmental and infrastructural development in the troubled zones. At least ₹20-30 crore were given to collectors of the Naxal-affected dis-

tricts as discretionary funds.

What impact did the March 31 deadline have on the anti-Naxal operations? Positive momentum gathered pace when Home Minister Amit Shah took charge of the Ministry. He encouraged the forces to go all out against those who had picked up guns. Many forward operations were undertaken, leading to the shrinkage of the Naxals' liberated zone. The security forces established their camps deep in the jungles, which were once considered forbidden. But still, Dantewada-Sukma areas remained a complex challenge. However, with extensive coordination at the level of the Union Home Minister, who regularly met with the Chief Ministers and gave clear directions to the forces, the violent elements

were brought under control.

Experts argue that the Naxal issue is rooted in socio-economic inequality. What do you have to say? Given the successes, the emphasis should now be on recovering whatever the extremists have left behind and trying to identify leftover cadres who may be ideologically driven to pick up arms again. Many infrastructure assets and social development initiatives have reached erstwhile affected areas, but they now need to be pushed further. However, I always felt that it is not only because of the lack of development that tribal youth pick up guns. My view is very clear that the state should eliminate and finish those who pick up guns.

How effective have rehabilitation and surrender policies been in bringing the Naxals back into the mainstream? Andhra Pradesh presented a perfect model, where surrendered Maoists were rehabilitated properly and their whereabouts were kept secret to save them from being harmed by their former colleagues. Surrendered cadres have always helped security forces by providing strategic intelligence and revealing their operational strategies. This helped the State strategise better.

SC orders CBI probe into contracts linked to CM Pema Khandu's family

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday directed the CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the allegations that various contracts for the public works in Arunachal Pradesh were awarded to firms linked to Chief Minister Pema Khandu's family members.

“We order CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry. It shall submit a status report within 16 weeks on whether an independent investigation is required or not,” said a bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath.

The court passed the verdict on hearing a PIL filed by NGOs—Save Mon Region Federation and Voluntary Arunachal Senaa—alleging all government contracts in the state were being illegally awarded to Chief Minister Khandu and his close family members and sought an SIT investigation

nary CBI inquiry against Khandu, the court passed a slew of directions. “The CBI shall register a preliminary inquiry; it shall cover awards and execution from 2015 to 2025. The CBI shall examine awards made to respondents 4 to 6,” the court ruled.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioner NGOs, had pointed out that a large number of firms were related to the CM. While referring to the earlier affidavit of July 2025, Bhushan added that the summary gave the number of contracts awarded in 11 years, 31 contracts, to Brand Eagles, owned by the CM's wife.

Another company called Frontier Associate was also owned by the CM. “Total number of contracts: 91; total value: 145 crore. The number of companies they own is more than 10...in the new affidavit, 121 works awarded through tender, 245 crores to these 4 firms. 322 without tender; value 25 crores. A total of 1270 crores of work were awarded in the last 10 years to these firms, which belong directly to his wife, him or his mother,” he alleged



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Modi: Work on UCC, ONOE on and govt committed to women quota bill

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that the uniform civil code (UCC) and One Nation, One Election idea are the two unfinished agendas on which the BJP is working meticulously. He reiterated his government's commitment to implementing 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state legislatures.

These comments assume significance in the context of the government's plan to introduce a bill during a special session of Parliament expected on April 15-16. Addressing party workers virtually on the BJP's 47th Foundation Day, he stated that serious deliberations were underway on these two key issues. “Our mission is still continuing and serious discussions are taking place in the country now on all such topics as the UCC and One Nation One Election,” he asserted. He also mentioned the introduction of 10% reservation for economically weaker sections within the general category as one of his government's top achievements.

Modi said that the BJP's preference for women's reservation was old and the party first raised it in 1994. He said the current BJP-led government



PM touts abolishment of black laws from British era

Modi mentioned the introduction of 10% reservation for economically weaker sections within the general category on his watch. He also cited the abolishment of black laws from the British era, construction of a new Parliament building as his government's achievements.

was fully committed to ensuring the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill. “We are fully dedicated to ensuring that the Nari Vandan Adhiniyam (Women's Reservation Act) is implemented in the 2029 General Election,” he said.

Outlining the party's political objectives, Modi said the BJP was determined to make India a “viksit” and “aatmanirbhar” nation across sectors, adding that the country was progressing steadily towards achieving this goal. He also emphasised that the country recognised the BJP's commitment

to overcoming challenges in its pursuit of transforming India into a developed nation.

Referring to initiatives of his government, he said, “The abolishment of hundred of black laws from the British era, the construction of a new Parliament building for democracy, 10 per cent reservation for the poor in the general sections, a law to ban triple talaq, and CAA are among the countless examples of work our government has done.” He cited the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya as an example of the party's efforts in fulfilling its promises.

Notice for CEC impeachment rejected

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

BOTH Houses of Parliament on Monday declined to admit the Opposition's notice of motion seeking the removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. The notice, signed by 63 Opposition Rajya Sabha members, was submitted to the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, C P Radhakrishnan, on March 12, after a similar notice had already been submitted by Opposition members in the Lok Sabha.

Following what was described as wider consideration and a careful, objective assessment of all relevant aspects and issues, the Rajya Sabha Chairman and the Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, both declined to admit the notice of motion in their respective Houses. With this rejection, the Opposition's attempt to remove CEC Gyanesh Kumar has effectively failed.

According to a Rajya Sabha parliamentary bulletin, members were informed that a notice of motion dated March 12, 2026, signed by 63 Rajya Sabha members under Article 324(5) of the Constitution of India, read with Article 124(4), Section 11(2) of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service



First such attempt to remove a nat'l poll body head

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Similarly, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla declined to admit the motion. A Lok Sabha parliamentary bulletin noted that, after due consideration and a careful, objective assessment, the Speaker, exercising powers vested in him under Section 3 of the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, refused to admit the notice of motion.

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tion Commission against whom Opposition members submitted a formal notice in both Houses of Parliament. The Opposition members had accused him of “partisan and discriminatory” conduct, among other allegations. In total, 130 Opposition members in the Lok Sabha and 63 in the Rajya Sabha signed the notices of motion seeking his removal.

As per the rules, at least 100 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 50 MPs in the Rajya Sabha must sign a notice of motion for the removal of the CEC. Opposition members in both Houses alleged that the CEC had aligned with the ruling BJP on several occasions and had failed to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in a fair manner.

HOUSE PANEL

Concern over impure groundwater in 8 states

HARPREET BAIWA @ Chandigarh

THE Parliamentary standing committee has expressed concern over groundwater contamination in eight states across the country, including Punjab and Rajasthan.

In its recent report on the demands for grants for 2026-27 of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Standing Committee on Water Resources has noted that excessive groundwater extraction across the country has led to aquifer depletion and a sharp decline in water tables. It further added that the contamination by heavy metals is generally location-specific and depends on local hydrogeological conditions and source pressures and does not necessarily indicate uniform contamination across an entire area in reference to the finding of the Central Ground Water Board.

Seeking a status update within three months, the panel stressed that the department must adopt a proactive strategy to curb groundwater exploita-



WATER TABLE DIP

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tion at the national level and prioritise collaboration with states and union territories.

“The committee learnt from the written submission of the Department that 4,949 villages across 8 states (Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura and West Bengal) have been affected by chemical contamination as reported by the states on JJM-IMIS,” read the report.

It further stated that the issue of contamination is most

pronounced in the state of Rajasthan, where the maximum number of districts are affected, while districts, namely Fazilka, Ferozepur, Moga and Patiala in the state of Punjab, are affected by heavy metals like mercury, uranium, selenium and cadmium. Since health hazards of water contamination call for urgent consideration, as consumption of unsafe and contaminated water causes severe immediate and long-term health issues, the commit-

tee recommends the department take necessary remedial measures to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all affected habitations.

In the report based on monitoring over the past five years, the committee has observed that contamination in terms of key parameters such as electrical conductivity (EC), fluoride (F), and nitrate (NO₃) has increased at an alarming pace in many partially affected districts across states and UTs.

Meanwhile the regional directorate of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in Chandigarh had constituted three monitoring teams to conduct groundwater sampling at 34 identified contaminated locations. In the report recently submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT). It observed deviations at multiple sampling locations. The pH values exceeded the acceptable range prescribed for drinking water standards at sampling areas with no relaxation prescribed under the standards.

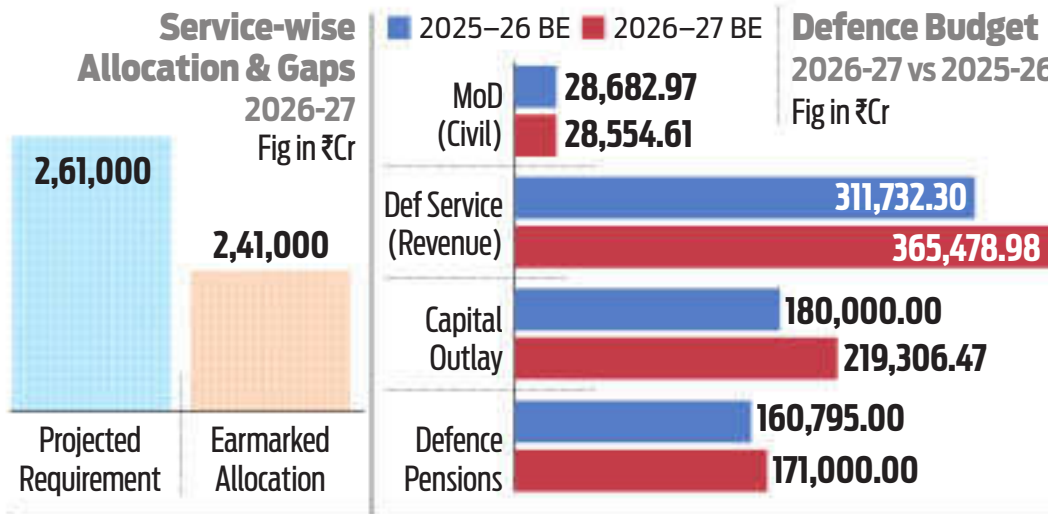
Def capex up, but procedural hurdles hamper as revenue spending spirals

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

THE nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third Reports of the Standing Committee on Defence, chaired by Shri Radha Mohan Singh, were presented to the Lok Sabha and laid in the Rajya Sabha in March 2026.

Across these five comprehensive documents, a singular, recurring theme emerges: a systemic “execution gap” where ambitious budgetary allocations frequently fail to translate into actual hardware and operational capability due to administrative inertia and procurement bottlenecks.

A primary concern identified across the reports is the structural imbalance between revenue and capital expenditure. The Twentieth Report reveals that the Army's budget continues to be dominated by fixed costs—salaries, allowances, and pensions—leaving the



revenue segment with limited flexibility. For the 2026-27 fiscal year, the Army's projected revenue requirement was ₹2.61 lakh crore, yet it was allocated only ₹2.41 lakh crore.

The Twenty-First Report notes that despite a 60% growth in the capital budget over five years, the inability to fully utilise these allocations remains a chronic issue. For instance, while the government has championed “Atmanirbharta” (self-reliance), with 75% of the

capital acquisition budget now earmarked for domestic industries, the Committee observed that actual expenditure often lags behind these targets.

On defence production, the Twenty-Second Report highlights that industrial ecosystem remains reliant on state-led entities. While the value of production by Defence Public Sector Undertakings has soared to over ₹1.11 lakh crore, the Committee stressed profitability & efficiency of certain units.

At a poll rally, Mamata says several senior officials from Bengal have been transferred to TN ● Senior official in dock for keeping DM in dark

Didi targets INDIA allies, says DMK & Cong may have tacit ties with EC

SBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

CHIEF Minister of West Bengal and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee on Monday alleged that her Tamil Nadu counterpart and DMK chief, M K Stalin, and the Congress might have a secret understanding with the Election Commission of India (ECI).

Her remarks triggered a controversy among partners of the INDIA bloc, a national alliance of anti-BJP forces, ahead of the upcoming assembly elections in five states — West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry.

Besides the Trinamool Congress, 28 anti-BJP parties, including the Congress, CPI-M, DMK, and others, are part of the INDIA bloc.

While addressing an election campaign in Nakashipara, Mamata spoke about the purported "secret understanding" between the Congress and DMK and the ECI. Political observers felt that Mamata's doubts are significant, especially as she has repeatedly claimed that the

ECI is carrying out a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bengal by deleting names of a large number of voters at the behest of the BJP-led Centre.

Targeting the Commission, Mamata said that many senior officials of Bengal, including IAS and IPS officers, have been transferred to Tamil Nadu. "All are being sent to TN and it (Commission) has an intimacy with the southern state. Congress and Stalin might have a secret understanding with the Commission." In the anti-BJP camp, Mamata and Stalin have generally shared good political relations, something well known among the INDIA bloc partners. At times, allies have even proposed either Mamata or Stalin to lead the alliance. Against this backdrop, Mamata's remarks in Nakashipara were seen as unusual ahead of the polls.

This is the second time Mamata has raised the issue since Sunday. Earlier, while addressing a rally in Samsanganj, she had said, "What's the secret



CM Mamata Banerjee addresses a public meeting in Nadia on Monday | PTI

Intel inputs warn of Pak-based K-gangsters

At a time when high voltage election campaigns by senior functionaries in poll-bound states are underway, the intelligence agencies have issued alerts to security establishments in states and the CAPFs warning them about possible attacks by Punjab-based gangsters, who have allegedly become foot soldiers of Khalistani elements operating from Pakistan and are found to be coordinating among themselves.

understanding between the DMK and the ECI? All officers of Bengal are being sent to Tamil Nadu, instead of keeping them in their home state." However, she did not name Stalin at the time. On Monday in Nadia, she directly named him, causing a visible strain within the INDIA bloc.

On the other hand, Mamata

also demanded the resignation of PM Narendra Modi, accusing him of remaining silent on Pakistan's reported threat to target Kolkata in a future conflict. Referring to his rally in Cooch Behar, she said, "You (PM) target Bengal during election rallies; but when Pakistan talks of attacking Bengal, you do not utter a word. You should resign."

SC orders NIA probe, raps chief secy over Malda hostage crisis

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY

@ New Delhi

IN a major development, the Supreme Court on Monday directed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to take over the probe into the alleged incidents involving the gherao of judicial officers in a village in Malda district in West Bengal during Special Intensive Revision (SIR) duty on April 1, after noting serious allegations against the state police. During the hearing, Chief Secretary Dushyant Nariyal apologised to the court after Chief Justice Surya Kant pulled him up for being unresponsive in the matter.

Meanwhile, the District Magistrate of Malda issued a show-cause notice to ADM in-charge Ansari Sheikh on Monday for his alleged negligence in connection with the gherao incident. He was asked to go to the spot, but he allegedly didn't share updates regularly with the DM for nearly 5 hours, dur-

ing which the protests spread to other sensitive areas, including Sujapur and Mothabari in Malda and adjoining districts.

During the hearing, the bench of CJI Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul Pancholi said, "There are serious allegations against the members of the State/local police. In exercise of powers under Article 142, we direct that the investigation of these FIRs be taken over by NIA, irrespective of the offences under which these FIRs have been registered."

The bench said the NIA will take over the investigation into the 12 FIRs registered by the local police over the incident, irrespective of the provisions under which they were registered. It clarified that, regardless of whether the scheduled offences under the NIA Act are attracted, the NIA can investigate these matters.

The Court also said that the NIA would be obligated to register further FIRs if it found additional offenses.



NDA has built trust among people through good governance: Sonowal

UNION Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Sarbananda Sonowal** has been at the forefront of the BJP's Assam election campaign. In an interview with **Prasanta Mazumdar**, he says that he believes the NDA will be re-elected for another term. **Excerpts:**

Do you think the NDA can retain power in Assam?
The mood on the ground leans clearly toward the NDA. Across the state, there is visible, spontaneous public support—one that has emanated from people

who feel their lives have actually changed. Roads that exist. Services that reach. Schemes that land. Benefits that get credited. The NDA's core political asset is consistency. Infrastructure has been developed, while welfare schemes are in operation. People and voters remember who delivered and who did not. NDA is not just positioned to win — it is positioned to win decisively.

Can you mention three things that may work in the

NDA's favour?

First, good governance and welfare delivery schemes have reached people directly without leakages, which has built trust. Second, sustained peace and stability — Assam has witnessed a significant improvement in law and order, enabling development to take place. Third, infrastructure and connectivity — from roads and bridges to railways and digital connectivity, these have transformed both urban and rural areas. We have proved the



Congress model of non-performance to be wrong.

Are promises like livestock support and free LPG cylinders, a sign that the

BJP is facing a challenge?

Election-time announcements are a part of democratic engagement. Welfare measures aimed at supporting rural households, women and economically weaker sections are extensions of an ongoing governance approach, not a reaction to any specific challenge.

We must remember that welfare schemes like Ujjwala and PM Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana have been designed and implemented for the benefit of people with LPG connections, as well as to improve agricultural productivity.

Could "Justice for Zubeen" and demands for ST status influence youth voting?

In any election, local issues and sentiments play a role, and it is important for all stakeholders to engage with them sensitively. The culprits behind the tragic demise of Zubeen Garg will be brought to justice through the due course of law. The youth of Assam today are more aspirational and aware. They are evaluating choices based on both emotional connection and practical outcomes. Ultimately, their decision will reflect a balance of these considerations.

RLD's strategic move ahead of 2027 polls

Jayant Chaudhary-led Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) has made a curious move in the midst of an ongoing battle of one-upmanship between former BJP MP Sanjeev Balyan and former party MLA Sangeet Som. While Balyan had represented Muzaffarnagar in Lok Sabha, Som had been an MLA from Sardhana. Meanwhile, the RLD is learnt to have initiated back-channel negotiations with the BJP to stake claim for contesting Meerut's Sardhana assembly seat in the UP Assembly elections due early next year. The rift between the two leaders emerged after Som, a Thakur, blamed Balyan, a Jat, for his defeat in the Sardhana seat in the 2022 assembly elections.

Maya for a separate western UP state?

As UP is set for a crucial battle of ballots next year, BSP chief Mayawati has revived an old demand for a separate state of Western Uttar Pradesh. The timing of the demand is significant, as it came just days after SP chief Akhilesh Yadav launched his election campaign from Dadri in the westernmost part of the state. Earlier in 2024, Mayawati had reiterated her commitment to work towards creating a separate Western Uttar Pradesh state, but she did not repeat the demand last year. She has revived it now as Assembly elections are approaching. Western UP has traditionally been the BSP stronghold, as she hails from Bijौर.



Dubai to Australia Maha hawala racket of godman under ED lens

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated an inquiry into the alleged hawala dealings of discredited Maharashtra godman Ashok Kharat to trace the money trail internationally and identify people involved.

The Maharashtra police has arrested Kharat in 12 cases so far, in which he faces charges of sexually exploiting around 150 women and running money laundering networks from Dubai to Australia. Kharat reportedly parked illegal money of politicians, bureaucrats, and businessmen through a temple trust that he managed.

Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis has confirmed the development of the ED action in the case. He said that a special investigation team (SIT) is already probing the case. "In-depth probe has been carried out in the Ashok Kharat case at the state level. Financial transactions of his dealings

will also be probed. The ED has sought all information from us and has initiated a probe as well," he said.

Sources said that the ED has taken the documents in possession of the SIT. "Kharat has more than 100 bank accounts, which are attached to multiple PAN and Aadhaar numbers. He used to park the dirty money earned through kickbacks and commissions by the politicians, businessmen, and bureaucrats through the bank accounts of his temple trust. He later transferred this money to overseas shell companies and returned to these people. Apart from exploiting women sexually, Kharat was actively running a money laundering network," a source said.

Kharat's call details records have revealed that he made phone calls to overseas numbers, including in Dubai, Australia, Qatar, the Virgin Islands, and Christmas Island, which are known as safe zones to park the ill-gotten money.



Row over Kharge's remarks on Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA

@ Ahmedabad

AS Gujarat's local body elections gather pace, the controversial "illiterate Gujarat" remark by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has triggered a full-blown political storm, pushing campaign narratives off track and igniting a BJP backlash across the state.

What began as a routine election buildup has now veered into a high-voltage confrontation, with the Congress finding itself on the defensive and its campaign momentum visibly disrupted. The comment has not just triggered outrage but has also handed the BJP a political weapon.

The BJP swiftly escalated the



issue, converting outrage into a central campaign plank. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel led the charge with a scathing response, stating, "The statement made regarding the people of Gujarat is extremely objectionable and unfortunate. Such comments insult 6 crore Gujaratis

and wound the pride of a land shaped by icons like Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel." He further sharpened the attack, adding, "Gujarat has always led in nation-building, development and unity and will continue to do so. Such remarks only expose the narrow mindset

Haryana 'IIT Baba' of Maha Kumbh fame gets married to K'taka engineer

NAMITA BAIJPAI @ Lucknow

ABHAY Singh, who shot to fame as "IIT Baba" and gained attention during the Mahakumbh in Allahabad last year, has tied the knot with an engineer from Karnataka. He was seen with his wife Pritika at his native place Jhajjar in Haryana recently.

While interacting with media persons in his father Karan Singh's chamber, who is a lawyer, Abhay said he had gone to the city to meet his parents and seek their blessings. Crowds gathered outside the chamber to take selfies with him.

Abhay said the wedding took place on February 15 on the occasion of Mahashivratri at the Aghanjar Mahadev Temple. The couple later registered it in a court on February 19. He added that Pritika, who hails from Bengaluru, accompanied him to Jhajjar for documentation



work and meeting his family. Meanwhile, Pritika has described Singh as a simple and honest person, stating that the couple shared a common vision to promote Sanatan traditions. She said they had plans to establish a university that would combine modern education with spiritual teachings. The former Baba said that he was still dedicated to sadhna and spirituality. Currently living in Himachal Pradesh, the couple

Who is Abhay Singh?

Born to a lawyer father and a homemaker mother in Jhajjar, Abhay completed aerospace engineering from IIT-Bombay in 2008. A high-paying job took him to Canada in 2016. He returned to India during the pandemic and gradually broke ties with his family, leading the life of a wanderer in spiritual pursuit.

said they were working toward their shared goals.

Singh said that he met his wife at the ashram of Sadguru in Coimbatore during one of his visits on Mahashivratri.

However, after becoming a head-turner at the Mahalumbh, he courted controversies when he picked up a fight during a TV discussion. He was also caught with narcotics in Rajasthan and spent some time in jail.

Theft at sports minister's official residence in Bhopal

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

EXPOSING the state of security in the high-security 74 Bungalows area of Madhya Pradesh's capital Bhopal, unidentified persons reportedly burgled trophies and mementos from the official residence of the state's cooperatives, sports and youth welfare minister Vishwas Sarang.

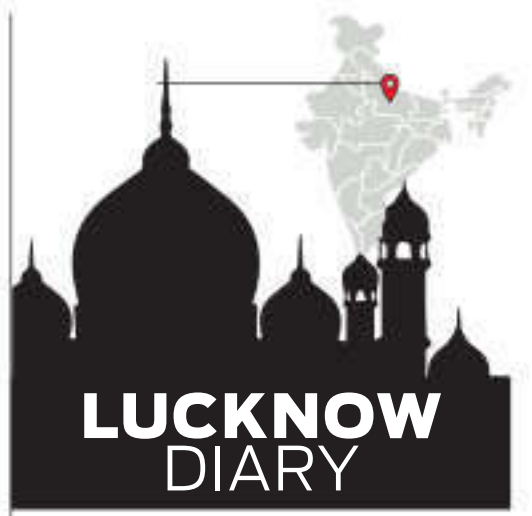
The alleged burglary occurred on the intervening night of April 2-3, when the minister was present at the bungalow. The theft from the storeroom came to light when the on-duty security personnel spotted the locks of the room broken on the morning of April 3.

Importantly, the room where the minister's trophies, mementos, shields and shawls were kept was not under CCTV surveillance, making it easy for the accused to break the room's lock and burgle the property.



The matter was reported on April 6 to the TT Nagar Police Station by the minister's personal assistant (PA) Pravin Saxena. While confirming the incident, the TT Nagar police station in charge, Gaurav Singh Dohar, said that the footage retrieved from the CCTV cameras in the vicinity of the minister's residence is being examined to get clinking clues.

This is the fifth theft/attempted theft reported in recent years at the official bungalows of present or former ministers in Bhopal.



NAMITA BAIJPAI

Our correspondent in Uttar Pradesh

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Focus on govt-party coordination in UP

The BJP central leadership is understood to have stepped in to ensure better coordination between the Yogi Adityanath government and the UP BJP organisational unit ahead of the high-stakes UP assembly elections due early next year. The issue of functional coordination, a message conveyed repeatedly by the RSS, the BJP's ideological fountainhead, has set in motion a series of meetings between the leaders of party organisation in the state and Yogi ministers. UP BJP chief Pankaj Chaudhary and state general secretary (organisation) Dharam Pal Singh have been engaging with two deputy CMs before taking crucial decisions.





IT sector likely to report muted quarter in Q4

Brokerages estimate revenue growth for the quarter will range from a negative 0.5 to 3% rise sequentially

PADMINI DHURVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S IT services sector is expected to report another subdued quarter for the fourth quarter ending in March (Q4FY26), with brokerages pointing to weak sequential growth, geopolitical uncertainty stemming from the West Asia conflict, and rising pressure from AI-led pricing pressure.

Analysts across major brokerages said Q4 is likely to remain muted despite some support from rupee's depreciation against the US dollar, which is expected to provide a revenue boost of 10 to 60 basis points.

Brokerages estimate revenue growth for the quarter will range from a negative 0.5 to a 3% rise sequentially, with Tier-I companies expected to post growth in a narrow band. HDFC Securities estimates Tier-I growth between negative 1.1% and 0.9% quarter-on-quarter in constant currency



Geopolitical uncertainty may delay discretionary spending and new projects, while raising operational concerns regarding infrastructure resilience, travel, and employee safety —HDFC Institutional Research

terms, while Motilal Oswal Financial Services described the quarter as “uneventful”.

Margins are expected to remain stable or improve marginally, supported mainly by currency tailwinds. However, analysts cautioned that wage hikes, deal ramp-up costs and restructuring expenses continue to limit expansion.

The larger focus, however, is on management commentary for FY27, particularly on growth visibility, margins and the monetisation of artificial intelligence-led deals.

“The management commentary on demand outlook, client budgets, AI deflationary impact, and delays in decision making due to the war situa-

tion will be closely monitored,” said analysts at HDFC Securities said in their preview note.

The ongoing conflict in West Asia has so far had a limited direct impact on Indian IT companies, but brokerages flagged potential risks in client spending and project timelines.

“The ongoing Middle East crisis poses a moderate short-term risk to Indian IT firms with exposure to regional energy and utility clients. Geopolitical uncertainty may delay discretionary spending and new projects, while raising operational concerns regarding infrastructure resilience, travel, and employee safety,” analysts at HDFC Institutional Research noted.

Analysts said the impact on existing programmes is expected to remain contained because most delivery operations continue to be managed off-

shore from India.

Still, some companies face direct exposure. ICICI Securities said Tech Mahindra, which has less than 5% exposure to the West Asia, is likely to report a 0.3% sequential contraction in revenue in constant currency, partly due to a \$1–2 million hit linked to the conflict and weakness in its Conviva business. L&T Technology is also expected to see growth trimmed after billing deferrals in the Gulf market.

At the same time, the sector is facing growing concerns over pricing pressure from generative AI-driven productivity programmes. “GenAI-driven productivity programmes are increasingly deflationary in nature,” Kotak Securities said, adding that productivity gains within existing contracts are beginning to outweigh near-term revenue creation.

PUBLIC FINANCE

Fiscal discipline gives room for capex push: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said due to the proper budgeting practices and fiscal discipline, India has sufficient fiscal space to sustain its public investment push, extend targeted relief to vulnerable sectors and can even support monetary easing.

Addressing the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on Monday, she said, “India has fiscal space — room to maintain our capex programme, room for the RBI to cut rates, room to offer targeted support to affected sectors. This is the dividend of a decade of fiscal discipline. This is the strategic value of fiscal prudence that pays dividends across decades.”



Highlighting India's fiscal discipline, she emphasised that at a time of geopolitical uncertainties when several other economies are grappling with challenges, good public finance policy has enhanced the counter-cyclical capacity of fiscal policy — especially the ability to “lean against the wind” in economic downturn.

The minister highlighted that in FY21, the government has cleared all outstanding loans taken by the Food Corporation of India from the National Small Savings Fund by providing additional budgetary support and additionally, all off-budget borrowings have been disclosed in budget documents.

SC declines to stay Adani resolution plan for JAL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has declined to stay implementation of Adani Enterprises’ resolution plan for Jaiprakash Associates (JAL), allowing the acquisition process to move forward for the time being. This decision follows a challenge by Vedanta Ltd, which sought to halt the proceedings. While the court didn’t freeze Adani’s plan, it directed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) to hear Vedanta’s appeal on a priority basis, scheduling the matter for April 10.

The legal dispute centres on evaluation process conducted



by the Committee of Creditors (CoC). Vedanta’s contention is its bid of ₹16,726 crore was much higher than the Adani Group’s offer, which is valued around ₹14,500 crore. Vedanta argues that by selecting a lower offer, the CoC failed to fulfill core mandate of the Insolvency

and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which emphasises maximisation of value for stakeholders.

In response, the resolution professional and creditors have maintained that the selection was made based on a structured evaluation matrix. They argue the CoC’s commercial wisdom encompasses more than just final bid amount, including factors like feasibility of the plan and reliability of the proponent. Adani’s approved plan includes an upfront payment of ₹6,005 crore and a commitment to provide ₹800 crore in working capital and capital expenditure within 180 days. To balance the interests of both parties,

the apex court introduced specific safeguards. It ruled that any major policy decisions regarding JAL’s operations must receive prior approval from the NCLAT. Furthermore, the court clarified that the ongoing implementation of the Adani plan remains subject to final ruling of the appellate tribunal. This ensures that while the transition proceeds, it remains legally reversible depending on the outcome of the April hearing.

Kapil Sibal and VV Giri appeared for Vedanta Ltd. The CoC of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd. was represented by solicitor general of India Tushar Mehta and Niranjan Reddy.

Wipro wins \$1 billion Olam deal, to acquire Mindsprint

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WIPRO has signed an eight-year agreement with Singapore-headquartered Olam Group in a deal expected to exceed \$1 billion in contract value, according to the company’s exchange filing.

The agreement includes a committed spending of \$800 million and is among the largest transformation deals signed by the Indian IT services major.

As part of the broader arrangement, Wipro will acquire Olam’s IT services arm, Mindsprint, for a total consideration of about \$375 million in an all-cash transaction. The acquisition is expected to close by June 2026. Wipro said it will acquire a 100% stake in the Singapore-based company, which will become a wholly owned subsidiary after the

completion of the transaction. The deal comes at a time when Indian IT services firms are increasingly turning to acquisitions to strengthen sector-specific capabilities and secure long-term revenue visibility.

Mindsprint employs over 3,200 professionals across India, Singapore, the US, the UK and the Middle East. The company provides technology and digital services across enterprise applications, data and analytics, and digital platforms.

As per the report, Mindsprint has built a strong presence in the food and agri-business industry, along with capabilities in supply chain transformation and proprietary IP-led solutions. The company reported consolidated revenue of \$135 million in CY25, marking an increase of nearly 4% from \$130 million in CY24, the report said.



Govt enables multi-currency payment options for e-marketplace global bids

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

GLOBAL entities will soon be able to participate in government procurement bids via the Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a portal for facilitating online procurement of goods & services required by various government departments, organisations and PSUs.

GeM officials on Monday said the global tender enquiry (GTE) functionality has been introduced on the portal. To onboard foreign bidders, GeM has incorporated a multi-currency payment system. However, certain conditions have been put in place to ensure that the domestic industry is not adversely affected, officials added.

“All currencies are allowed. It is for the buyer to select the currencies in which they want to receive offers from sellers,” said Mihir Kumar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

As per GeM officials, most of the demand for such global tenders is coming from central



Below certain thresholds, buyers have to seek approval from competent authorities such as the secretary (Coordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat —Government e-Marketplace official

public sector enterprises (CPS-Es), mainly in sectors like petroleum and natural gas, where certain technologies are not yet available domestically. There has been some interest from scientific ministries and research departments. However, GeM clarified that global tendering will not be opened indiscriminately, and existing guidelines will continue to apply.

Buyers will be required to first explore domestic markets before opting for global bids. Procurement from foreign

firms will be allowed only above specified thresholds, while purchases below these thresholds will require approval from competent authorities.

“Below certain thresholds, buyers have to seek approval from competent authorities such as the secretary (Coordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat. Proposals are reviewed and approved there, and only then can buyers proceed with global tenders. So, guidelines are already in place,” a GeM official said.

Moody’s retains Baa3 credit rating for India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

GLOBAL rating agency Moody’s has retained the Baa3 (BBB-) sovereign credit rating for the country with stable outlook. It warned that Iran war could moderate growth to about 6% this fiscal and raised inflation risks.

The stable outlook incorporates the gradually improving fiscal metrics since emerging from the pandemic and resilient growth prospects compared with peers. However, fiscal accommodation in the context of the uncertain global macroeconomic outlook including revenue-eroding measures can impede progress towards debt reduction and exacerbate already weak debt affordability,” Moody’s said Monday.

Moody’s also predicted an increase in inflation this fiscal, noting that further disruptions could add to the crisis. The agency projects inflation to double to 4.8% in FY27 from 2.4% in FY26.

Sebi chief underlines role of independent directors in effective decision-making

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SECURITIES and Exchange Board chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey has once again underlined the role of independent directors in effective decision-making and their responsibility towards protecting interests of minority shareholders.

“Independent directors are accountable for decisions, often without full operational visibility. This makes their role both critical and complex, which is why the conversation must now move beyond who sits on the board to how effectively they are able to contribute once they are there,” Pandey said at a CII event on corporate governance here on Monday.

Pandey’s comments on the role of independent directors come against the backdrop of resignation of HDFC Bank’s part-time chairman Atanu

VEHICLE SALES IN TOP GEAR

CATEGORY	FY26	FY25	YoY % CHANGE
2-wheeler	21,420,386	18,889,595	13
3-wheeler	1,363,412	1,220,834	12
PV	4,705,056	4,163,927	13
Tractor	1,050,077	882,825	19
CE	71,227	80,668	-12
CV	1,060,906	949,406	12
Others	680	945	-28
TOTAL	29,671,064	26,187,255	13

CE: Construction equipment



RETAIL AUTO SALES HIT RECORD 30 MN UNIT MARK IN FY26

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ON the back of a sharp surge in demand after the GST rate cut in September 2025, retail automobile sales stood at nearly 3 crore units in FY26, a new high for the industry. As per the data shared by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), auto retail sales peaked to an all-time high of 2,96,71,064 units in FY26 with a 13.3% year-on-year growth. Five of the six vehicle categories set new annual records.

“This is not just a number, it represents the industry approaching the 3 crore mark, a milestone that would have seemed distant just two years ago,” said FADA President C S Vigneshwar. He added that the year was not linear as the first five months — April-August — were a period of measured momentum, with monthly growth ranging between 2% and 5%. The turning point arrived in September with the implementation of GST 2.0 when rates were slashed between 7% and 10% for different categories.

“The festive convergence of Navratri and Diwali in October delivered an all-time record monthly retail sales of over 40 lakh units and the momentum carried through the remainder of the year. January, February, and March 2026 each saw strong double-digit YoY growth,” said Vigneshwar.

Category-wise, two-wheelers reclaimed their pre-COVID peak, retailing over 2.14 crore units, a 13.4% rise. Passenger vehicles crossed 47 lakh mark for the first time, growing at 13%, supported by new-model pipeline, steady urbanisation, and sustained shift towards SUVs and alternative power-trains. EV penetration improved in every category — electric two-wheeler penetration rose to 6.54% on total sales, electric PV rose to 4.25%, and electric CV growth nearly doubled to 1.83%. CNG strengthened its foothold in PVs at 21.98% and in CVs at 11.79%. Tractor sales crossed 10 lakh retail units for the first time in history with 18.95% growth over a good monsoon, strong rabi sowing and improving farm economics.



2 Indian-flagged LPG carriers cross Strait of Hormuz

Mukesh Mangal, additional secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, said two Indian-flagged LPG carriers — Green Sanvi and Green Asha — have crossed the Strait of Hormuz. Green Sanvi is carrying about 46,650 MT of LPG while Green Asha is carrying about 15,405 MT of LPG.

about 15,405 MT of LPG with 26 seafarers onboard and will reach Indian ports on April 7 and April 9, respectively. Currently, there are 16 Indian-flagged vessels with 433 seafarers in the region. The fleet includes two LPG vessels (one full, one empty), one LNG carrier, six crude carriers

(5 full, 1 empty), four container ships, two bulk carriers, and one dredger.

“Green Sanghvi and Green Asha, carrying LPG, have safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz. Green Sanghvi is carrying around 46,500 tonne of LPG with 25 Indian seafarers, while

Green Asha has 15,500 tonne of LPG with 26 seafarers. Currently, there are 16 Indian-flagged vessels in the western Persian Gulf region, carrying 433 Indian seafarers,” said Mangal.

Meanwhile, the government has increased natural gas supply to fertiliser plants to about 90% of their average consumption over the past six months, effective April 6, 2026. It will increase LNG supply to urea plants to 90% of their average capacity from Monday, boosting output prospects, according to an official statement on Sunday. As per the government, domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal, with over 18 crore cylinders delivered to households since March 1, 2026. Sharma also mentioned that since March 23, 2026, about 6.75 lakh 5-kg Free Trade LPG cylinders have been sold. Since March 2026, about 3.67 lakh PNG connections have been gasified, and about 4 lakh additional customers have registered for new connections.

EXPRESS READ

Services sector growth slows to 14-month low

NEW DELHI: Services sector growth slowed to a 14-month low in March to 57.5 from 58.1 in the previous month due to the Iran war induced cost pressures. Input cost rose sharply in past 45 months. As per HSBC, services PMI hit a trough in March as cost pressures rose sharply, with companies reporting the fastest rise in input prices in nearly 4 years. *ENS*



Govt eases norms for mining of key minerals

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Monday notified amendments to mining concession rules, allowing licensed operators to expand exploration, a move expected to unlock deep-seated critical minerals and help in efforts towards self-reliance. The amendments will enable inclusion of contiguous areas in mining leases and composite licences. *ENS*

MYSORE BANK CIRCLE BRANCH
Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board Complex, Mysore Bank Circle, Bengaluru-560022. E-mail: cb10446@canarabank.com

CORRIGENDUM

In the Possession notice published in the same newspaper on 05.04.2026: 1.MIS Milan Clothing, Mr.Raju Kalidoss and Mr. R Haridoss (Partners) in the Notice, the Possession Date 01.04.2026 & outstanding amount was 13,09,78,201.78 (Rupees Thirteen Crore Nine lakhs seventy eight thousand two hundred one and paise seventy eight only) mentioned wrongly, and it should be read as Possession Date 04.04.2026 & outstanding amount Rs.13,09,79,108.78 (Rupees Thirteen Crore Nine Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight and Paise Seventy Eight only). All other content remains unchanged.

Date : 06.04.2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place : Bangalore Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are intending & interested in purchasing the below mentioned property from Smt. VISALAKSHI K, 79 years, W/o P. Venkatesh, R/o No. 26/4A, 5th Main, K.R. Gardens, Murgeshpalya, Bengaluru-17 Aadhar: 433457297233.

Any person's having/assessing any right, title, interest, share, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned by offering their version, in writing within seven days from the publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Two Bedroom Apartment bearing No. 202, 2nd Floor, "HIMAGIRI ENCLAVE II", BBMP Ward No. 81-Vijayanagar, EPID No. 5057965719, measuring 1040 Sq Ft., of SBA, with one covered car parking space along with 375 Sq Ft., of undivided share, right, title and interest in land proportionate constructed on Property bearing CMC Katha No. 2, formed in Sy. No. 36/1, situated at Kagadasapura Village, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru.

Sd/- KARTHIK, S. Advocate
No. 517, 10th F, Main, 6th Block,
Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010
Mobile : 9738777056

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House Rajbhawan Road,
Bengaluru-560001.

In the matter of

Case No. O.A. 795/2024

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ...

APPLICANT

AND: Yellamma and others ...

DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT UNDER

RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS

RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE)

RULES, 1993

To, DEFENDANT No. 3: ROOPA, D/o Late

Gulappa, No. 51, Gowrenahalli Village,

Amari Doddakere, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal

Taluk, BENGALURU RURAL DIST 562 106

DEFENDANT No. 5: H. YALLAPPA, S/o

Huchayyallappa, Kammasandra Agrahara,

Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, BENGALURU

RURAL DIST-562 106.

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an

Application under Sec. 19 of The

Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and

Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against

the defendants for recovery of sum of Rs.

51,12,877/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs

Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and

Seventy Seven only) together with

Current and future interest and other

reliefs.

Take Notice that you are hereby required

to appear before this Tribunal to Show

Cause on **04-08-2026** at 11.00 A.M. in

person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly

instructed as to why the relief prayed for

should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the

Application will be heard and determined

in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal

on this 06-01-2026

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts

Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned property from (1) SRI. T. D. SUDHA KUMAR, son of Sri. T. M. Doraiswamy Naidu residing at No.2420, 18th Main Road, I S R O Main Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, BENGALURU - 560 078 and (2) Sri. PRASHANTH son of Sri. Shivajiniah, residing at No.527/4, 1, 81st Cross Road, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, BENGALURU - 560 078, who represent that they purchased the Schedule Property from their Vendor Smt. Vijayalakshmi Bettadapura in terms of a Sale Deed dated 28/11/2025, registered as Document No.85K-1-09570-2025-26 in Book-I and stored in Electronic Form in the Centralised Data Cell in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Banashankari). Persons objecting to the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within ten days from the date of publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:
All that piece and parcel of vacant Site bearing No.114, presently bearing e-PID/e-Aasthi No.105735823 in the records of ward No.182 of Padmanabhanagar, situated at 2nd Main Road, Bikasipura and Vasanthapura, in the Layout identified as "Sannurudhi Enclave Layout", formed in Sy.No.8, 11, 12 & 13 (old No.7) of Vasanthapura Village and Sy.No.14 of Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and the site measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1,200 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: East: Road West: Site No.142, North: Site No.113, and South: Site No.115.

Sri. L. M. MAHESHWARA PRASAD, Advocate, ARVU ADVOCATES, No.1, 'Lumbini Arcade' First Floor, The National High School Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560004, M-97399 79047

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE

CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE

AT BANGALURU

COM O.S. NO. 211/2026

BETWEEN:

Canara Bank

NR Road Branch

New City Complex Market,

3rd Floor, N. R. Road,

Bengaluru-560002.

Represented by its Chief Manager

...PLAINTIFF

And

Mr. Mohammed Irshad Pasha

...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT

UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(I) OF

CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

1. Mr. Mohammed Irshad Pasha

S/o Mohammed Anwar Sab,

Aged about 39 Years,

No.21, R. Lane, Kalasipalyam,

Bangalore 560002.

Also at

Mr. Mohammed Irshad Pasha

S/o Mohammed Anwar Sab,

Aged about 39 Years,

No.34, 1st Floor, Ranjoli Rao Lane,

Kalasipalya, Bangalore 560002.

Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit

against you for recovery of Rs.

11,96,537,57/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs

Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred and

Thirty Seven And Paise Fifty Seven

Only) as on 29.12.2025 along with current

and further applicable interest

compounded on monthly rest basis, with a

penal interest @ of 2% p.a., from

29.12.2025 to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear

before this Hon'ble court on 29/04/2026 at

11.00 AM in person or through the

Advocate/pleader to answer the question

to the same failing which the suit will be

heard and determined as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court,

this 17th day of March 2026.

By the Order of the Court.

Sd/- The Senior Sheristadar

City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Padmashree M

advocate for plaintiff

No.29,3rd Cross,Vinayaka Layout,

Bhoopasandra,Bangalore - 560094.

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

Property No. 11, Palace Road, Bangalore (BBMP PID 78-118-11), portion marked as E 1 800 Sq.Mtrs. I and E1 (1000 Sq.Mtrs.) belonging to KH & BMR Trust, is under dispute in O.S. No. 16449/2004 CH 58, Mayhall, Bangalore.Prashanth Anand or any other persons / beneficiaries claiming authority, other than persons legally authorized to represent the Trust, has no lawful authority whatsoever to represent the Trust or deal with any of its properties. Any LOI/transaction is unauthorized.Public are cautioned: dealings will be at own risk.

Vidya Selvamony Advocate
Horamavu Banaswadi Bangalore
Mob: 9448276715/9845688270

IN THE COURT OF THE X. ADDL. JUDGE

COURT & SMALL CAUSES & CJM

(SCCH-16) AT BANGALORE

MISC. No. 184/2025

BETWEEN : V. Venkateshaiah S/o Late

Venkataiah, Aged about 73 years, R/o No.168,

12th R Cross, Ulital Main Road, Muneshwara

Nagar, Malahalli, Bangalore - 560055

...PETITIONER

AND : Smt. Yashaswini and others

...RESPONDENTS

SUMMONS TO

THE RESPONDENT NOS. 1, 2 & 3

1. SMT. YASHASWINI W/o Late V.V. Girisha

D/o Bettiah, aged about 36 years,

2. SHASHANK S, S/o Late V.V. Girisha,

aged about 13 years,

3. CHETHANA G D/o Late V.V. Girisha aged

about 11 years, Respondents No. 2 & 3 are

minors represented by their natural guardian

Yashaswini

Respondents No. 1 to 3 all R/o No. 198, 1st

Main Road, Kamalagang, Near Basaveshwara

Nagar, Bangalore - 560 079.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed this

miscellaneous petition to restore M.V. No.

1165/2018 seeking enhanced compensation

for death of his son, Late V.V. Girisha, and

that you are respondents in the said case.

You have hereby called upon to appear either in

person or through any authorized person who

can answer all material questions relating to

the case on 30th day of April, 2026 at 11.00

a.m. before Court of the Hon'ble X. Addl.

Judge, Court & Small Causes and CJM

(SCCH-16), at Bangalore, failing which the

matter will be heard and determined in your

absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court

on 27th day of March 2026.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar

Court of Small Causes, Bangalore.

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF:

Anil Ramachandra

No.10, Infantry Road,

Bangalore - 560 001.

Umeshankar G S, Advocate

No.113, 3rd Main Road, 8th Cross,

Hannamathnagar, Bangalore-19.

Mobile No. 9742168033

Bengaluru Date : 06-04-2026

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering

Division, Belagavi

Tender Invited (E- Procurement)

Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering

Division, Belagavi hereby invited tender from Registered

Contractors for the Item rates through kpppPortal. There are

total 21 (22700/CALL-2, 22718/CALL-2, 22693/CALL-2,

22706/CALL-2, 25566/CALL-2, 22795/CALL-3, 25442/CALL-

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25437/CALL-2, 25444/CALL-2, 25443/CALL-2, 24627/CALL-

3) work have been called. Standard of tender documents

KW-1,2,3 for price of Highest and Lowest Estimated Cost Rs.

100.00 Lakhs and Rs. 10.00 Lakh respectively and also

Highest and Lowest EMD has As Per Eprocurement for each

work. The last date for Submission of any Quarries is 13-04-

2026 17:28 PM, the last date for submission of tender bid is

on 13-04-2026 17:28 PM. Opening of technical bid is on 15-

04-2026 11-00 AM and Expected Financial bid will be opened

on 15-04-2026 11:30 AM. For any other information/

clarifications please contact the below signed office, and also

search internet forkppp-Portal website <http://kppp-proc.karnataka.gov.in>

DPR/BGM/RO-NO-42/KSACA/2025-26

Sd/-Executive Engineer,

P. R. E. Division, Belagavi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that, my clients are interested to purchase agricultural lands situated at Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, which is owned and possessed by SRD.R. ARASAHANUMANTHEGOWDA S/O LATE. RAMANJAPPA AND R.SHIVASHANKAR S/O SRI RAMAIAH for valuable sale consideration and the details of the property to be purchased by my clients is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter called Item No.1 to 3 of Schedule Property.

In view of the above, it is hereby notified that, claims of ownership or other claims if any have by the general public in respect of Item No.1 to 3 of the schedule property, the same may be notified to the address given below in writing together with supporting documents with in a period of Seven days from the date of this notification. If no valid claims or objections are received within a stipulated period, my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with sale transaction and complete the process of sale in respect of the schedule property. Claims/objections if any received on expiry of the stipulated period will be ignored.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 17 Guntas out of 20 Guntas in Sy.No.55/1 situated at Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, together with all rights, easements, and appearances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as hereunder:

East by : Govt. Road West by : Property belongs to Sri. Narasiah North by : Property belongs to Sri. Mani Venkataappa. South by : Land bearing Sy.No.55/2

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 1 Acre 18 Guntas in Sy.No.55/2 situated at Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District together with all rights, easements, and appearances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as hereunder:

East by : Govt. Road West by : Property belongs to Sri. Narasiah North by : Land bearing Sy.No.55/1, South by : Land bearing Sy.No.55/3

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land measuring 20 Guntas in Sy.No.55/3 situated at Mantanakurchi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District together with all rights, easements, and appearances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as hereunder:

East by : Govt. Road West by : Property belongs to Sri. Narasiah North by : Land bearing Sy.No.55/2, South by : Property belongs to Sri. Dasu.

Umeshankar G S, Advocate

No.113, 3rd Main Road, 8th Cross,

Hannamathnagar, Bangalore-19.

Mobile No. 9742168033

Bengaluru Date : 06-04-2026

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DEMAND NOTICE ISSUED UNDER [SECTION 13(2)] OF SARFAESI ACT

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) READ WITH SEC.13(3) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, Union Bank of India, had issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixure at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor :

(1) **Mis NISSI FURN** Represented by its proprietor Mr. B Anil Varaprasad Rao, (2) **Mr. B Anil Varaprasad Rao**, Both are residing at: No.10/30/1, 11th Main, Bombay dyang Road, Above Amma's Pastries, Gokula 1st stage, 3rd phase , Bangalore-560054. (3) **Mrs. Molaka Venkata Lakshmi**, 21/1, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Near Manjunatha Medical B K Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560022.

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Account & Facility Number	Outstanding amount as on date of NPA 29.02.2020	Unapplied interest
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SatChi pull out; Lakshya, Sindhu lead India's charge



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have withdrawn from the Badminton Asia Championships due to the former's shoulder injury, even as in-form Lakshya Sen and seasoned PV Sindhu gear up to spearhead India's challenge with an aim to end a long wait for a singles title in the continental showpiece.

PRIYA, LATEST BOXING TALENT FROM BHIWANI

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

BHIWANI district has produced many champion boxers over the years and the region continues to churn out promising talents. Priya Ghanghas, who's enjoying a fairytale run at the moment, is the latest to join the bandwagon. The pugilist from Dhanana is on the cusp of glory after reaching the finals of the ongoing Asian Boxing Championships at the ASA Arena in Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia).

It's a massive run for the youngster, who had started her campaign with a win over a former champion from the continental meet. In her next bout, she upset the former world champ before her latest success against Namuun Monkhor of Mongolia in the last-four stage. Monday's bout was a mismatch as the 60kg pugilist got the votes of all the judges by the ringside. Someone who has had a big hand in her rise to prominence is Ravi Sangwan, Haryana coach, who had introduced her to the sport a decade or so ago. Interestingly, Ravi, a former national champion, is someone who had also handed boxing lessons to Manu Bhaker, now a multiple Olympic medalist in shooting.

Priya trained under him at Dadri for around seven years before she joined SAI, Bhiwani. More recently, she has been refining her skills at the national camp. Her talent might have taken her to different pin codes but they continue to remain in touch. It's only natural for Ravi, an ex-Armyman, to be thrilled with her latest exploits inside the ring. "I can't

express my feelings at the moment. I'm really proud of her," Ravi, who has shared a room with India great Dingko Singh during his playing years, told this daily.

"She has had a good potential since her childhood. She was highly dedicated. Her brother is also a good boxer and they used to come for training. They came in 2015. I had opened an academy then — Dadri Boxing Academy. She was fifth or sixth standard then. Both her and her brother would never miss training," the coach, who has trained boxers like Satish Kumar — Tokyo Games quarterfinalist, added.

It might be her first major meet, but the national champion has had a rather smooth run so far. But Ravi said they, including her father who's into business, have faced many obstacles, especially during their junior days. The facilities were basic at the academy then. But what stood out for him was her willingness to put her head down and keep pushing hard. "She was a fast learner and would never question the coaches. She has an open attitude and tends to grasp new skills on the fly. Boxing was massive for her," he said.

According to the coach, she was visibly superior to her compatriots at the academy and the coach would make her train with the boys, including her brother, instead. Having secured a spot in the final, she is now destined for the upcoming Commonwealth Games and Asian Games, famed events which are scheduled to be held later this year.

But before that her immediate hurdle is the final, where she'll meet Un Gyong Won of North Korea. The coach is confident that she can cap off her campaign on a high.

Nikhat, Lovlina lose

Meanwhile, it was deja vu for Nikhat Zareen (51kg) as she suffered a crushing defeat against a familiar rival — China's reigning Olympic champion Wu Yu while Tokyo Olympic medalist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) also suffered a loss. However, Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) and Preeti Pawar (54kg) won their respective fights to be in contention for the gold medal. Wu had ended Nikhat's run in the Round of 16 of the 2024 Paris Games before going on to capture gold.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



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— Ravi Sangwan, Haryana coach

Stranger Things: Shivang's story

The MP cricketer was named by a stranger while he was travelling on a train with his mother

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

BELIEVE it or not, a stranger on a train suggested the name of Shivang, one of Sunrisers Hyderabad's newest recruits. His naming ceremony was already over. He was going to be called Shubham Kumar. But during one particular train journey, the baby just wouldn't stop crying. After striking a conversation with his mother, Anju Rani, the stranger casually namedropped Shubham. "A child must always be given meaningful names."

"That's how his name changed to Shivang," Parveen Kumar, Shivang's father, told this daily. He is a chief ticket inspector with the Indian Railways hailing from Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. It was Parveen's dream to play cricket and in his quest to achieve it, he even moved to West Bengal, representing them in U19 tournaments. However, once he landed the government job on sports quota, parental pressure made him move away from the game. Parveen got recruited as a grade IV employee and had appeared in departmental examinations to qualify as a ticket examiner a few years down the line. The result was announced on the day Shivang was born. "I cleared the examination when he was born, so I named him Shubham (auspicious or fortunate). But we changed it to Shivang after the train incident."

These days, the 23-year-old practices one of the rarest skills in all of cricket. Left-arm wrist-spin. He has already played twice for the franchise



(TOP) Shivang Kumar in action; Shivang with his father Parveen Kumar | bcci

(nine runs and 1/71 across two games) and will be an integral part of the side going forward as well.

In a way, Shivang is doing what Parveen wanted to do. Play cricket.

At the age of 12, Shivang appeared in U13 selection trials but couldn't make it to the Uttar Pradesh squad. "He left cricket for almost a year and we kept his kit bag in a trunk. One day he went to watch a movie based on former India captain MS Dhoni's life and that changed everything. He insisted I should also watch the movie and once I did it, I also recollected the struggling days I endured in Bengal. The movie drew him back to cricket."

Parveen then took a different route and shifted Shivang to Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh when



he was around 13. "He stayed there with one of my acquaintances and we visited him regularly. Despite him being a right-hander, I advised him to bowl left-arm spin. I used to do that during my playing days as I strongly believe a left-arm bowler has an advantage over his right-arm counterparts. In 2021, he shifted to Rewa and started playing for them in inter-divisional tournaments."

Shivang's big moment came when he was picked by one of the franchises of the Madhya Pradesh League (MPL) in 2024.

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORKS | FROM 12.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY

REAL CHALLENGE BEGINS

Real Madrid face Bayern in the tie of the round while Arsenal, eliminated in two competitions in the last two matches, travel to Sporting. A look at the first two legs of the Champions League quarterfinals...

REAL VS BAYERN

The Spanish giants lost at the weekend but they will be up for this. This is their competition and will have the likes of Kylian Mbappe and Vini Jr to pick from. Last time out, they were destructive against Man City before completing the job in the second leg but Bayern are a different beast this season. If Harry Kane doesn't shake of a minor ankle complaint, it will be a big blow but this is a team at the pick of their powers.

SPORTING VS ARSENAL

A few months ago, Arsenal were one of the favourites for this title. They may still be that but Mikel Arteta's side come into this on the back of several question marks. They may welcome back a host of players from injuries but this is a real test of their credentials, sporting and mental. The Portuguese outfit have a new talisman, Diego Suarez who has scored 30 goals in all competitions. Viktor Gyokeres going back to his old stomping ground will be a subplot.

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These two sides have split eight of last 13 Champions Leagues

Coming to Chennaiyin was right call: Noguera

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

Chennaiyin lock horns with Kashi

Chennaiyin FC will be keen to continue their unbeaten run in the Indian Super League when they face a wounded Inter Kashi side in Chennai on Tuesday. The visitors come on the back of three consecutive defeats, and will be keen to end that.



Alberto Noguera

SPANISH midfielder Alberto Noguera has been one of the best foreign players in the Indian Super League for quite some. His first club in India was FC Goa, where he played under Clifford Miranda, the current coach of Chennaiyin FC. There, Noguera helped Goa win the Durand Cup. But he saw bigger success in his time at Mumbai City FC, winning the 2022-23 ISL shield, followed by the ISL cup win in 23-24 season. The next year, he joined Bengaluru FC. Playing as an advanced midfielder, Noguera was one of the key players in the team's journey to the final.

Now at Chennaiyin FC Noguera so far, is deployed as a deep-lying playmaker. While he has played that role in a few matches for Bengaluru, He explained how he is adapting to his role here. "Different teams, different things," he begins, before adding, "The situations are not the same, in BFC we were like doing well. The players have been there for a long time and they were settled. This club (Chennaiyin) is a little different because everything is getting started. Things are building up. So, here the role is a bit different because after the role clarity, we need to improve in things and this is a project that takes time," he told this daily on Monday.

As foreign players left their respective ISL clubs due to the delay in the start of the league owing to administrative issues, Noguera was one of the few players who decided to return to play in India. After his stint in Bengaluru FC, which ended on May 30, 2025, he returned to his home in Madrid to play for CF Rayo Majadahonda. "I was happy because after a long time staying with my family and my girlfriend. At that moment it was the right decision to stay there. But after the league was announced, Clifford called me and explained the project. I was convinced by it. One more year here trying to play for a club that has the will to do things. At that moment, it was the right decision," he said. Noguera has made 395 professional appearances, including a few for Atletico Madrid and Blackpool in England. The 36-year-old, when asked about how he is planning his years ahead, said that he is trying to 'survive day by day'.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Candidates: Horrible game, says Vaishali

ENS @ Chennai

THE Candidates tournament has not proceeded as per R Praggnanandhaa's best laid plans. With Javokhir Sindarov in pole position to emerge as D Gukesh's challenger, Indian interest has quietly turned to the women's Candidates. And with R Vaishali picking up two wins in as many days, she has positioned herself as the best placed challenger to leader Anna Muzychuk with half the tournament remaining.

On Sunday, Vaishali, featuring in her second Candidates event, beat Tan Zhongyi in a wild game. "It was horrible," was her post-match summary. In the eighth round on Tuesday, she will face Bibasara Asaubayeva while Muzychuk will face Divya Deshmukh.

Standings (after Rd 7): Open: 1. Javokhir Sindarov 6 points; 2. Fabiano Caruana 4.5; 3. Anish Giri, R Praggnanandhaa 3.5; 3.5. Wei Yi, Matthias Bluebaum 3; 7. Hikaru Nakamura 2.5; 8. Andrey Esipenko 2. Women: 1. Anna Muzychuk 4.5 points; 2. R Vaishali 4; 3. Zhu Jiner, Aleksandra Goryachkina, Kateryna Lagno, Divya Deshmukh 3.5; 7. Bibisara Assaubayeva 3; 8 Tan Zhongyi 2.5

Rugby Premier League 2026 from June 16

NEW DELHI: The second edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL), which is organised by GMR Sports in partnership with Rugby India, will be held at the Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad, from June 16 to 28. Like its inaugural season, the league would be held in the fast-paced Rugby 7s format. It will feature the six franchises from the first edition. The announcement follows GMR Sports' recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana.

Mixed rifle and pistol teams to open campaign

GRANADA: Indian shooters will look to assert themselves as a strong force when the Rifle/Pistol World Cup gets underway here on Tuesday with the 10m air rifle and air pistol events set to open the competition, though the challenge is expected to be formidable given the depth and quality of the accomplished field. In the pistol event, Asian Games champion Palak Gulia will team up with Mukesh Nelavalli, while 2025 World Cup Finals silver medalist Sainyam will partner Ujjawal Malik.

Asian Wrestling: Lalit to fight for gold medal

NEW DELHI: Lalit dominated China's Huoying Shi to enter the men's 55kg Greco Roman gold-medal match at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on Monday. The 23-year-old Lalit outclassed Huoying Shi 11-3 in the semifinals. But Aman (77kg, Greco Roman) and former champion Sunil Kumar (87kg, Greco Roman) went down in their respective semifinals on a mixed opening day for the Indian contingent. They will contest for bronze on Tuesday.

AIFF condole death of Sangma

NEW DELHI: The AIFF on Monday condole the death of former India forward Gilbertson Sangma, often referred to as "Assam's Pele". Sangma, who died in Guwahati on April 3, was 70. A forward of repute from Assam, Sangma represented India in 1975. He made his senior national team debut against Indonesia on April 17, 1975, in the Marah Halim Cup. Sangma had been unwell for the last couple of years due to age-related ailments.

BIZZARE AFFAIR

Misogynist XI, team name in a Noida corporate T20 tournament

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AT any given point in time, YouTube hosts a number of unrecognised cricket tournaments. People within India tune in to watch these games because, well, there's always an audience for live cricket here. One such match, streamed on the platform on

Sunday, raised eyebrows because of the names of the teams who were facing each other. Misogynist XI were playing against Ruthless Indian (Warriors) in a Noida ground. Two teams are part of the five-month long Smashers Cup, a corporate meet, in Noida.

When one of the organisers asked about the team name

MISOGYNIST XI	193/6 (28.6 Ov)
RUTHLESS INDIAN (WARRIORS)	196/3 (15.4 Ov)
Ruthless Indian (Warriors) won by 7 wickets	

Screengrab of the scorecard between two teams in Noida on Sunday

when they had come to register for the tournament last year, 'they were okay with it'. "When they came for registrations, I asked them about the

name and why they decided to have it," one of the organisers told this daily. "I asked them about the name and why they decided to have it. Only they

knew why they named it (like that). As an organiser, we do research about teams interested to take part in our event. We did the same in this case as well. They fulfilled our criteria."

When this daily got in touch with one of the team members of Misogynist XI, they said that they have already applied for name change. "We have re-

alised that it was a big mistake," the member told this daily.

"We have contacted the organisers and applied for a change. We never meant that and after naming the team, we just forgot about it as we got busy with our jobs and cricket. But I admit we should not have done it and we will rectify our mistake. We are sorry."

Symptoms

A breast lump or thickened area of skin that feels different from the surrounding tissue



Changes in the colour of the breast skin. In people with white skin, the breast skin may look pink or red. In people with brown and black skin, the breast skin may look darker than the other skin on the chest or it may look red or purple



Change in size, shape or appearance of the breast



Changes to the skin over the breast, such as skin that looks dimpled or looks like an orange peel



WHY WOMEN DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER DELAY TREATMENT

SINDUJA JANE @ Chennai

LAST October, a 30-year-old woman walked into the Chennai Breast Centre for a general evaluation as she had noticed lumps in her breast. She was clinically diagnosed with breast cancer, while a biopsy was suggested to confirm the findings. The doctor treating her said the cancer was in the early stages. However, she did not come back for the biopsy and instead went in search for a cure in alternative medicine and other therapies. As her condition did not improve, she came back to the centre this month, and the biopsy was performed. But this time, the cancer was found to be in stage two, and the 1cm tumour had grown to 3cm. She is on treatment now.

“This is one of the many cases of delayed treatment. Many women prefer to be in denial mode when they are diagnosed with breast cancer. Even if they suspect breast cancer, they come in late for treatment owing to various reasons including fear of being diagnosed with cancer,” said Dr Selvi Radhakrishna, senior consultant and oncoplastic breast surgeon in Chennai.

According to data from the Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, for 2023, only

3% of patients who came for treatment to the institute for breast cancer were at stage one, 35% at stage two and 37% at stage three, and 18% came at stage 4.

Health experts are flagging this as a concern, as breast cancer ranks number one among all cancers in women in India and it is the leading cause of female cancer related deaths as per the latest GLOBOCAN 2022 report, released in early 2024.

When treatment is delayed, the tumour grows and spreads to other organs like bone, liver, lung and brain. Surgery is done after initial chemotherapy. The stage in which the tumour becomes big or has skin involvement or has axillary lymph nodal spread is called “locally advanced breast cancer”, with no spread to distant organs. If this spread happens, it is stage four or metastatic, said Dr V Sridevi, professor, surgical oncology, Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar.

“When women come early, the treatment will be simpler with a chance of preserving the breast (breast conservation surgery). They can also avoid chemotherapy and the cure rate is also high. When they come late for treatment, it often involves a combination of surgery, chemo and radiation. It is still curable, though the success rate is lesser,” said Dr Sridevi.

Health experts say that many prefer to be in denial mode, causing the tumour to grow and spread to other organs like bone, liver, lung, and brain



RISK FACTORS

Family history of breast cancer

Personal history of breast cancer: If you've had cancer in one breast, you have an increased risk of getting cancer in the other breast

Personal history of breast conditions

Beginning your period at a younger age

Beginning menopause at an older age

Gender: Women are much more likely than men are to get breast cancer

Dense breast tissue: Breast tissue is made up of fatty tissue and dense tissue. Dense tissue is made of milk glands, milk ducts and fibrous tissue. Having dense breasts can make it harder to detect breast cancer on a mammogram

Alcohol consumption

Having your first child at an older age

Having never been pregnant: Having been pregnant one or more times lowers the risk of breast cancer

Increasing age

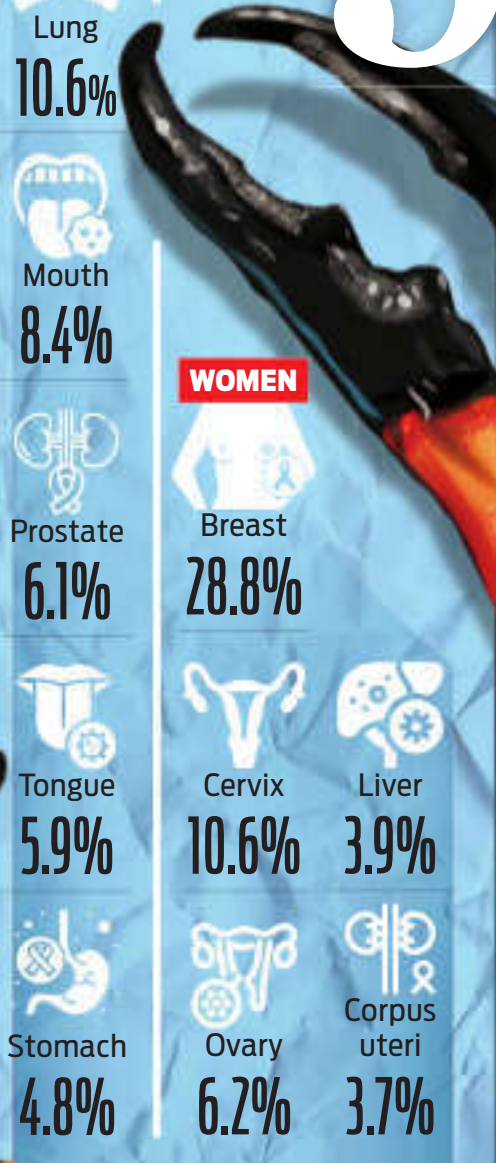
Inherited DNA changes that increase cancer risk

Menopausal hormone therapy: The risk is linked to hormone therapy medicines that combine estrogen and progesterone. The risk goes down when you stop taking these medicines

Obesity

Exposure to radiation: If you received radiation treatments to your chest as a child or young adult, your risk of breast cancer is higher

TOP 5 CANCERS



(Source: mayoclinic)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Sri. GIRISHA.B. S/o. Basaviah, Resident at No.1085, Vedika Nilaya, Chikkadevaraya Road, 14th Cross, Weavers Colony, Pipe Line, Srinagar, Bengaluru-560 050, Aadhaar No. 6170 0748 4689, is intending to purchase the hereunder mentioned schedule property from its absolute owners Sri.K.Ramaiah S/o.Late.Krishnaswamy.S and Sri.M.Pavankumar S/o.Adhikeshavulu Naidu. Any person(s), financial institution(s), or entity having any right, title, interest, claim, lien, charge, mortgage, inheritance, tenancy, easement or whatsoever nature of claim over the Schedule Property described herein below, are hereby called upon to submit their objections, if any, together with supporting documents, to the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the property is free from all encumbrances, claims, and objections, and my client shall proceed with the purchase of the same. Any claim received thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Land bearing Survey No.28, Khatha No.41, situated at Anaholi Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, measuring 3.97hectares and bounded on:-

EAST by : Christina's Property
WEST by : Remaining Property of Survey No.28
NORTH by : Hosakerehalli Gadi
SOUTH by : Remaining Property of Survey No.28

BABU.C Advocate
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IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE 15th ADDL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU CITY C.MISC NO. 7888/2025 1. Sri. CHANDRAPPA, S/o. Late. S.G. Kittappa, Major in age,2. Smt. LAKSHMAMMA Dio. Late. S.G. Kittappa, Major in age, Both are Riat. No. 54/1, 7th Main, Muneshwara Temple Road, Hosapalya, Bangalore-68 ...PETITIONERS And:-

The Registrar of Births & Deaths,Assistant Director Statistics, BBMP, Mahadevapura Zone, Bangalore. ...RESPONDENT
PAPER PUBLICATION
WHEREAS, the petitioners named above have filed the Death petition for issue of Death Certificate of the deceased, deceased is the father to the petitioners who is named as S.G. KITTAPPA & KRISHNAPPA.G, S/O. LATE. GIYAPAPPA as he died on 04.02.2017 at No. 54/1, 7th Main, Muneshwara Temple Road, Hosapalya, Bengaluru,

The death certificate is required for the documentation purpose/Katha transfer and to maintain family status quo, the same will be published in English News paper Indian Express and Kannada News paper-Janatha vani Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person, or by pleader duly instructed on date 12/5/26 at about 11.00 AM informed to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declare as Ex-parte Given under my hand and the seal of this court this the

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
SENIOR SHRISTEDAR XV ADDL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT
A.C.J.M BENGALORE
ADVOCATE FOR PETITIONERS
L. N. LAKSHMIPATHI, ADVOCATE,
NO. 6,Sri Gangadevi Nilaya,3rd Cross, Chikka Thogur Gate, Electronics post, BENGALURU 560 100.

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IFT NO: MMU/Admin/Man Power/E-Procure/624/2026-27/01.02.03.04 Date:06.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites Biennial tenders for providing Man Power for 1. Maintenance Work in Various Sections of Main Dairy Processing, Plant Account & RMRD, Quality Assurance, Pre-Pack, Canteen, 2. Maintenance work in Various Sections of Main Dairy Refrigeration, Boiler, Maintenance, Electrical, Engineering, Civil, ETP at Main Dairy, WTP, Instrumentation & Automation, KR Pet. Chilling Center and ETP Work 3. All Sub-Offices and Main Dairy Maintenance Work of Various Sections 4. Preparation of Cream, Butter, Ghee, Peda, Khova, Burfi, Special Milk Burfi, Khova Laddu, Jaggery Burfi, Panner Nippattu, Curd Lite, Masala Majjige, Panner, Sweet Lassi, Probiotic Mango Lassi, Probiotic Strawberry Lassi packing into bags/carton & maintenance work.

Tenderer can download documents from: **06.04.2026**, Pre bid meeting: **21.04.2026 at 11.30 hrs**, Last date of submission of tender: **05.05.2026 at 17.00 hrs**, Date of opening of Technical tender: **07.05.2026 after 11.30 hrs** & Commercial Bid opening: will be intimated. Interested Tenderer's may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal <https://Kppp.karnataka.gov.in> / Website: www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in and also contact helpline No: **080-25501227/25501216**, e-mail: hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

The Mandya Milk Union Limited (MANMUL) will not be held responsible for any technical issues on the website, delay in the last date of submission, or non-receipt of the tender by the specified deadline.

Sd/-
Managing Director
Mandya Dist.co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No.964, RR Plaza, First Floor, 2nd Block BEL Layout, Vidyanarayapura, Ph.080 35694123, Bangalore-560097 Email Id: vidyanarayapura@canfinhomes.com CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

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

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **30.01.2026** calling upon the borrowers **Mr.Mohammed Mustafa Ali Siddiqui And Mr.Mohammed Sadat Ali** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.35,45,765/-** (Thirty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Five only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 (of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002) on this the **06th day of April of the year 2026**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd for an amount of **Rs.35,45,765/-** (Thirty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Fiveonly) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site no.02,BBMP ward no.41,Assessment No.86/1 & 87/1,Nelagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru. Measuring: East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the:- East by: Site No.1, West by: Site No.3, North by:Road, South by: Site No.11.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,
Date : 06.04.2026
Place : Bengaluru

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- **MRS JAYASHREE**
Loan A/c No. : **411500012798**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site no 37, Municipal Khata No. 72/1,76/1 and 76/2 Khatha SI No. 864, Khatha No.864/37, situated at Valagerehalli village, Vaddarapalya, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet, together with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the :-

East by: Road

West by: Site No. 4

North by: Site No. 38

South by: Site No. 36

SPECIFICATION OF THE BUILDING

The Schedule property consist of 10 squares RCC Roofed house, constructed with bricks and cement, vitrified flooring, hone wood doors and windows with all civic amenities

Date of Demand Notice	19/12/2024
Amount Demanded	Rs.90,35,939.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Date of Possession	19/08/2025
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd Account No: LHFLBA411500012798 IFSC CODE: HDFC0000099
Reserve Price	Rs.1,10,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs.11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.1,06,52,745.47/- (Rupees One crore six lakhs fifty-two thousand seven hundred Forty-five rupees and Forty-seven paisa only)
Website of E-Auction	https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	4TH MAY 2026 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM
Address where property documents can be inspected	BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL, HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	5TH MAY 2026 & 10:00AM to 1:00PM
Contact person	Mr. A.S.R PHANINDRA, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	6TH MAY 2026 till 3:00PM
E Auction Date & Time	7TH MAY 2026 & 11 AM to 3.00PM

*** Initial Bidding increment is Rs 25,000. However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise.**
*** For Terms and Condition kindly visit the following website <https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/>**

Place: Bangalore
Date : 07.04.2026
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd.

DIRECTOR-ACTOR ANURAG KASHYAP, WHO HAS SHIFTED BASE TO B'LURU, GETS CANDID ON THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE OF FILMMAKING – 'PROPAGANDA' GENRE, CLASS BIAS IN THE DIGITAL SPACE, CREATIVE FATIGUE – AND WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY AUTHENTIC TODAY

ANJALI RAM

INEMA has always resonated with the times it is made in, and today, the debate around 'propaganda' termed as a genre, is louder than ever. For **Anurag Kashyap**, the filmmaker, known for pushing boundaries with films like *Gangs of Wasseypur*, *Dev D* and *Ugly* – this growing conversation around propaganda in cinema is not new. "Propaganda has always existed in cinema. If one film is propaganda, the opposing film becomes counter-propaganda," he says at the Raihan Vadrated Bengaluru Art Weekend festival, pointing to the discussion around *Dhurandhar 2* starring Ranveer Singh. "The real issue is that films presenting facts as facts are not being made. Films that hold up a mirror are too troubling," adds the filmmaker, who recently shifted base to ooru.

That discomfort, in a way, he believes, is built into the system itself, as he comments on the current filmmaking climate. "Today, the first person

reading your script is a lawyer, not producer," he laughs, indicating that the result is a shrinking space for risk, provocation, and finally for honesty in film-making. "I've put film-making on the back burner because I'm unable to make honest films now. There is no point making a film if it doesn't reach people," he emphasises.

But Kashyap's concerns extend beyond the industry – he sees a larger cultural shift changing both cinema and its audiences. "Prejudice has always existed, but now it has been empowered. It is a peculiar time to live in," he says. The idea of perception over authenticity also plays out in today's digital culture. Referring to the scrutiny faced by creators from non-urban backgrounds, stirring debates around figures like Pujarini Pradhan of 'Life of Puja' – Kashyap underlines the class bias. "Just because someone comes from a certain background, people discredit them. This bias comes from looking down on people from smaller towns. I still feel like an outsider. I don't fit into what is expected," says Kashyap, who hails from a small town near Varanasi. "If

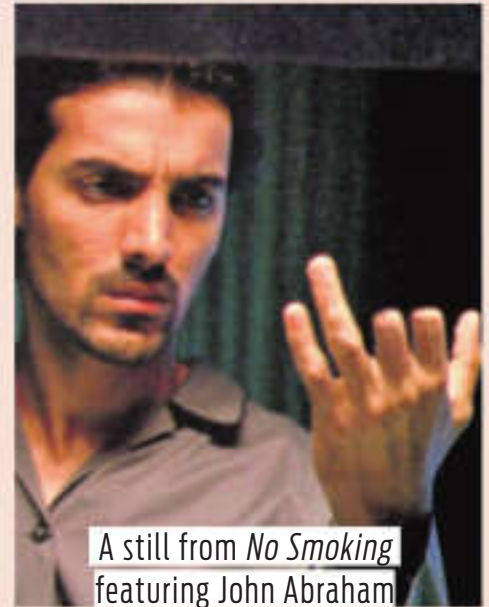
you want to do the work, you can do it from anywhere," he says. But aspiration complicates things, he notes, stating, "If you want to be a star, then networking, access and privilege come into play."

He shares that the distinction between wanting to create and wanting to be seen as a 'star' sits at the heart of his understanding of storytelling. "If your need to make a film is greater than your need to be called a filmmaker, writing becomes easier. Finish your script before you read it," he says. His process, too, resists structure. "I don't rely

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completely on the script. I tell actors the situation, not the lines. I don't say 'cut'. I let the scene go on. I tell each actor something different... and then I pick what I need from it," he laughs.

His most defining films emerged merely from instinct and chance – majorly from personal upheaval. "Everything that I intentionally did was a bomb. This was the one that just happened," he says, referring to the origins of *No Smoking*. "I said 'yes' to a film when I had no story. Between saying 'yes' and reaching the meeting, I had to come up with something. At that time, I was going through a divorce. I couldn't see my daughter. So I wrote a story of a man who loses everything and tries to get it



A still from *No Smoking* featuring John Abraham

back. That idea didn't stick, so I just told John Abraham another story about a man trying to quit smoking." Ideas spark from anywhere, as he remembers the same personal intensity fed into *Ugly*. "That film came from an angry place; it wouldn't have been that film if I wasn't in that state," he shares.

Even as new technologies enter the space, Kashyap is sceptical of their creative impact in the next five years. "AI cannot feel empathy – that's where artists will always matter," he says.

For now, Kashyap is stepping back to return to writing. "I believe making people uncomfortable is one of the purposes of art," he says, hinting at a transition. "I act because I need a source of income. I'm not making films right now. Now I've started writing, so I don't have to make films out of compulsion."

PREVIEW



Ahead of a talk in the city, costume designer Pia Benegal looks back on her career, working with her father and legendary filmmaker Shyam Benegal and helming Sahyadri Films after his passing. Full interview in *CE* soon.

CITY READ

Real estate group organises coffee rave property showcase

Sattva Group, on April 4, hosted a unique coffee rave at its new project, Sattva City, located on Airport Road, North Bengaluru, turning a typical property showcase into an unexpected party destination. Getting around 300 confirmations, the event combined artisanal coffee by SUBKO with energetic music by DJ Rohit Barker, alongside live



interactions with consumers by Radio Indigo. The 50-acre development focuses on modern, experience-led living with open spaces and curated amenities. Shivam Agarwal, VP-strategic development, said the event aimed to offer an enhanced experience reflecting modern community living for buyers seeking culture, connection and lifestyle, not just a home.

IPL fever: Curated hotel menu to create match-day magic

To elevate the IPL fever, Oasis Brewery on Whitefield Main Road, has launched special menus featuring team-inspired bites and powerplay cocktails. Guests can kick off the game with flavour-packed starters like the Chennai Super podi idli, Mumbaia bhel puri, Knight Riders spicy chilli paneer and Lucknowi katori bhujia, alongside non-vegetarian favourites like king koli menasu fry, Hyderabad chicken samosa and Delhi Capital tandoori chicken. The highlight of the season is the IPL powerplay cocktail pitchers, including Super Kings power blast, RCB slam long island iced tea, Punjab power punch mojito and more, meant for sharing while cheering for your favourite team. Quick shots, like superstrike shots and supernova sixer bombs, will amp up the excitement of the matches, paired with craft beers. The experience is priced at ₹1,500 for two. For details, call : 080 4588 8939.



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CARE FOR ALL: THE TRUE MEASURE OF HEALTHCARE



n cities that never slow down, health often becomes reactive. We work through fatigue, ignore minor symptoms, and postpone check-ups, until something forces us to stop.

But what if the real power of healthcare lies in never reaching that point?

This World Health Day, the focus is shifting toward preventive healthcare—prioritizing early detection, timely intervention, and long-term wellness over crisis management.

At United Hospital, this philosophy is central to care, bringing advanced healthcare closer to the neighbourhood, enabling timely access and continuity.

A key example is CT Calcium Scoring—a non-invasive heart scan that detects calcium buildup in coronary arteries, an early indicator of heart disease. Using an AI-powered 384-slice CT scanner, the test is quick, accurate, and helps identify risk before symptoms appear, especially for individuals with diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, or a family history of heart disease.

Beyond cardiac care, United Hospital's strengths in Orthopaedics & Urology, address a wide range of urban health concerns. In orthopaedics, robotic-assisted total knee replacement (TKR) enables faster precision



Dr. Vikram Siddareddy,
Chief Managing Director & General Surgeon,
United Hospitals

and faster recovery. In urology, conditions such as kidney stones and prostate health issues are managed through early diagnosis and timely intervention, with non-invasive treatment options like ESWL (Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy) also available for effective management of kidney stones.

Preventive care also extends to focused community initiatives. The hospital's women's preventive health initiative, launched on International Women's Day, saw over 3,000

registrations, reflecting growing awareness around early screening and diagnosis. "Preventive care is not just about screenings, it is about building awareness and engaging with communities proactively. Our focus is to bring healthcare closer to people through meaningful initiatives that encourage early action and long-term wellness," says Dr. Vikram Siddareddy, CMD, United Hospital.

Equally important is financial preparedness during emergencies. Medical Emergency Care (ME Care), an emergency healthcare plan, offers up to 1 crore coverage at an affordable cost of 10 per day. Designed as a transparent, cashless model, it reduces financial stress while ensuring timely access to quality care.

At its core, neighbourhood healthcare is built on consistency, regular screenings, timely follow-ups, and continuous engagement that keep individuals ahead of potential risks.

Because the future of healthcare lies not in treating illness, but in anticipating and preventing it. After all, the best healthcare isn't the one you need in a crisis, it's the one that helps you avoid one.

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PRIYANKA KUMAR JOINS KARTHIK MAHESH'S SEETHA RAMA RAJU



A S HARADHAA

The Keerthi Krishnappa-directed film features Ravi Shankar as a police officer, and the makers have kept one other key character a mystery



Artists and technicians, along with producer Arun Kumar, attended the film's muhurat

ARTHIK MAHESH is set to headline Keerthi Krishnappa's upcoming genre-bender, *Seetha Rama Raju*, which officially went on floors with a traditional muhurat. According to the makers, the title showcases the names of the central characters: Seetha, Rama, and Raju. The makers unveiled the film's first look, featuring Rama on a vegetable cart, on a quest to find Seetha. "The character Raju is being kept under wraps to maintain the suspense," the director reveals.

Adding to the interest is Ravi Shankar, who steps into the role of a police officer. "It's a different kind of role for Ravi Shankar, and audiences will get to see a new side of him."

Priyanka Kumar, known for her work in Suri's *Bad Manners*, Rishi starrer *Rudra Garudra Purana*, and Mansore's *Doora Theera*

Yaana, plays Seetha in the film. "Karthik Mahesh and Priyanka Kumar make a fresh and interesting pair," Keerthi says, adding, "The film blends emotion, humour, romance, and thrill, and it's been a refreshing experience on set."

Priyanka, who has joined the cast, says, "I am glad to be working with a new and talented set of artistes and technicians. This role will have a different arc, with layers to explore. Personally, I have a lot to learn from the character."

Produced by Arun Kumar R under the Matriz Movie Makers banner, *Seetha Rama Raju* is one of three projects they are currently backing. With dialogues by Kraanthi Kumar, and cinematography by Abhilash Kalathi, the film will have music by Raghavendra V.

"*Seetha Rama Raju* is a genre-bender with surprises at every turn," adds Keerthi Krishnappa. "It's a fun and emotional ride that will keep the audience guessing. We can't wait to share this journey with everyone."

CE FEATURES

SWASTHIK, after working behind the scenes in over eight films, including *Rustum* with director Ravi Varma, *Andodittu Kaala* with Keerthi Krishnappa, and projects with the makers of *Cheetah*, steps into the limelight with his debut directorial, *Darshana*.

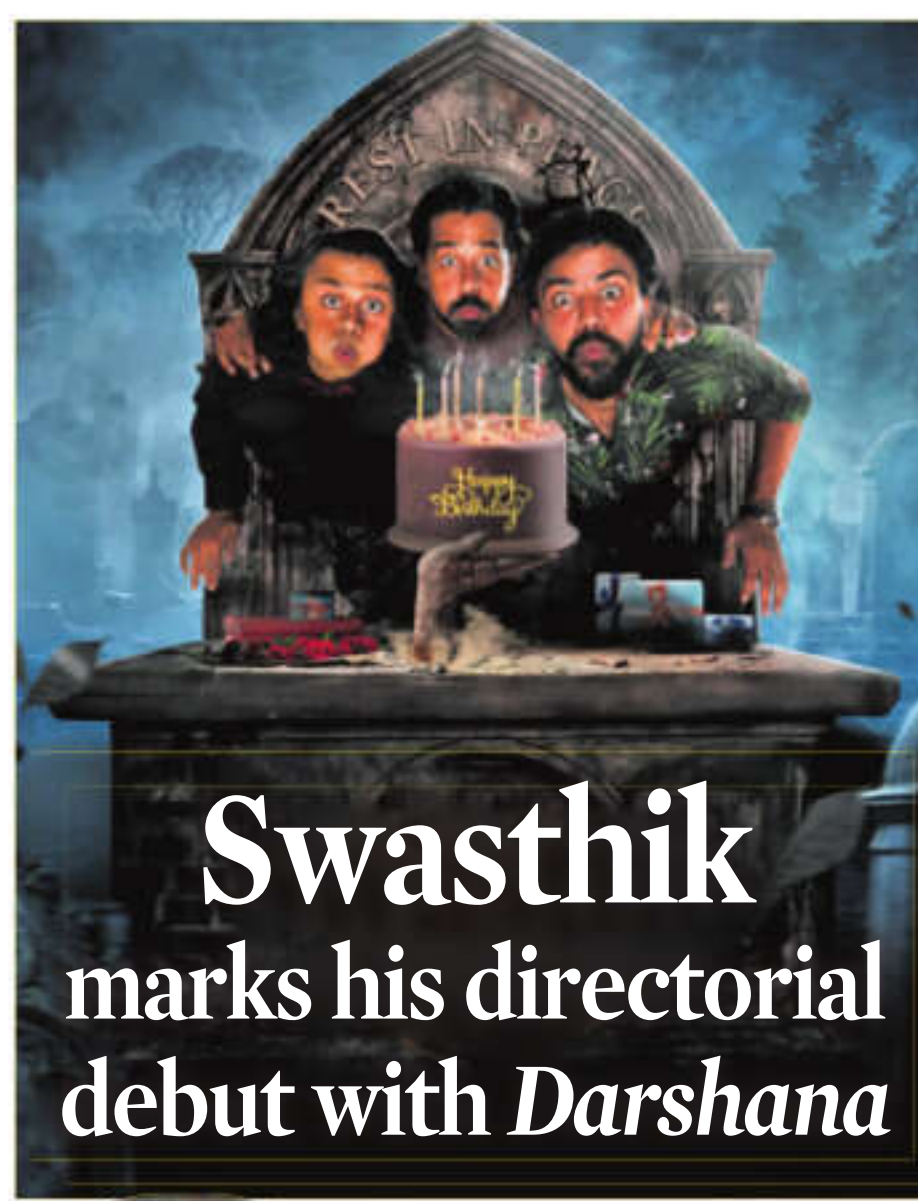
The film brings together a mix of interesting actors: Pruthvi Ambaar and Tabla Nani, with Nisha Ravikrishnan as the female lead, along with Aditya Ashree and Gowrav Shetty.

The first look poster hints at the film's dark humour: a graveyard in the background, with Pruthvi, Aditya Ashree, and Gowrav Shetty in front of a birthday cake, ready to blow out the candles... while a subtle "Rest in Peace" message looms behind.

"This is out-and-out comedy, mostly under the shade of dark humour," says Swasthik. "There's a lot of exposition, societal commentary, and the title *Darshana* carries a strong meaning about appearance."

For his debut, Swasthik, who chose Pruthvi Ambaar as the lead, says, "I felt he has excellent comic timing, and none of his films have explored this side of him. Tabla Nani, known for his impeccable humour, adds his expertise, while *Daredevil* *Musthafa*-fame Aditya Ashree and Gowrav Shetty have strong roles to play."

Produced by Arun Kumar R's Matriz Movie Makers, *Darshana* is set to begin shooting on April 8. With dialogues by Kraanthi Kumar, and cinematography by Abhilash Kalathi, the film will have music by Shivam, known for his work in *KambliHula*.



Swasthik marks his directorial debut with *Darshana*

"This project is a mix of quirky humour and reflection on society," says Swasthik, adding, "We hope it will surprise the audience and give them a fresh experience."



Swasthik



Tabla Nani

Kumaar revisits Nani's iconic *Eddelu Manjunatha* character for next collaboration

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Kumaar and actor Tabla Nani are back together once again, marking their fourth collaboration after *Chemistry of Kariyappa*, *Critical Keerthanegalu*, and *Love You Muddu*. Over the years, the duo has carved a niche with their offbeat sensibilities and character-driven storytelling, and their latest outing is set to add another interesting chapter to that journey.

This time, what sets the project apart is Kumaar's decision to revisit one of Tabla Nani's most memorable characters from the cult classic *Eddelu Manjunatha*. Instead of a rehash, the filmmaker is crafting an entirely new story around the essence of that character, placing it

in a fresh narrative space.

"We've begun working on the script. For now, we're giving it a working title as *Malkolo Manjunatha*, but the official title will be announced later," says Kumaar.

The film will be produced by Arun Kumar, marking his third venture as a producer. While Tabla Nani is locked in to headline the project, the rest of the cast and technical crew are yet to be finalised.

Known for their consistent collaborations, Kumaar and Tabla Nani's coming together has always sparked curiosity among audiences. "We are bringing a new lease of life to something familiar, tapping into both nostalgia and novelty in equal measure," the director adds.



Kumaar

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WHEN you open the Instagram page of Civic Studios, the production house founded by Anushka Shah, you are not greeted with a plethora of marketing content about the studio's next project. Instead, you find informative posts about topics that are currently on the airwaves. Anushka explains, "If we only show up when we have a release, we've missed the everyday opportunity to shift the conversation." She adds, "We don't see ourselves as just a production house. We are a media house that blends entertainment with social change in multiple formats. Informative posts are an extension of our mission: creating social awareness through the lens of cinema and storytelling."

Anushka, who is also the CEO of Civic Studios, recently backed *Bend It Like Beckham* maker Gurinder Chadha's latest directorial, *Christmas Karma*, an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The musical follows British-Indian businessman Eshaan Sood (a modern-day Ebenezer Scrooge) through a life-changing night in London, forcing

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him to confront his own prejudices. Speaking about the film, Anushka says, "The experiences of Indian immigrants in London are not just about facing discrimination; it also includes facing negative rhetoric from fellow immigrants." She explains that the genesis of *Christmas Karma* happened when a British lawmaker, whose parents were Indian immigrants,

proposed hardline policies on immigration. But why take a light route to discuss such a dense topic? "Song and dance cannot be removed from the lives of the Indian diaspora. While highlighting issues is the focus, the musical format was a good counterbalance." Starring *The Big Bang Theory*-fame Kunal Nayyar as Eshaan Sood, *Christmas Karma* is currently streaming on Prime Video.

Apart from films, Anushka has also backed

Anushka Shah, the founder and CEO of Civic Studios, talks about backing entertainment across different mediums, and her projects with Gurinder Chadha and Naseeruddin Shah

projects, including the short film *It's Only 47°C* and the radio drama *Haat Baat*. Veteran actor-filmmaker Naseeruddin Shah is the co-producer of *It's Only 47°C*, which features Sharib Hashmi as a traffic constable whose day, plagued by a heatwave, is chronicled. "When artists like Naseeruddin Shah and Sharib Hashmi bring their craft to a climate story, they lend it emotional gravity that data alone can't achieve. Their experience means they know how to make an audience feel something—and that's where behaviour change begins," says Anush-

ka. Regarding *Haat Baat*, a radio drama, Anushka says the format was chosen to reach audiences, especially students, through wider distribution. "Climate impact can't wait for a theatrical window," says the producer.

While Anushka is a graduate of New York University and the London School of Economics, it was her time at the MIT Media Lab, where she dabbled in AI, that led to the formation of Civic Studios. The other projects from her banner include *Little Thomas*, starring Rasika Dugal and Gulshan Devaiah, and the microdrama *Scam City*, realised through AI. Anushka is also aware of criticisms of AI, especially regarding water consumption and its use in creative fields like cinema. "AI to support production processes rather than replace IP creation while protecting human creativity and truth matters. We're actively exploring how AI can make climate storytelling more efficient and accessible, while staying mindful of its environmental and ethical costs. The goal is to use it to amplify urgency, not replace the human truth at the heart of these stories," concludes Anushka.

Chand Mera Dil to hit theatres in May

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that Lakshya-Ananya Pandey starrer *Chand Mera Dil*, being tentatively set for 2025 release. On Monday, the makers finally set a release date for their film. Produced under Dharma Productions, *Chand Mera Dil* will arrive in theatres on May 22. *Chand Mera Dil* is directed by Vivek Soni, who made his directorial debut nearly four years ago with *Meenakshi Sundareswar* (2021). Vivek has also penned the story, besides co-writing the screenplay with Tushar Paranjape. Sachin-Jigar are composing music for the film. Ananya was previously seen in *Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri*. Lakshya, meanwhile, headlined *Ba***ds* of Bollywood, Aryan Khan's directorial debut.



Hokum gets a release date

CE FEATURES

SEVERANCE-fame Adam Scott's upcoming film, *Hokum*, is set to hit Indian theatres on May 8. The horror film is directed by Damian McCarthy, who earlier made *Oddity* (2024).

In *Hokum*, Scott stars as Ohm Bauman, a disturbed and reclusive writer who travels to a remote part of Ireland to scatter his parents' ashes. The journey results in

him confronting sinister creatures of local legends and a mysterious witch said to haunt the area. The cast of *Hokum* also includes David Wilmot, Austin Amelio, and Florence Ordesch.

The upcoming film is the latest in the Irish horror films from McCarthy, who made his debut with *Caveat* (2020). On the other hand, Adam Scott confirmed that he will start shooting for the third season of *Severance* this month.



