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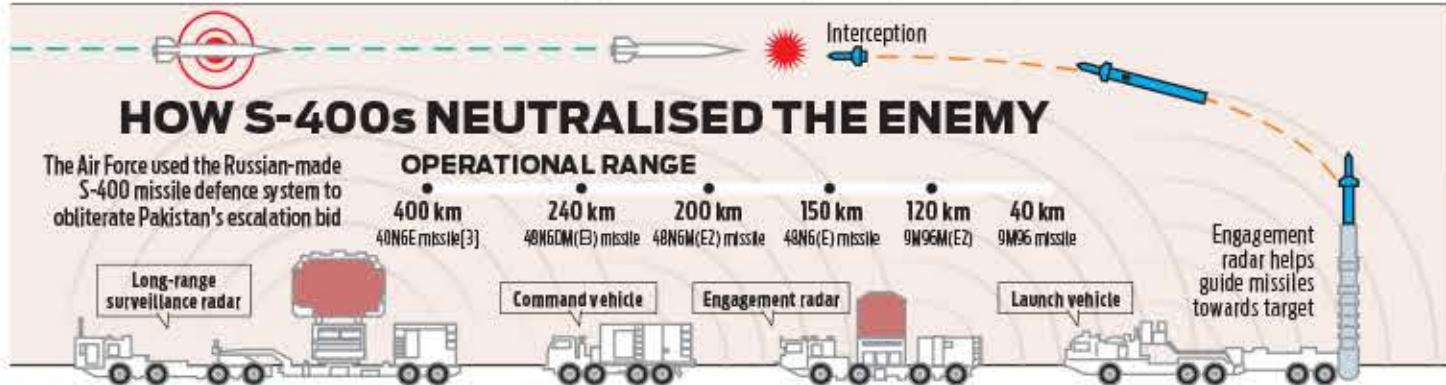
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THREAT NEUTRALISED

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INDIA REPELS PAKISTAN DRONE BLITZ

Swarms of drones and missiles targeting Jammu airport neutralised; bid to bomb parts of Rajasthan, Punjab and J&K blocked; Indian follows principle of proportionate response

FAYAZ WANI, HARPREET
BAJWA, MAYANK SINGH
@ Srinagar/ Chandigarh/New Delhi

TENSIONS between India and Pakistan escalated on Thursday evening after Pakistani drone attacks were reported across parts of Jammu, Punjab and Rajasthan. The Indian air defence system responded swiftly, intercepting multiple drones, triggering air raid sirens and enforcing blackouts in border towns.

India's armed forces followed the principle of proportionate response and negated Pakistan's bid to escalate the conflict. Intense Pakistan shelling from across the border drew a similar response from India.

As the tension ratcheted up in the evening, US secretary of state Marco Rubio spoke to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and called for "immediate de-escalation". He offered "support for direct dialogue between India and Pakistan and encouraged continued efforts to improve communications," US state department said.

Jaishankar said India "will firmly counter any attempts at escalation".

The chain of events began with Pakistan launching missiles and kamikaze drones targeting the Jammu airport, which also houses the Indian Air Force station, and the civilian areas around it. All missiles and drones were neutralised.

Soon after, explosions were reported in Punjab, followed by Pakistani shelling near Pathankot and Kupwara. Moments later, Pakistani drones were seen being intercepted over Rajasthan's Jaisalmer, with visible explosions and flashes lighting up the sky.

The situation quickly escalated as civil administrations across northern India moved into action. Hoshiarpur in Punjab declared an immediate

blackout after loud explosions were heard. "The blackout will continue till further orders," said Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain, confirming that it was enforced following instructions from Air Force authorities. Amritsar, Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula, and parts of Barmer in Rajasthan soon followed with similar blackout orders. Debris believed to be from missiles was recovered from Kumahi Devi village near Hoshiarpur's Talwara, officials said.

"Military stations of Jammu, Pathankot and Udhampur in proximity to the International Boundary in J&K were targeted by Pakistan using missiles and drones. No losses. Threat neutralised by Indian Armed Forces as per SoP with kinetic & non-kinetic means," the Army said.

The Centre attributed the success to the jointness of the armed forces.

Besides, eight missiles from Pakistan directed at Satwari, Samba, RS Pura and Arnia were neutralised. Similarly, a bid to attack two ammunition depots in Jalandhar, drone attacks at the Pathankot airport and the Shahpur Kandi dam were thwarted in Punjab.

Earlier in the day, India had targeted Pakistani air defence systems, including one in Lahore, in response to overnight drone and missile attacks launched by Pakistan. These strikes came just a day after India carried out Operation Sindoor, targeting terror infrastructures in Pakistan, following the April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 civilians.

In Gujarat's Kachchh, border villages plunged into darkness following blackouts. Security agencies remained on high alert, and civil defence protocols were rolled out across states bordering Pakistan.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meeting secretaries of various ministries | PTI

PM meets top officials, calls for emergency preparedness

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a high-level meeting with top officials from various ministries to review national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in light of the escalating conflict with Pakistan.

According to sources, several key issues were discussed in the meeting, including strengthening of civil defence, combating misinformation and fake news, and securing critical infrastructure.

The Cabinet secretary, senior officials from the prime minister's office, and secretaries from key ministries including defence, home affairs, external affairs, information & broadcasting, power, health, and telecommunications attended the meeting, sources said.

The secretaries were directed to conduct a comprehensive review of the operations of their respective ministries and to ensure the fool-proof functioning of essential systems, with particular emphasis on readiness, emergency response, and internal communication protocols.

Rubio calls Jaishankar, seeks quick de-escalation of tension

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

AS tensions flare between India and Pakistan, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Thursday called for immediate de-escalation during a phone conversation with Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. He also spoke to his counterpart in Pakistan.

"The Secretary emphasised the need for immediate de-escalation. He expressed US support for direct dialogue between India and Pakistan and encouraged continued efforts to improve communications,"

said a statement. Rubio also offered condolences for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, in which 26 civilians were killed.

"The Secretary reaffirmed the United States' commitment to work with India in the fight against terrorism. Underlined India's targeted and measured response to cross-border terrorism. Will firmly counter escalation attempts," he said on X. Washington has urged direct communication between the two sides.



Terrorists killed by Indian strikes being given state funeral in Pakistan

'IC-814 HIJACKING MASTERMIND RAUF AZHAR KILLED'

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

ABDUL Rauf Azhar, Jaish-e-Mohammed founder Maulana Masood Azhar's brother and the terror outfit's operational head, was killed in India's airstrikes under Operation Sindoor, officials said on Thursday.

The slain terrorist was considered the mastermind of the IC-814 hijacking in 1999 and involved in the 2001 Parliament attack.

Terming it a major victory, officials said he was killed in the Indian strikes on the Bahawalpur terror hideout early on Wednesday.

Masood Azhar acknowledged that 10 members of his family and four of his close associates were killed

in India's precision air strikes on JeM's headquarters in Bahawalpur.

Those killed included Masood Azhar's sister and brother-in-law. "Now we have confirmation from our sources in Pakistan that Rauf was killed along with 10 of Masood's family members and four close associates," a senior intelligence official said.

"Rauf Azhar's role in orchestrating the IC-814 hijacking directly facilitated the release of Omar Saeed Sheikh, a key Al-Qaeda operative who went on to kidnap and murder Daniel Pearl, an American-Jewish journalist working with the Wall Street Journal," the official added.

GATES OF TWO DAMS OPENED

The gates of two dams in J&K - Salal hydro project in Reasi and Baglihar hydro project in Ramban - were opened on Thursday allowing flow of Chenab water to Pak. Chenab was among the rivers Pak got as part of the Indus Waters Treaty | P10

95.03% students clear Class 12 exam, Ariyalur top performer with 98.82%

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu students recorded a pass percentage of 95.03% in the Class 12 State Board examination results announced by the Directorate of Government Examination (DGE) on Thursday.

Of the 7,92,494 students who appeared for the exam, 7,53,142 have cleared it, marking a slight increase in the pass percentage of 94.56 recorded last year.

Ariyalur, which had occu-

pled the third spot in 2024, emerged as the top performer this year with 98.82% students clearing the exam. It was followed by Erode (97.98%) and Tiruppur (97.53%).

Government schools in the three districts were also the top three performers among state-run schools.

More students took the exam this year compared to last year when around 7.6 lakh had appeared for the examination. The number of absentees also dropped from 11,594 in 2024 to 10,049 this year. P2

| GROUP-WISE PASS PERCENTAGE | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| SCIENCE: 96.99% | COMMERCE: 92.68% |
| ARTS: 82.90% | VOCATIONAL: 84.22% |

| TOP DISTRICTS | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| ARIYALUR: 98.82% | ERODE: 97.98% |
| TIRUPPUR: 97.53% | COIMBATORE: 97.48% |
| KANNIYAKUMARI: 97.01% | |

BLIND ACHIEVER: M Anand, the first visually impaired student to write Class 12 exam using a computer, has scored 486 marks in the boards P2

Duraimurugan gets law, Regupathy minerals & mines in cabinet rejig

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN an unexpected change in portfolios, Chief Minister M K Stalin on Thursday allotted the mines and minerals department held by senior minister Duraimurugan to S Regupathy. The portfolio of law, held by Regupathy, was given to Duraimurugan.

An official release from Raj Bhavan said, "Based on the recommendation of the chief minister, the portfolio of law has been allotted to Duraimurugan, Minister for Water Resources. The portfolio of minerals and mines has been designated as Minister for Natural Resources."

Duraimurugan will continue to hold other cabinet portfolios like Legislative Assembly, Governor and Ministry, Elections and Passports. P7



Regupathy, Duraimurugan

Dharamsala IPL match abandoned midway

CHENNAI: The IPL match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals in Dharamsala was called off midway on Thursday. The BCCI is set to take a call on remaining IPL games | P15

Prevost becomes first US pope as Leo XIV

Rome: Robert Francis Prevost became the first pope from the US, picking the papal name Leo XIV after cardinals from around the world elected him leader of the world's 1.4 bn Catholics | P13

Illegal immigrants: HC seeks report from TN

Madurai: The Madras HC has sought a report from central and state govt on steps taken to deport illegal immigrants after a petitioner claimed 46K foreigners are illegally staying in TN | P4

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1st blind student to write test on PC aces +2 exam

Scores 486 marks in boards with the help of technology, sets sights on English literature

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

M Anand, the first visually impaired student to write the state board exams using a computer, scored an impressive 486 marks (out of 600) in the Class 12 exams, the results of which were declared on Thursday.

Anand, a student of Government Higher Secondary School for the Visually Impaired in Poonamallee, now plans to pursue English literature at Madras Christian College, aspiring to become a professor.

Writing the exam on a computer gave him the freedom to express himself better, he said. "I was initially worried about the economics paper, as it involves several symbols that are hard to type. Thankfully, I was able to skip them by choosing alternative questions. Overall, with practice, using a computer is much easier than relying on a scribe," Anand, a native of Sirkazhi, added.

Before the boards, the School Education Department – based on a government order issued by the Department for the Welfare of the Differently Abled



M Anand used a screen-reading software to type the answers | EXPRESS

– had announced that Anand would be allowed to write the exams on a computer.

The 17-year-old had been training on computers for the past three years for this.

While students have previously used computers to take CBSE examinations, this was the first time in the state a visually impaired student had used computer for the Tamil Nadu State Board exams.

Anand used NonVisual Desktop Access (NVDA), a screen-reading software that enables visually impaired users to navigate and type independently. A scribe assisted him by reading out the questions, while Anand typed the answers himself.

Double-amputee scripts success, scores 471

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Krishnagiri

DEFYING all odds, an 18-year-old boy with no hands scored 471 marks in his Class 12 exam, near Gurubarpalli in Krishnagiri district. A Krithi Varma of Jeenu village lost both hands and three toes on his left foot after an electrocution incident at a poultry farm in Hosur when he was three. Following the incident, his father abandoned the family, and his mother, Kasturi, has been taking care of him with some help from their relatives.

Varma, a student at the Government Higher Secondary School in Gurubarpalli, had



Krishnagiri Collector C Dinesh Kumar paid a visit to A Krithi Varma's house and felicitated him on Thursday | EXPRESS

earlier secured 434 marks in his Class 10 exam and was also appreciated by Chief Minister M

K Stalin and Health Minister Ma Subramanian. Actor-turned-politician Vijay had

also met Varma. Varma told *TNIE*, "My mother and teachers supported me in my endeavour. However, this is low marks. My mother is a garment worker who struggled a lot to support me."

Despite having no hands, Varma can draw and also used to travel by bicycle to the high school near his village. After the results were declared, Varma appealed to Stalin to support his bilateral hand transplant, to which the latter said the health minister would take care of the issue. Subramanian spoke to Varma and has asked him to come to Chennai for a consultation about the transplantation on Friday.

Sexual assault survivor gets 45%, wants to become artist

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

THREE years ago, a teenage girl was found wandering on the Marina beach after escaping years of sexual assault at home. On Monday, she celebrated a quiet victory – passing the Class 12 boards with 274 marks. "I know 45% is not extraordinary, but considering everything I've been through, passing the exam was enough for me," the 18-year-old said.

Denied education and subjected to sexual assault by a close relative, the student was rescued by police and brought to Karunakalya, a shelter home in Chennai. Since then, she has slowly rebuilt her life with the help of counselling, art, and music. "I want to become an artist and express myself through my paintings and music."

Karunakalya founder N Paul Sunder Singh said the student was emotionally withdrawn when she first arrived at the centre.

"With regular therapy and support, she has come a long way. For us, she is an achiever," he said.

The 18-year-old is one of seven students from the shelter home who passed the Class 12 exams this year, many scoring between 45% and 55%. Most of them come from families of pavement dwellers or have experienced severe neglect.

Daughter of ex-bonded labourer scores 341, aims to be cardiologist

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

A Kenamma and R Sivasankaran, both children of rescued bonded labourers, have scored 341 and 401 marks (out of 600) respectively in their Class 12 state board exams, the results of which were declared on Thursday.

Kenamma's mother Amulu said that she was rescued from a brick kiln, where she worked as a bonded labourer along with her husband, when her daughter was just six months old.

"I have lost two of my daughters to diseases, Kenamma is my only hope. From the very

beginning, I have made it clear to her that she needs to focus on studies if she doesn't want a life like mine," said Amulu.

Kenamma, a student of an Adi Dravidar Welfare school in Tiruvallur, was determined to



clear the exams even with the limited resources at her disposal. "I am proud of her achievement," said Amulu, who now works in a self-help group. Kenamma aspires to be a cardiologist.

Life was not easy for Sivasankaran too. As his parents were also bonded labourers, he had his work cut out for him. He had to do all household chores and take care of his siblings before walking six km to school every day.

"I have really worked hard to pass the exam," said Sivasankaran, who is a student of Cuddalore government high school.

26,887 students scored centum in at least 1 subject

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THE overall pass percentages for government, government-aided and private schools are 91.94%, 95.71%, and 98.88%, respectively. While all schools showed improvement compared to last year, government schools saw the pass percentage rise by 0.92 percentage points, from 91.02% in 2024.

Girls (96.7%) outperformed boys (93.16%) this year too. Of the total students who wrote the exam, 4,19,316 were girls and 3,73,178 were boys.

The highest number of centums were scored in Computer Science (9,536), followed by Computer Applications (4,208), Chemistry (3,181) and Mathematics (3,022). The number of students who scored centum in at least one subject stood at 26,887, including 2,853 government school students.

Ariyalur's government schools showed a marked improvement with the pass percentage rising from 95.64% in 2024 to 98.32% in 2025, taking the district to the top spot both in the overall performance and among government schools.



The highest number of centums were scored in Computer Science, followed by Computer Applications, Chemistry and Mathematics | SOWSEN

The government schools in Erode and Tiruppur followed suit with 96.88% and 95.64%, respectively. Among the government schools under different managements, tribal welfare schools occupied the top spot with 95.5% results. Notably, the pass percentage in arts (82.90%) and vocational groups (84.22%) dropped compared to last year, when the numbers were 85.67% and 85.85%, respectively. Among the subjects, the pass percentage was lesser for Accountancy (97.36%) and History (97.74%).

Speaking after releasing the results, School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi announced that students can collect their mark statements, required for higher education admissions, from their schools from May 12. Students can also apply for scanned copies of their answer scripts between May 13 and 17.

Supplementary exams will begin on June 25, and the detailed timetable will be released on Friday. Applications for supplementary exams can be submitted from May 14 to 31. Regular students must apply through their respective schools, while private candidates can apply at centres designated by the Directorate of Government Examinations.

"The number of government school students joining higher education has increased to 74%, indicating an increase in awareness. We expect the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of the state, which currently stands at 47%, to improve," he said. He added that the government has recruited 3,087 new postgraduate teachers and is prioritising the filling of teacher vacancies.

Confirming the reduction in Tamil syllabus, the minister said it has been done to ease the academic burden on students and teachers.

Anbil Mahesh said the state government has written to the union government demanding the release of pending funds. "Nearly one lakh students benefit from RTE admissions, which are part of the Samagra Shiksha scheme. However, ₹617 crore from the centre is still pending. We have stated in our letter that this delay is unconstitutional," he added.

Coimbatore woman clears Class 12 at 68, proves it's never too late to learn

N DHAMOTHARAN @ Coimbatore

A 68-year-old woman from Coimbatore has cleared the Class 12 board examination as a private candidate, over five decades after she dropped out of school. Raani NT, a resident of Kalikkanaickenpalayam on the outskirts of the city, scored 346 out of 600 marks, including 89 in Tamil, 50 in English and 48 in Economics. She studied independently at home without any formal coaching.

A native of Bodinayakanur in Theni district, Raani completed Class 10 in 1972. "There were no opportunities for higher studies in my village back then. After marriage, I moved to Chennai and later to Coimbatore, but family responsibilities kept me from continuing my education," she told *TNIE*.

The turning point came after the death of her husband in 2020. "With my children settled and no major family commitments, I wanted to do something for myself. I bought textbooks and studied every day for



Raani NT of Coimbatore cleared the exam in her first attempt | SSENAGAPANNIVAN

Class 11 exam," she said. After clearing Class 11 in her first attempt, she registered as a private candidate this year for the Class 12 boards. "I want

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Raani NT

ed to take the Science stream, but when it wasn't available, I opted for Arts," she said. Raani, who practises yoga and kalari, now hopes to pursue a degree in physical education. "I don't know if I'll get admission at this age, but I want to try."

She fondly recalls the younger students looking at her with surprise at the exam centre. "I told them there is no age limit to learning."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

09th May: Today's top signs are Leo and Libra which, when you put them together, are perfect for theatrical, colourful and sensitive people. For all of us, it's a day to put on our finery and enjoy the divilised things of the world – good food, great art and pleasant company.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

In spite of the fact that everyone appears determined to pick up the wrong end of the stick, this does seem to be a good time to at least attempt to communicate. There is bound to be some considerable aggression, but then taking promises with a pinch of salt, they should protect yourself against major blunders.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The next forty-eight hours should raise the financial temperature. Do concentrate on your own interests, in spite of the fact the others may have their own rather complex demands. Partners could still be rather fractious, and a loved one may need placating.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon is now offering you a great deal of encouragement and you may right wrongs, make up for injustices and generally correct a serious personal imbalance. Don't imagine that you can get away with half-measures, though. It's time to go the whole way.

CANCER (June 22 - July 21)

Make the fullest possible advantage of a series of splendid planetary aspects. Probably the prime consideration is to see that you take a little time off by yourself. Also, please don't believe unfounded rumours or imagine that others are undermining you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You've got more personal choices coming up. The question is whether you would rather spend time with friends who may be pleasant but dull, or with intimate partners who may be highly stimulating but also rather complicated and unpredictable.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

If you haven't already had some sort of completely random and ill-considered argument, whether with a close partner or a complete stranger, it may yet happen. Mind you, sometimes it does you good to blow your top! It's just that you have to clear up the mess afterwards!

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

What comes to light over the next few days should strengthen your bargaining power. You should check out any legal, ethical or long-term issues today, so that when an opportunity does come along, you are well primed – and can do your best by other people.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You do have a sense of humour, even if some people don't believe it! The moment has come for you to lead others a merry dance – which is just what they deserve. Do keep a very careful eye on the financial situation, partly because a partner is liable to take up a rather extreme position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Now that one series of intensely personal planetary aspects is on the wane, you should begin to feel slightly less hassled. Yet don't expect genuine relaxation until after another few days have passed. Actually, you're most relaxed when you're busy!

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You should spend a little time turning your body up with special attention to exercise and diet. You are slightly sensitive at the moment, and any emotional stress could leave you feeling under the weather. That's why partners should be extra kind to you, and you know it, but I hope they know it!

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You may leave yourself open for a spot of self-indulgence, but should realise that certain planets are tipping you into excess. That would never do! Remember the dangers of swinging to emotional extremes or of putting too many demands on partners.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There is still a considerable amount of tension, but life could be extremely exciting if you have a private goal to achieve. Only Pisceans who are totally dedicated to a passion lifestyle will resist all those mounting personal pressures.

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ACROSS

- Understood one to be in diplomacy (5)
- Drops of water that will harm the eyes (9)
- Difficulty in hearing (5)
- Desert creature (3)
- I'm in time to get a letter of improvisation (9)
- Bill and Gail involved in making textiles (7)
- Thoughtless when dizzy (5)
- Former top tennis player said to be better (6)
- The price of saving desecrated mansions (6)
- After six it's not in order to call (5)
- Failure of French umpire's tennis call (7)
- Out in Spring? Yes (9)
- Transport of internal combustion (3)
- Division has key men mounted outside (7)
- Give someone a sharp reminder? (5)

DOWN

- Upset a caterer in a domestic row (7)
- Drops of water that will harm the eyes (9)
- Difficulty in hearing (5)
- Father quick to get high religious office (6)
- East European country that's stated in US (7)
- Fool takes a retrograde step (3)
- Learning duty's to be charged (5)
- Bud's tired out having been roused from sleep (9)
- Show much interest then change occupation (7)
- Painter out in sea mist (7)
- Not in control yet I draft a new order (6)
- Saves wrecked vessels (5)
- He ran a novel criminal class (5)
- Suitable material for cheap newspaper (3)

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KUREK

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XTPMEE
ALNGGY

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: USURP ADOPT REFUSE USEFUL
Answer: As the daily special, chicken noodle was 50% off, which made it a "SOUP-ER" DEAL.

Cartoon

THEIR SMALL LODGING ESTABLISHMENT WAS GETTING READY TO OPEN AFTER YEARS...

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School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamazhi releasing the Class 12 exam results at the Anna Centenary Library Auditorium in Chennai | ASHWIN PRASATH

City corpn schools register 88% pass in Class 12 boards

PRAVEENA S A @ Chennai

OUT of the 5,387 students who appeared for the Class 12 board exams from Chennai's corporation schools this year, 4,747 passed, registering a pass percentage of 88.12%, slightly up from last year's 87.13%. The pass percentage of boys is 83.7%, and girls 91.46%.

Among districts, Chennai is ranked 35 in the list of performance of government schools including corporation schools.

"Last year, the extended area schools had pass percentages of just above 30%. However, this time, none of the corporation schools have a pass percentage below 64%," a senior corporation official told TNIE.

The corporation plans to focus on Class 11 supplementary students and Class 12 students who fail in single subjects even during quarterly examinations, to improve the overall pass percentage next year. The official attributed the increase to additional training provided for slow and average learners, with a focus on one and two-mark questions and model tests.

Nungambakkam Girls Higher Secondary School is the only corporation school to record a 100% pass percentage like last year. Speaking to TNIE, headmistress Girtija G said that most of her students come from families of daily wagers and housekeeping staff. "We tell students it's enough if they come to school daily and we'll help them clear the exams," she said.

She added that the school follows category-wise training for learners. "For slow learners, we simplify every answer for them to understand better and guide them step-by-step."

CHSS Puliur, CGHSS Saidapet, CHSS Nesapakkam, CHSS Thiruvanniyur and CHSS Kolathur were among the other top-performing schools, with pass percentages ranging from 98.61% to 95.36%.

From the 35 higher secondary schools in the city, 54 per cent have been recorded this year, slightly fewer than last year's count of 56. 65 students scored between 551 and 600 marks, while 247 scored between 501 and 550.

Tailor's daughter scores 591 in Class 12, repeats Class 10, 11 feat

PRAVEENA S A @ Chennai

V KEERTHIKA, the daughter of a newspaper delivery man and a factory tailor, has topped Chennai in the Class 12 board examinations by scoring 591 out of 600 - the highest among all Chennai Corporation schools. A student of Chennai Girls' Higher Secondary School in Pulla Avenue, Shenoy Nagar, Keerthika has once again made her parents proud, as she was a topper in both classes 10 and 11.

Despite her academic brilliance, financial constraints have now forced Keerthika to alter her higher education plans. The savings from her scholarship amount of ₹53,000 were recently used to pay her brother's BTech college fees. With this, an engineering course, her first choice, is no longer an option, says Keerthika. She is now planning to enrol in an arts college, with political science or a related subject and go on to prepare for civil services.

Keerthika lives with her family in the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board tenements in TP Chatram, Shenoy Nagar. "Residing on the ground floor, our toilets often



V Keerthika (R) being congratulated by her teachers at Girls' Higher Secondary School in Pulla Avenue, Shenoy Nagar | P JAWAHAR

get clogged. Though the government staff respond to our complaints after repeated calls, there's never a permanent fix."

"All I ever wanted was to build an independent home for my parents - a peaceful place they could call their own," she adds.

V Suganya, her mother, suffers from varicose vein issues and cannot work, while P Venkatesan, her father, remains the family's sole breadwinner. To ease the burden, Keerthika's brother also helps with newspaper delivery.

"Despite our financial constraints, we always wanted to give our children a good education. But now that the money we had saved for our daughter

has been used up, we can only hope someone comes forward to support her financially in achieving her dream," her mother said.

However, her father put on a brave face, saying he would do whatever he can to ensure his daughter gets to pursue what she wants. "It's a proud moment for us. I will do everything I can to help her pursue what she truly wants."

Mamata V from Chennai Girls' Higher Secondary School (CGHSS), M H Road, Perambur, is also one of the toppers among Chennai Corporation students in the Class 12 board examinations with a score of 588 marks. Pooja P and Roshini K, also from the same school, have each scored 583 marks, jointly



V Keerthika (R) being congratulated by her teachers at Girls' Higher Secondary School in Pulla Avenue, Shenoy Nagar | P JAWAHAR

securing the third position. B Deepa, a student of CGHSS, Nungambakkam, scored 476 out of 600 in the Class 12 examinations, including a centum in economics. Despite facing extreme financial hardships, Deepa remains determined to uplift her family.

Her father works as a daily wage labourer at construction sites, and her mother is employed as a housekeeper. The family lives in a cramped single-room house, paying ₹3,000 as rent, with access to only a shared restroom. Due to the lack of space, Deepa often stayed late at school to complete her studies before returning.

"I want to study BCom at Stella Maris College and get a

government job in the banking sector. My biggest dream is to change our home somewhere and be able to buy things for my family without worrying about the price tag."

Her mother added, "I studied up to Class 9 and her father studied up to Class 10. If someone had supported our education, we would have been in better jobs. I don't want my children to go through the same. Any scholarship or financial support would be a blessing for us."

M Shanmugeshwari, a student of CGHSS M H Road, Perambur, cleared Class 12 with 342 marks on Thursday. Raised by a single mother who earns ₹1,500 a week at a printing company, she now faces pressure to discontinue her studies, as her elder sister was married off after Class 12 due to financial struggles.

Determined to change her fate, Shanmugeshwari worked part-time during school days and holidays and is now seeking a job to fund her college education. "I don't know what to do, but I want to make it through with my education. If anyone provides a scholarship, I believe my mother would let me study," she said.



Students of Everwin Higher Secondary School at Kolattur share the joy after the Class 12 results were announced, in Chennai on Thursday | P JAWAHAR

Ganja peddler arrested for abducting delivery agents

Chennai: The Greater Chennai Police on Thursday arrested a 35-year-old man who was part of a gang of five that abducted two delivery agents on Tuesday by posing as anti-narcotics intelligence unit police. A special team nabbed K Venkatasubramani, who already has a case of ganja peddling against him. The car used to abduct S Velu (20) and his friend Dinesh (20) was also seized.

Velu had gone to a woman's place on Tuesday night with Dinesh to smoke ganja. While they were relaxing, the woman and four other men came into the house and took them to Koyambedu in a car, beat them up and questioned about the location and others involved in the sale of ganja. It is unclear if the delivery agents are peddlers, police said. ENS

Woman held for stealing ₹45,000

Chennai: A 49-year-old woman working as a domestic help at an IT employee's home in Choolamedu was held for allegedly stealing ₹45,000. The accused Vasanthi, had been working for a month at Surrender's home. ENS

CITY COLLEGE

Prof suspended for post on 'Operation Sindoor'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) on Thursday suspended a woman assistant professor after an online status update allegedly put up by her sparked outrage on social media, especially from members of the Tamil Nadu BJP and its supporters.

The order signed by SRMIST registrar S Ponnusamy said that the assistant professor working at its Kattankulathur campus has been suspended with immediate effect, pending enquiry for her involvement in "unethical activities". It did not explicitly cite her status messages or consequent criticisms as part of the reason for the suspension.

The faculty member had reportedly posted status messages criticising Operation Sindoor undertaken by the Indian Army targeting terrorist elements in Pakistan controlled territories, alleging that it caused deaths of innocents as well. Screenshots purportedly showing her status messages were widely shared on social media. One of them read "India killed a CHILD in Pakistan and wounded two people in the early Wednesday strikes. Killing innocent lives for your own bloodlust and for your election stunts is not BRAVERY and it's not JUSTICE. It's a cowardice act".

This evoked sharp criticism from a section of students and teachers in SRMIST and later went viral on social media as well. She was accused of spreading misinformation against India. BJP State Secretary SG Suryah welcomed SRMIST's decision and said it should be ensured that no other institution recruits her. "In case any institution appoints her, they should be humiliated and shamed in public for their anti-India mindset," he said, in a post on social media platform X.

Kidney re-transplant performed on 12-yr-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A kidney re-transplant was successfully performed on a 12-year-old boy from Lucknow by the doctors at the MGM Healthcare Hospital here. The boy was born with a rare vascular condition wherein major abdominal veins and vein networks were absent.

He had previously undergone a kidney transplant but it failed to function properly owing to graft failure. The absence of a venous drainage system presented a major surgical challenge. The surgical team identified and re-used the venous pathways from the earlier transplant to ensure safe and effective placement and blood flow of the new graft. The old kidney was removed while preserving the existing venous structures to facilitate the second transplant, according to a press release.

The boy is recovering well, with early function of the kidney and no complications. Since the child had no patent veins that could be accessed from the groin, the dialysis catheter was placed using a trans-lumbar approach. This allowed the team to successfully perform dialysis for months prior to the renal transplant.

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CM inaugurates TN's first dedicated campus for model school in Tiruchy

977 students of model schools are pursuing higher education in premier institutions, he says

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin inaugurated a government model school campus constructed at a cost of ₹57.47 crore on 3.20 hectares of land on the Government Polytechnic College campus in Thuvakudi on Thursday. The model school had been functioning temporarily near Ammapettai since 2021.

"I had said that the model schools I visited during my trip to Delhi in 2022 would be established in Tamil Nadu, and we have established 38 model schools, one per district, in the state," Stalin said.

Accordingly, permanent infrastructure was built and the first building had been opened in Thuvakudi, the chief minister said in a post on X.

"These model schools have come up in such a manner that they have turned heads even in Delhi," Stalin said, adding that about 977 students who studied in these schools are now pursuing higher education in premier institutions in the coun-



CM M K Stalin, Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and others during inauguration of the Government Model School in Thuvakudi on Thursday | M K ASHOK KUMAR

try and also abroad.

"We will strive to increase this number," Stalin said and lauded the school education department and Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi for making government schools a symbol of pride.

Apart from the school and hostels, the CM also unveiled a

statue of Tiruvalluvar on the campus and interacted with the students. "The chief minister asked about me and my family. He then wished me a bright future," K Kalaivani, a student, told reporters.

The school aims to prepare government school students for national-level entrance exami-

nations such as JEE and help them secure admissions to premier higher educational institutions.

The school complex houses two four-storey hostels. The infrastructure includes 22 classrooms, separate science and computer labs, a library, multi-purpose hall, first-aid room, office rooms, six rest rooms for men and women, accessible toilets for differently-abled students, and RO drinking water facilities.

Chief Minister Stalin landed at the Tiruchy airport at 11.30 am and arrived directly to the school. He was welcomed by the school's students with flowers. Ministers K N Nehru, Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and S Regupathy, Rajya Sabha member Tiruchy Siva and Lok Sabha member Durai Vaiko welcomed him at the airport.

Principal Secretary for School Education B Chandra Mohan and District Collector M Pradeep Kumar accompanied the CM within the school premises.

TN accrued ₹5L crore debt in 73 yrs, ₹4.6L crore in 4-year DMK rule: EPS



AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami speaking at a party meeting in Salem on Thursday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami on Thursday said his party has already commenced alliance talks with other parties after forging a tie-up with the BJP.

More parties will join with AIADMK-BJP alliance in the next nine months ahead of the 2026 Assembly election, he reiterated while addressing reporters in Omalur, Salem district, after a party meeting.

Responding to a query on DMK treasurer L K Sudhish's claim that AIADMK has assured to provide a Rajya Sabha seat to the party, EPS said that he will brief the media about the matter later.

Targeting the DMK government, Palaniswami said "Those who ruled the state in

Unable to bear DMK govt's popularity among women, EPS running smear campaign: Bharathi

Chennai: DMK organising secretary R S Bharathi accused AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami of engaging in a smear campaign following the example of the BJP, claiming the former was unable to bear the growing popularity of the state government among women. Listing various incidents that took place during 10 years of the previous AIADMK regime, including the Pollachi sexual assault, Marakkanam caste violence, and Thoothukudi firing, among others, Bharathi said that law and order was on its 'deathbed' then. He went on to accuse EPS of hiding the fact that action had been taken against a police officer from the Avadi police station who had misbehaved with a woman and was subsequently arrested. "Whoever is involved in crimes against women, stringent action is being taken against them, to ensure they cannot escape the law under the leadership of CM M K Stalin," he said. "In the past four years, criminal activities have decreased in the state. In the past 12 years, 2024 recorded the lowest number of murders," Bharathi added. ENS

the last 73 years incurred a total debt of five lakh crore rupees. However, within four years of ruling, the DMK government landed the state in a debt of ₹4,56,000 crore."

Real achievement is increasing the revenue of the government, not borrowing huge sums, he added, while wondering who will repay this debt.

Strongly criticising the law and order situation in the state, Palaniswami said the people of the state have faced various struggles in the last four years of the DMK regime.

"Chief Minister M K Stalin is

unaware of what is happening in Tamil Nadu. I hope he would take action against the police personnel attached to Avadi police station who misbehaved with a woman who went to file a complaint regarding her missing bike," he said.

Palaniswami also showed videos of the woman accusing a police officer at a presser.

Regarding Minister S Regupathy's charge that "EPS is sleeping," Palaniswami said "Regupathy said so because he knows I work effectively." He also termed Regupathy a 'slave' of the DMK.

Court seeks report from TN, centre on illegal immigrants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE Madurai Bench of Madras High Court on Thursday sought a report from the central and state governments on the steps taken by them to deport illegal immigrants who are staying in Tamil Nadu.

A vacation bench comprising justices M Dhandapani and R Sakthivel gave the direction on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by KK Ramesh of Madurai seeking a direction to the government to take action against foreign nationals, especially those from Pakistan, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Africa, who are illegally staying in India.

Citing media reports, petitioner claimed that nearly 46,000 foreign nationals are illegally staying in Tamil Nadu despite expiry of their visa. He alleged that such persons collude with political party leaders and involve in illegal activities like transporting drugs, weapons, etc. He also cited the recent terror attack in Pahalgam and sought the above direction. He further sought an interim direction to cancel the registration of political parties which support terrorists.

The judges orally observed that though the court issued a series of directions a few years ago to tackle the issue, the government has not taken any steps and remains a silent spectator. They issued notice to the Union Ministries of Home and External Affairs, Election Commission of India, State Home Department and Director General of Police and directed them to file a report at the next hearing on June 9.

Notice issued to Sivaji Ganesan's sons on appeal against lifting of bungalow's attachment order

Chennai: The Madras HC on Thursday ordered notice to late actor Sivaji Ganesan's sons Prabhu and Ramkumar, and others, on an appeal filed by a film financing company challenging a single judge's order to recall the order for attachment of parts of late actor Sivaji Ganesan's T Nagar bungalow in a money dispute case. A vacation bench of justices N Mala and G Arul Murugan directed the respondents, including the late actor's sons and grandson Dushyanth Ramkumar, to file counter-affidavit to the appeal moved by Dhanabakkam Enterprises by June 3, 2025. However, the bench refused to stay the operation of the single judge's order and adjourned the hearing to June 3. ENS

PMK conference: HC asks party to give undertaking

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

AMID apprehensions expressed over the likelihood of unseemly events during the PMK's ambitious 'Chithirai Muzhu Nilavu' rally and conference scheduled to be held on May 11, the Madras High Court on Thursday ordered the party to furnish an undertaking to the police for strict adherence to the pre-conditions to ensure no law and order problems are created.

A division bench of justices N Mala and G Arul Murugan issued the orders while disposing of a public interest litigation (PIL) petition seeking to deny permission to the PMK's conference to be held at Thiruvandanthi, near Tirupur.

"The respondent (PMK) shall furnish an undertaking to the North Zone Police IG to the effect that the conditions imposed by the police will be scrupulously adhered to," the bench said in the order. It

also instructed the organisers of the conference to ensure none of the participants carry any arms or ammunitions while attending the event.

The bench directed the North Zone IG to strictly monitor the conduct of the conference and deploy additional contingents of the personnel to ensure no law and issues are created during the programme. Further, it granted liberty to government authorities to impose any such conditions that are deemed necessary to regulate participants, apart from the 42 conditions already imposed.

The PIL, filed by J Muthukumar of Madambakkam, recalled the widespread violence and large scale damaging of public property during a similar PMK rally in 2013, and sought the court to restrain the officials concerned from granting permission to the rally and the conference which coincides with the Chithirai Pournami festival.

He also directed these social media platforms to take down any other links, if identified and communicated by the dancer.

The counsel, appearing for the dancer, submitted that her "image has been misused" on the Meta and Telegram platforms, and her "voice was mimicked probably by use of AI".

The counsel also told the court that fake images of her have been used for luring the public to make financial investments, and sought an order to remove such social media accounts.

MDMK, CPI laud precision strikes in Pak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

WELCOMING the Indian Army's recent strikes on terrorist camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), MDMK general secretary Vaiko and CPI state secretary R Mutharasan lauded the move as a necessary step to protect the sovereignty and security of the nation.

"It is reassuring to hear from the Indian Army that no Pakistani military targets were attacked and that India displayed considerable restraint in both target selection and execution," Vaiko said. However, he cautioned against pushing the region towards war, emphasising that under no circumstances should the Indian government create a situation that leads to civilian suffering.

Echoing him, CPI state secretary Mutharasan said the targeted operation, carefully avoiding Pakistani military installations and civilian areas, reflected the Indian Army's precision and discipline.



A civil defence mock drill was carried out by the CISF along with NDRF and airport fire and rescue personnel at the Chennai airport on Thursday. The TN Disaster Management Authority will conduct two more drills at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tirunelveli district and Unit-2 of North Chennai Thermal Power Station, Athipattu, on Friday at 4 pm | ASHWIN PRASATH

TN SCORES HIGH IN COLLEGE EDUCATION BUT FUND, FACULTY CHALLENGES REMAIN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

TAMIL NADU is a top performer in higher education as validated by its Gross Enrolment Ratio of 47%, which is nearly twice the national average, and in number of higher education institutions proportionate to the population.

Such figures, however, mask some crucial issues ailing the sector like the financial situation of state-run universities, faculty vacancies, and quality of education and research.

To its credit, the DMK government led by Chief Minister M K Stalin has introduced impactful schemes like Naam Mudhalvan, Tamil Pudhalvan and Pudhumal Penn to encourage more students to enrol in higher education and upskill themselves. For instance, Pudhumal Penn scheme which offers monthly scholarship of ₹1,000 to women students has helped double the number of girl students in higher education from 2.09 lakh in 2022-23 to 4.06 lakh in 2024-25.

Naam Mudhalvan, an upskilling initiative, is being implemented in 353 engineering colleges and 827 arts and science colleges.

The effective functioning of state-run universities, however, has been severely affected in the past few years due to the



Chief Minister M K Stalin launching the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme at the Government Arts and Science College, Coimbatore, in 2024 | FILE PIC

tussle between Governor R N Ravi and the TN government.

With the Supreme Court resolving this issue to a large extent through a landmark verdict last month, academicians expect the state to address the issues troubling higher education expeditiously.

Of the 22 state universities, 12 are functioning without a Vice-Chancellor and educationists say that it is imperative for the government to swiftly appoint persons of high academic and administrative repute to these posts at the earliest.

Though ₹8,494 crore was allocated to higher education in the 2025-2026 budget, several state universities, including celebrated ones like University of Madras and Madurai Kama-

raj University, are reeling under financial stress. Jurisdictional restriction imposed on these institutes by the University Grant Commission (UGC) in running distance education courses, which was a major source of revenue for them, was one of the key reasons for their financial struggle.

While the state has opposed to the National Education Policy 2020, lack of clarity on State Education Policy, which was planned as an alternative, and clear guidelines on what needed to be followed have affected the state universities' ability to get grants from UGC which is gradually making implementation of certain aspects of NEP a prerequisite for release of funds.

The severe shortage of faculty in government arts and science colleges and universities compounds the crisis. There has been no recruitment of permanent teachers in over

| HIGHER EDU IN TN | |
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| INSTITUTIONS | COUNT |
| State Universities | 22 |
| Deemed-to-be Universities | 29 |
| Central Universities | 2 |
| Arts and Science Colleges | 1,632 |
| Engineering and Architecture Colleges | 463 |
| Polytechnic Colleges | 492 |
| Beneficiaries under Tamil Pudhalvan and Pudhumal Penn schemes: 9.19 lakh | |
| Source: Higher Education Department Policy Note for 2025-26 | |

a decade, resulting in roughly 7,500 vacancies, which are managed by guest lecturers who are paid just ₹25,000 a month.

Although the state rightly takes pride in having highest number of engineering colleges, the expose by NGO Arappor Iyakkam last year blew the lid on rampant malpractice of "ghost faculty," in which same faculty members are shown as working in multiple colleges to meet minimum required staff strength on paper.

The state produced 3,206 PhD in 2020-21, highest in the country, but concerns have been raised about the quality of doctorates. It was also found that only 29.4% of 43,000 PhD scholars across 13 universities managed to finish their thesis within five years.

If the state wants to compete not just with other states, but with other countries, as the CM often says, it is important these issues are addressed quickly.

HC orders removal of online a/cs misusing images, audio of dancer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Madras High Court has ordered social media platforms Meta and Telegram to remove accounts that have been using the images and audio of renowned dancer Anita Ratnam without authorisation.

Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy issued the interim order recently based on a batch of applications and suits filed by the dancer who has alleged that several persons have used her image and audio in their social media

accounts without authorisation for luring the public to make financial investments and thereby have committed infringement of her personality rights. The judge observed that it appears, on a prima facie assessment, the celebrity status and personality rights of the plaintiff have been misused for commercial purposes.

"Therefore, there shall be an order of interim injunction directing the respondents (Meta and Telegram) to take down the links mentioned in the plaint," the judge said in the order.

He also directed these social media platforms to take down any other links, if identified and communicated by the dancer.

The counsel, appearing for the dancer, submitted that her "image has been misused" on the Meta and Telegram platforms, and her "voice was mimicked probably by use of AI".

The counsel also told the court that fake images of her have been used for luring the public to make financial investments, and sought an order to remove such social media accounts.



Stalin

Two techies among four held for raping two minors

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Virugambakkam all women police station (AWPS) on Wednesday arrested four men, including two software engineers, under Pocco Act and other charges for raping two 14-year-old girls. According to the police, the minor girls, who are cousins, had been reported missing since April 30 by their family members.

While the police search was on, one of the two returned home on the night of May 3. When police officials spoke to her about the whereabouts of her cousin, she directed them towards Marina beach, where she was rescued after surveillance by the cops.

When the cops inquired with both of them regarding what happened in the four days they were missing, the girls said that they had roamed the city, stayed at bus termini and slept on



the pavements and benches before heading to the Marina beach. Here they met a guy working at the merry-go-round who sweet-talked them and later allegedly raped them with three of his friends. The accused were identified as R Lokesh (25), his friend Sadhasivam (27) who is an AC mechanic from Arakkonam, and two IT employees Syed (25) and Ashwin (25). According to the police, the girls said the gang had taken them to different places and misbehaved with them. Further investigation is underway to identify if they had misbehaved with any other youngsters as well.



SECONDS BEFORE SPLASH

A group of boys enjoying a cool dip on a summer day at Ammondi village in Vellore | S DINESH

Man strangles 3-year-old to death during burglary bid

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Thoothukudi

AN unidentified man strangled a three-year-old girl to death after trespassing into her house for stealing gold jewellery at Kumarapuram in Tiruchendur, on Thursday.

According to sources, the deceased identified as P Athira, is the daughter of Periyasamy and Parvathi. On Thursday evening, Parvathi and Athira were alone at home when a stranger trespassed into their home and asked to give all the jewellery.

When Parvathi started to scream for help, the stranger pulled the three-year-old girl and strangled her neck before fleeing the home, sources added.

The neighbours who came to rescue rushed the girl to Tiruchendur GH where the doctors declared the baby brought dead. The body had been later shifted to Thoothukudi medical college hospital for postmortem.

Tiruchendur police rushed to the spot and held a preliminary investigation. However a FIR is yet to be registered, said sources.

Speaking to *TNIE*, SP Albert John said there is no evidence to substantiate the robbery attempt as no items from the home are missing.

Further investigations are under way.

When Parvathi started to scream for help, the stranger pulled the baby and strangled her neck before fleeing the home

Sources

Two get life in jail for raping minors

Chennai: A special court in Chengalpattu recently convicted two men for raping minors. In two separate Pocco cases, and handed them life imprisonment. In one of the cases, Ramachandran (51) of Chromepet was convicted for raping a seven-year-old girl and fined ₹3,000. The Chittlapakkam police had registered a case against him on February 15, 2023, based on a complaint from the mother of the victim. In the second case, Aaron (31) of Thiruvottiyur was convicted for raping a nine-year-old girl and fined ₹2,000. The case was registered by Maralmalal Nagar police on January 16, 2019.

Cop held for seeking sexual favour from complainant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CHENNAI: A constable from the Avadi city police was arrested and suspended on Thursday on charges of harassing a woman who had requested his help in recovering her stolen bike. The constable later allegedly asked her to come to a hotel room, which she avoided after her brother dissuaded her.

According to the police, constable Haridas had worked on recovering the woman's stolen scooter recently. While handing it over to her, he allegedly demanded ₹15,000. When she expressed her inability to pay, he bargained for ₹2,000 and asked her to come to a hotel room.

Shocked by the inappropriate behaviour, the woman confided in her brother who accompanied her to the hotel room where he had a heated conversation with the constable that was caught on camera.

Later, the hotel manager called the police and a detailed inquiry was conducted by the Avadi all women police station (AWPS) against the constable. He was formally arrested and sent to prison. The Avadi city police has also launched an internal enquiry against him for violating conduct rules.



Thousands witness celestial wedding in Madurai

M S THANARAJ @ Madurai

SEVERAL thousands of devotees watched the celestial wedding of goddess Meenakshi and lord Sundareswarar that was solemnised by priests in mithuna lagnam between 8.35 am - 8.59 am on Thursday.

The ceremonies started at 4 am with Odhuvars singing hymns from the Thirumurai. The processional deities of lord Pavala Kanival Perumal and lord Subramaniya Swamy from Thiruparangundam temple arrived at the thirukalyana mandapam around 6 am following which the deities of goddess Meenakshi and lord Sundareswarar were brought to the mandapam in a procession at 8.15 am. As the celestial wedding took place, married women changed their mangalsutra.



Priests solemnising wedding of Goddess Meenakshi & Lord Sundareswarar | EXPRESS

After the wedding ceremony, the deities remained in the mandapam till Thursday evening for devotees to have darshan.

Ministers P Moorthy and Palaniivel Thiaga Rajan and other dignitaries from Madurai participated in the event.

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Our Client is investigating the title of the Owners of the Schedule Property and any and all persons having any right, title, interest, share, benefit, claim, demand or dispute whatsoever in respect of the Scheduled Property and/or any part or portion thereof including by way of inheritance, acquisition, appointment, assignment, attachment, authority, award, beneficial right/life or other interest, bequest, succession, charge, conveyance, decree, demise, disposition, easement, encumbrance, exchange, family or any other arrangement/ compromise/ settlement, gift, grant, guarantee, hypothecation, inheritance, injunction, joint venture, development rights, sub-development rights, lease/ sub-lease, license, lien, its pendents, loans, maintenance, mortgage (equitable or otherwise), negative or other covenant, occupation order passed by any Court of Law, Tribunal, Revenue or Statutory Authority or Arbitration, partition, partnership, pledge, possession, power of attorney, pre-emption, prescription, prohibition, requisition, sale, security interest, share, tenancy/ sub-tenancy, testamentary instrument, transfer or trust or under any agreement, collaboration or deed, agreement to sell, memorandum of understanding, letter of intent, advance payment, document, understanding or writing for whatever reason or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at partners@vivil.in and at the address mentioned herein below within 15 (fifteen) days from the date here off ailing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been relinquished and/or for feited and /or waived and /or abandoned for all intents and purposes and not binding in any manner whatsoever.

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All that piece and parcel of land measuring 5 Acres and 54.50 cents (approx.), situated at Muthamalaiyur Village, Veerakeralambudur Taluk, Tenkasi District and within the Sub-Registration Office, Melantheilthanalur and comprising in the following manner

Muthamalaiyur Village, Veerakeralambudur Taluk, Tenkasi District :

- Survey No. 226/5, Extent in acres 0.27, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Common pathway running from east to west in Sy. No. 226/5 and land belonging to ST Retail India Private Limited in Sy.No.226/5, East by : Sy.No.228/1, land belonging to ST Retail India Private Limited in Sy.No.226/5, South by : Sy.No.226/6, West by : Common pathway running from north to south in Sy.No.226/5.
- Survey No. 226/6, Extent in acres 0.76, Owner/s: Pioneer Xenergy Private Limited, North by : Sy.No.226/5, East by : Sy.No.228/1, South by : Land in Sy. No. 218/1A, land belonging to Candell Green Energy Private Limited in Sy. No. 218/1B, and land belonging to Best Cotton Mills Private Limited in Sy. Nos. 261/1,261/2 and 261/5, West by : Common pathway running from north to south in Sy. No.226/6.
- Survey No. 227/21, Extent in acres 0.07, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Land in Sy. No. 228/1 belonging to ST Retail India Private Limited, East by : Sy.No.228/2, South by : Land in Sy.No.228/2, South by : Land belonging to J.R. Energy Private Limited in Sy. No. 227/2L, West by : Lands in Sy. No. 227/2L belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd.
- Survey No. 228/1, Extent in acres 0.31, 50, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Land in Sy. No. 228/1 belonging to ST Retail India Private Limited, East by : Sy.No.228/2, South by : Land in Sy.No.228/2 belonging to Best Cotton Mills Private Limited, West by : Lands in Sy.No. 226/5 and Sy. No. 226/6.
- Survey No. 228/2, Extent in acres 0.88, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy. No. 227/2L belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd and lands in Sy.No.228/2 belonging to ST Retail India Pvt Ltd, East by : Sy.No.229/2, South by : Sy.No.228/2, belonging to Best Cotton Mills Private Limited, West by : Sy.No.228/1.
- Survey No. 229/1, Extent in acres 0.76, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy.No.230/12, East by : Sy. No. 229/3 & Sy. No. 229/4, South by : Sy.No.229/2, West by : Sy.No.227/21 and land belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd in Sy. No. 227/2L.
- Survey No. 229/2, Extent in acres 0.62, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy. No. 229/1 & Land belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd, East by : Sy.No.229/3, South by : Land in Sy.No.229/3 belonging to R R D Text Pvt Ltd, West by : Sy. No. 228/2 and land belong to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd in Sy. No. 228/2L.
- Survey No. 229/3, Extent in acres 0.41, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy.No.229/4, East by : Sy. No. 229/3 belonging to Aditya Exports, South by : Land in Sy.No.229/3 belonging to R R D Text Pvt Ltd, West by : Sy.No. 229/1 & 229/2.
- Survey No. 229/4, Extent in acres 0.30, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy.No.229/3, West by : Sy.No.229/1 & Sy.No.230/12.
- Survey No. 229/5, Extent in acres 0.44, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy. No. 229/5 belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd, East by : Sy.No.229/5, South by : Sy.No.229/4, West by : Sy.No.230/12.
- Survey No. 229/6, Extent in acres 0.32 as per revenue record and 0.33 as per document, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy. No. 230/17 & Sy.No.230/18 belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd, East by : Common pathway way in Sy. No. 229/6 running from north to south, South by : Sy. No. 229/6 belonging to Aditya Exports, West by : Sy.No.229/4 belonging to Aditya Exports & Sy. No. 229/5.
- Survey No. 230/12, Extent in acres. 0.39, Owner/s: Sankar and Parvathi Estates Private Limited, Boundary : North by : Sy.No.230/12 belonging to J.R. Energy Pvt Ltd, East by : Sy. No. 229/4 & Sy. No. 229/5, South by : Sy.No.229/1, West by : Sy.No.229/2L.

Total : 5.54.50 Acres (Approx)

Approved by Owners.

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E-TENDER NOTICE
CAD-355: OMFED invites Techno-Commercial tenders from experienced civil C class contractors for execution of the "Architectural, interior design, repair, renovation & internal electrification work of existing conference hall with attached toilet at 1st floor of OMFED Corporate office". Interested bidders may download the Tender Document from The OMFED web site www.omfed.com only for reference. Bid document will be available in the <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> from 10.00 AM of 08.05.2025 to 2.00 PM of 22.05.2025 for bidding. Tender cost of Rs.6000/-+18%-GST along with E.M.D. shall be deposited through online portal at <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> in the Technical Bid shall be opened at 03.00 PM on 22/05/25 at the OMFED Corporate Office in the presence of the interested bidders. Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid documents or part thereof without assigning any reason.
OIPR-060831/11/0169/2526

Sd/-
Managing Director

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FOR KIND ATTENTION OF CUSTOMERS / GENERAL PUBLIC
SHIFTING NOTICE
In our endeavor to consolidate and strengthen our services to our customers and due to certain administrative conveniences, Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Centre, functioned at No.769, 2nd Floor, Spencer Plaza, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002, renamed as Asset Recovery Management Branch and relocated to PNB Towers, Ground Floor, No. 46-49, Royapettah High Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014. E-mail : cs3612@pnb.co.in, Ph: 98400 37314, 93923 87502 and shall function at the said address w.e.f 05.05.2025.
We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard and assuring you of our best services at all times.

Place: Chennai
Date: 09.05.2025

Asst. General Manager
ARMB, Chennai

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CORRIGENDUM
Lease of Plot for Private Superspeciality Hospital (Health Facility) in various nodes of Navi Mumbai. Scheme No. : SS/HOSP/01/2025-26

CIDCO had advertised the scheme for Lease of Plot for Private Superspeciality Hospital (Health Facility) in various nodes of Navi Mumbai by E-tendering online process. The advertisement for the same was published on Tuesday, April 08, 2025 in the newspapers Loksatta, Indian Express & Navbharat.

The interested applicants / bidders are requested to kindly note that the Application Process is revised and it will be available online at Website <https://eauction.cidcoindia.com>.

Revised Date & time schedule of application process in detail is mentioned below :

- 1) Payment for online registration will start from 17.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 16.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 2) Submission of Application & processing fee will start from 17.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 16.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 3) Payment of EMD fee will start from 17.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 19.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 4) Upload of Document will start on 17.04.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 20.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 5) Technical Bid Scrutiny will start on 21.05.2025 and will continue till 27.05.2025.
- 6) Submission of closed bids will start on 28.05.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 28.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 7) Online e-auction will start on 29.05.2025 at 11.00 hrs. and will continue till 29.05.2025 at 23.59 hrs.
- 8) Result will be announced on 30.05.2025 at 15.00 hrs.

CIDCO reserves the rights to cancel the plot, amend, revoke, modify any of the conditions of the Tender Scheme in its discretion or rejection of any / all applications without assigning reason thereof.

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574
www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in

General Manager (Social Service)
CIDCO/PR/013(A)/2025-26

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHENNAI BENCH
CP No. 21 of 2025
N. Vadivuvathi ...Petitioner
...Respondents
Leather Export House India Private Limited & 7 Ors
Please take notice that our Client, N. Vadivuvathi has filed a Company Petition 21 of 2025 before the Honourable National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai and the matter came up for hearing on 02.04.2025. The Tribunal was pleased to pass an order restraining Leather Export House India Private Limited from alienating any movable/immovable property till the next date of hearing i.e. 28.05.2025. The Notice is hereby given to (i) Leather Export House India Private Limited (CIN NoU18209TN1965PTC005290) and having its registered office at Devi Theatre Building, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, 600002; (ii) Sunil Albert residing at, No. 204, George Road, Tullurthi-628001; (iii) Albert Muralidharan residing at 13/1, Whannels Road, Egmore, Chennai-5; (iv) Albert Madhukumar, residing at 102/A, L Block, 15th Street, Anna Nagar East, Chennai 102; and (v) Mrs. Usha Jawahar residing at No. 22 II Main Road, Kottur Gardens Chennai- 600085 to enter appearance before the Tribunal on 28.05.2025 and file their reply in 4 weeks from date of service. Failing compliance, the matter will be heard and decided ex parte and in your absence.
M/s Ramanil & Shankar
Advocates,
5/9, Ashoka Street, Alwarpet,
Chennai - 600018
Advocate for Petitioner

**DIRECTORATE OF AVIATION
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

JJ-10
• Directorate of Aviation, Odisha wishes to fill in purely temporary contractual post for existing and upcoming Aviation projects & state owned Airports as well as for regular operation of Directorate of Aviation. Indian Nationals who meet the requirements stipulated herein may apply for the following posts on a purely Contractual engagement/ temporary engagement basis (Contract Period: two years) which may be renewed subject to their performance and as per the requirement.
• Preference will be given to candidates with experience in Airport Management & Operations and to Defence personnel.
• Number of vacancies given below is indicative and may vary as per operational requirements.

| Sl No. | Post | Vacancies | Remuneration per Month (Rs.) | Essential Educational Qualification and Experience |
|--------|--|-----------|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Director of Aviation | 1 | ₹2,50,000/- | Graduate/Postgraduate in any Discipline preferably Aviation, Engineering, Business Administration, Public Policy, or a related field with 15+ years in aviation, Airport operation, compliance, PPPs, procurement. |
| 2 | Deputy Director - Operation and Protocol | 1 | ₹2,00,000/- | Graduate/ Post graduate in Aviation Management/ Engineering/ Public Admin with 10+ years in operation, infrastructure, ARFF. |
| 3 | Assistant Director - Business development & Flight Operation | 1 | ₹1,50,000/- | Bachelor's in any discipline / Finance / Business / Science (MBA preferred) with 8-10 years working experience in Aviation, operation, finance, PPPs. |
| 4 | Senior Executive-MIS | 1 | ₹50,000/- | Graduate along with Diploma in Computer or equivalent certification with more than 5 years working experience with Government (preferably aviation). |
| 5 | Accountable Executive | 2 | ₹60,000/- | Graduate in any Discipline / Engineering / Science with SMS/ DGCA certificate (preferred) with an 5-10 years experience in airport operation / safety. |
| 6 | Terminal Manager | 2 | ₹50,000/- | Bachelor's Degree in any field from a recognized University with more than 10 years of experience in airport operations, passenger handling, or facility management (Retired aviation personnel from Civil or Armed Forces will be given preference) |
| 7 | Safety Manager | 2 | ₹50,000/- | Bachelor's Degree in any field from a recognized University with more than 10 years of experience in airside operations/ safety. (Retired Aviation Personnel from Civil or Armed Forces preferred) |

AGE : Age of the candidates (35-60) YR. as on 01.05.2025.
PLACE OF POSTING :
O/o Directorate of Aviation, Odisha, BPI Airport, Bhubaneswar - Director of Aviation, Deputy Director of Aviation (Operation & Protocol), Assistant Director of Aviation (Business development & Flight Operation) and Senior Executive-MIS.
Airports of Odisha - Accountable Executive, Safety Manager & Terminal Manager.
GENERAL INSTRUCTION :
Interested candidates are requested to submit their detailed CVs with cover letter, self-attested certificates (degrees, aviation experience, achievements) and two recent passport size photos via Speed Registered Post or email (transciv@aviation.odisha.gov.in) by 06.06.2025.
* Application after due date shall not be entertained.
* Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview.
* Director of Aviation, Odisha reserves the right to increase/decrease or stop recruitment process without assigning any reason.
* Candidates are advised to visit the official website of the Commerce and Transport Department at <https://ct.odisha.gov.in/> to obtain detailed information about the aforementioned vacancies. Queries may be submitted via the provided email address.
ADDRESS :-
Directorate of Aviation, Government of Odisha, Old Terminal Building, B.P.I. Airport, Bhubaneswar, Pin- 751020, E-mail: transciv@aviation.odisha.gov.in
OIPR-38001/11/0029/2526 Sd/- Officer on Special Duty, Directorate of Aviation, Bhubaneswar

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, 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 Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(14) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs) | Name of Branch |
|---------|---|--|---|----------------|
| 1. | Vijay Ravi/ S2 Plot No. 79, Krishna Nagar Varathoraja Puram Village Near Bus Stand West Tambaram 136/2B18 Chennai- 600045 / LBCHED00006540996 & LBCHED00006552577 | Item L A "Schedule Property All That Piece and Parcel of Plot Measuring 2768 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No. 79, Situated At Old Village No.82 and New Village No. III, Survey No.136/2B, Patta No: 5664 As Per Patta Subdivided New Survey No: 136/2B18, New Patta No.12592 Measuring An Extent of 2768sq.ft., Krishna Nagar, Approved Regularization Planning Permit No.583/2021, D. Dis. No.4617/2021, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram Dist, Bounded on The:- North By- Vacant Plot, South By- 20 Feet Road East By- Plot No.78, West By- Plot No.80, Measuring:- East to West on The Northern Side- 30 Feet, East to West on The Southern Side- 30 Feet, North to South on The Eastern Side- 92 Feet, North to South on The Western Side- 92 Feet, In All Admeasuring 2768 Sq.ft., Schedule "B" (Property Constructed and To Be Delivered By Promoter to The Purchaser) Plot No. 52, in Second Floor, Comprising Super Built-up Area of 1169 Sq.ft., and The Uds is 369 Sq.ft., Situated At Plot Measuring 2768 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No.79, Situated At Old Village No.82 and New Village No. III, Survey No.136/2b, Patta No:5664 As Per Patta Sub-Divided New Survey No: 136/2B18, New Patta No.12592 Measuring An Extent of 2768sq.ft., Krishna Nagar, Approved Regularization Planning Permit No.583/2021, D. Dis. No.4617/2021, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram Dist., Within The Registration District of Chennai-Aouth and Sub-Registration District of Padappai, Item LI A" Schedule Property (Total Property) All That Piece and Parcel of Plot Measuring 2065 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No.5, Situated At Old No.100, New No.88, Pammal Village, Prashanthi Nagar, Comprised in Palnash No.36/1, Old Survey No.176/3B, Patta No.10244, As Per Patta New Survey No.176/8C, In Previously Alandur Taluk, Now Pallavaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Presently Chengalpatt District. Within The Registration District of Chennai- South and Sub-Registration District of Pammal. Bounded on The:- North By- Plot No.4, South By- Road and Vacant Land, East By- Canal, West By- 20 Feet Road, Measuring:- East to West on The Northern Side- 58 Feet, East to West on The Southern Side- 60 Feet, North to South on The Eastern Side- 35 Feet, North to South on The Western Side- 35 Feet, In All Admeasuring 2065 Sq.ft., Schedule "B" (property Constructed and To Be Delivered By Promoter to The Purchaser) Plot No.5f3 In First Floor Comprising A Super Built Up Area of 876 Sq.ft., Uds Land 348 Sq.ft., Out of 2065 Sq.ft Situated At Old Door No. 100, New Door No.88, Prashanthi Nagar, Pammal, Chennai- 600075 / Date of Symbolic Possession 6th May 2025 | 20/12/2024 Rs. 51,96,531.55/- | Chennai |
| 2. | Vijay Ravi/ S2 Plot No. 79, Krishna Nagar Varathoraja Puram Village Near Bus Stand West Tambaram 136/2B18 CHENNAI- 600045 / LBCHED00006385525 & LBCHED00006405190 | Item L A "Schedule Property All That Piece and Parcel of Plot Measuring 2768 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No.79, Situated At Old Village No.82 and New Village No. III, Survey No.136/2B, Patta No:5664 As Per Patta Subdivided New Survey No:136/2B18, New Patta No.12592 Measuring An Extent of 2768sq.ft., Krishna Nagar, Approved Regularization Planning Permit No.583/2021, D. Dis. No.4617/2021, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram Dist, Bounded on The:- North By- Vacant Plot, South By- 20 Feet Road East By- Plot No.78, West By- Plot No.80, Measuring:- East to West on The Northern Side- 30 Feet, East to West on The Southern Side- 30 Feet, North to South on The Eastern Side- 92 Feet, North to South on The Western Side- 92 Feet, In All Admeasuring 2768 Sq.ft., Schedule "B" (Property Constructed and To Be Delivered By Promoter to The Purchaser) Plot No. 52, in Second Floor, Comprising Super Built-up Area of 1169 Sq.ft., and The Uds is 369 Sq.ft., Situated At Plot Measuring 2768 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No.79, Situated At Old Village No.82 and New Village No. III, Survey No.136/2B, Patta No:5664 As Per Patta Sub-Divided New Survey No: 136/2B18, New Patta No.12592 Measuring An Extent of 2768sq.ft., Krishna Nagar, Approved Regularization Planning Permit No.583/2021, D. Dis. No.4617/2021, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram Dist., Within The Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of Padappai, Item LI A" Schedule Property (Total Property) All That Piece and Parcel of Plot Measuring 2065 Sq.ft., Bearing Plot No.5, Situated At Old No.100, New No.88, Pammal Village, Prashanthi Nagar, Comprised in Palnash No.36/1, Old Survey No.176/3B, Patta No.10244, As Per Patta New Survey No.176/8C, In Previously Alandur Taluk, Now Pallavaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Presently Chengalpatt District. Within The Registration District of Chennai- South and Sub-Registration District of Pammal. Bounded on The:- North By- Plot No.4, South By- Road and Vacant Land, East By- Canal, West By- 20 Feet Road, Measuring:- East to West on The Northern Side- 58 Feet, East to West on The Southern Side- 60 Feet, North to South on The Eastern Side- 35 Feet, North to South on The Western Side- 35 Feet, In All Admeasuring 2065 Sq.ft., Schedule "B" (property Constructed And To Be Delivered By Promoter to The Purchaser) Plot No.5f3 In First Floor Comprising A Super Built Up Area of 876 Sq.ft., Uds Land 348 Sq.ft., Out of 2065 Sq.ft Situated At Old Door No. 100, New Door No.88, Prashanthi Nagar, Pammal, Chennai- 600075 / Date of Symbolic Possession 6th May 2025 | 20/12/2024 Rs. 68,68,378.31/- | Chennai |

The above-mentioned borrowers/s/guarantors/s) are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

Chennai Back Office : Harrington Chambers, Block 'C', I Floor,
No.30/1A, Abdul Razack I Street, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015. Ph: 044-42010374



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 calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION** of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules. Further, 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

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the applicant(s)/borrower(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the physical 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 **June 12, 2025** as per the brief particulars given here under.

Borrowers Name: Mr. D Sathish, Mr. Jayakrishnan S, M/s. Noble Shipping & Logistics Pvt. Ltd., and M/s. Yesjay Exports, Loan Nos. - 510600009981 & 510600010004

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of landed property situated at Plot No.6, "V.O.C. Nagar Extension", comprised in Old Survey No. 13/8, as per patta New Survey No. 13/8B of No. 116 Injambakkam Village, Formerly Tambaram Taluk, Presently Sholinganallur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, measuring an extent of 2400 Sq.Ft. And bounded on the North By: 22 Feet Road, South By: Property in Survey No. 13/6A1 and 13/6A2, East By: Plot No. 7, West By: Plot No. 5, Admeasuring East to West on the Northern Side :25 Feet, 0 Inch, East to West on the Southern Side : 22 Feet, 0 Inch, North to South on the Eastern Side : 96 Feet, 0 Inch, North to South on the Western Side : 95 Feet, 0 Inch and lying within the Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of Neelankarai. **Item No. 2:** All that piece and parcel of landed property situated at Plot No. 7, "V.O.C. Nagar Extension", comprised in Old Survey No. 13/8, as per Patta New Survey No. 13/8C of No. 116 Injambakkam Village, Formerly Tambaram Taluk, Presently Sholinganallur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, measuring an extent of 4800 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on the North By: 22feet Road, South By: Property in Survey No. 13/6A1 and 13/6A2, East By: Plot No. 8, West By: Plot No. 6, Admeasuring East to West on the Northern Side : 49 Feet, 6 inches, East to West on the Southern Side : 49 Feet, 6 inches, North to South on the Eastern Side : 96 Feet, 6 inches, North to South on the Western Side : 96 Feet, 6 inches, and lying within the Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of Neelankarai. **Item No. 3:** All that piece and parcel of landed property situated at Plot No. 8 "V.O.C. Nagar Extension", comprised in Old Survey No. 13/8, as per Patta New Survey No. 13/8D of No. 116 Injambakkam Village, Formerly Tambaram Taluk, Presently Sholinganallur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, measuring an extent of 4800 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on the North By: 22feet Road, South By: Property in Survey No. 13/6A1 and 13/6A2, East By: Plot No. 9, West By: Plot No. 7, Admeasuring East to West on the Northern Side : 48 Feet, 6 inches, East to West on the Southern Side : 48 feet, 6 inches, North to South on the Eastern Side : 100 Feet, 6 inches, North to South on the Western Side : 97 Feet, 6 inches, and lying within the Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of Neelankarai. Items 1 to 3 put together measuring an extent of 12000 Sq.Ft. of land with building thereon bearing Plot Nos. 6, 7 and 8, as per Corporation Record Door No.2/104E, "V.O.C. Nagar Extension", Injambakkam, Chennai-600197.

Note : Income Tax Department has attached the property vide Doc No.15/2021 and 39/2021, subsequent to our Charge. However, LIC HFL has filed a writ Petition vide WP/32168/2024 to remove the IT Attachment. The Hon'ble High Court ordered in WP/32168/2024, the concerned Sub-Registrar Office to remove the IT attachment and directed LIC HFL to pay the excess amount (if any) to Income Tax Department, after adjusting their dues.

| Date of Demand Notice | : 15-11-2017 | ACCOUNT DETAILS |
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| Amt Demanded :- Rs.10,69,84,672/- | with further Interest, Cost and Expenses. | |
| Date of Symbolic Possession | : 15-09-2021 | Beneficiary Name : LIC Housing Finance Ltd. |
| Date of Physical Possession | : 06-06-2023 | Bank : Axis Bank, Centralised Collection Hub |
| Reserve Price | - Rs.9,50,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Crores fifty lakhs Only) | Account No : LHMA510600010004 |
| EMD | - Rs. 95,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety five lakhs Only) | IFSC Code : UTIB0CCH274 |
| Total Amount Payable as on 12-06-2025: | Rs. 30,02,23,931/- | |

Other Details of E-Auction:

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| Website of E-Auction | www.auctionbazaar.com |
| Date & time of Inspection of Photo copies of property documents | 09 JUNE 2025 between 11.00 AM and 5.00 PM at LIC Housing Finance Ltd, Chennai Back Office - Harrington Chambers, Block 'A', I Floor, No.30/1A, Abdul Razack I Street, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015. |
| Inspection of the Property: Time to be fixed as per the Office convenience : | 10 JUNE 2025 between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM |
| Contact person : | Mr. G Purushothaman / Mr. Bharani: 91766 30374 / 88709 98666 |
| Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid | 11 JUNE 2025 - 17:00 Hrs |
| E Auction Date | 12 JUNE 2025 - 11:00 hrs to 13:00 hrs |

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LIC HFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

- E-Auction Sale is being held on 'As is where is Basis' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis', and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider - M/s. Auction Bazaar
- To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders are bound by the principle of "caveat emptor" (Buyer Beware) and it will be the responsibility of the Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidental charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties above the sale price. LIC HFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above.
- The intending bidders should register their names at portal "www.auctionbazaar.com" and get their user-id and password free of cost. Prospective bidders may avail online training on E-Auction from the service provider as follows: M/s. Auction Bazaar, Park Avenue 2, 7-1-28/1/A/1, Park Avenue Road, Leela Nagar, Amerpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 016. **Mr. Ashok G, contact@auctionbazaar.com 7799072999 (Mobile).**
- The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders.
- Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LIC HFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider.
- The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above.
- The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest.
- If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount.
- The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal www.auctionbazaar.com along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per Other details of Auction above.
- Initial Bidding increment is fixed as **₹ 2,00,000/-** which will be dynamically decided by the Authorized Officer.
- The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
- The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name.
- The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire/sale price.
- The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale.
- Inspection of the photo copies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on request and as per convenience of Authorized Officer. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders.
- The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Date: 06.05.2025

Place: Chennai

Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-20640)

Tender Enquiry No. 1795/Th.Op/0&MPC-2672 Dated: 08-05-2025

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat-151111 Distt. Bathinda Invites E-tender for the Procurement of Sulphuric Acid for 2025-26 for GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat. Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.05.2025 from 17:00 hrs. Onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/25/22 Dated: 02.05.2025. PCMM/CLW/Howrah on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the following. The following E-Tender/s is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted.

Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost are as follows: [073]; **14252508;** Scavenger Blower To TMO/OT Cooling Unit Including Motor (Without Corona Resistance Wire) to Spec DRG No. (1) CLW/ES/3/0021/H & (2) SPEC/E-103/09 (Motor) With Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 19/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [074]; 31252662;** Set of Cable LUG for Other Section of WAG-9 as per Spec/Drg No. CLW/ES/3/0130/O. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 20/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [075]; 31252662C;** Set of Cable Lug For Panel Section of WAG-9 As Per Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0130/0 (Set details as per category book attached in doc. tab) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 21/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [076]; 29252851;** Cloth Cotton Blue Drill, width 71 to 73 Cms, Variety -4, IS: 177/1989, Spec: IS 177 [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 23/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [077]; 31251196;** Complete Cubicle Along With All Equipments And Cabling For WAG-9HC LOCO to Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0652/D; **As Per Tender/**

Document: 29/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [078]; **31252539;** 1. Key Multiplier Set for Panel, as per CLW'S Drg./Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0049/F or latest, 2. Key Multiplier Set for Non Panel (Consisting of 02 items) a) Key Multiplier -1 for M/C compartment, b) Key Multiplier - 2 for Converter Module as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0049/F or latest. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 09/06/2025; ₹ 0.00. [079]; 31252535;** Single Core Cable 4 GKW A X 2.5 SQ.MM, 1800 V BK as per Specn. CLW/ES/3/0458/E; **As Per Tender/ Document: 12/06/2025; ₹ 0.00. [080]; 31252662B;** Set of Cable LUG For Loco of WAG-9 AS PER Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0130/0 (Set details as per Category Book attached in doc. tab) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 13/06/2025; ₹ 0.00. [081]; 31251190A;** Complete Control Cubicle SB I Along With All Equipments And Cabling (Excluding Control Electronics) For WAG-9HC LOCO As Per Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0194/J; **As Per Tender/ Document: 18/06/2025; ₹ 0.00. [082]; 31252945;** 1. Rubber Packing [Sponge] For OCU 1500X40X14 MM, [Cellular Rubber] As Per CLW Specn. No. ASTM-D-1056-GRADE, RE-43C GR, 2. Rubber Packing [Sponge] For OCU 1250X70X14 MM, [Cellular Rubber] As Per CLW Specn. No. ASTM-D-1056-GRADE, RE-43C GR, [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 30/05/2025; ₹ 0.00. [083]; 31252662D;** Set of Cable Lug (Consisting of 06 items) for Dankuni as per CLW Drg./Specification No. CLW/ES/3/0130/0. (Set details attached in doc. tab) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5%, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Document: 06/06/2025; ₹ 0.00. PR3/027 PCMM/CLW/Howrah**
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical / Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited** the same shall be referred herein after as Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited . The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website <https://bankauctions.in/>

| Account No. and Name of borrower, Co-borrower, Mortgagors | Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2) | Descriptions of the Property / Properties | Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount |
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| Loan Account No. HE01RUV00000025820 1. Vijayashreeela Palanisamy 2. Jayapal Palanisamy Both residing at : No.16, Thiruvallur City, Phase I, Mangadu, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu-600 122. Also at : Plot No.48, Sivanthi Avenue, 7th Street, Ragnathanapuram, Mangadu, Kanchipuram-600 122. 3. NJ Foundations, No.8, Chetty Street, Poonamallee, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu - 600 056. | 04-10-2024 & Rs.27,36,422/- as on 04-10-2024 | All that piece and parcel of land measuring 800 Sqft with building thereon bearing Plot No.48 comprised in Survey No. 34, Patta No.4596 as per Patta New Survey No.34/43 situated at Mangadu Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, then Pallavaram Taluk, Now Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram District and the land bounded on: North by - Plot No.68, South by - 18 feet Road, East by - Plot No.49, West by - Plot No.47, situate within the Sub-Registration District of Kundrathur and Registration District of South Chennai. (Symbolic Possession) | Rs. 45,00,000/- Rs. 4,50,000/- Rs. 50,000/- |
| Loan Account No. HE01CHE00000061356 1. Gopal Suresh, 2. Narayanan Girija Both residing at : No.163/1A3B, Thiruninravur Road Bus Stop, Arnanappakkam, Thamaraiappakkam, Thiruvallur- 601 103. 3. Sri Guru Agency, No.748A, Thiruvallur High Road, Thamaraiappakkam Kuttu Road, Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-601 103. | 06-09-2024 & Rs.60,58,517/- as on 06-09-2024 | All that piece and parcel of land and building Plot No. 12, measuring an extent of 2400 Sq.ft building and or thereabouts comprised in Survey No.94/1B, as per Patta New Sub Division S.No.94/8, Radhakrishnan Nagar, Approved No.M/86/261, an L.P.No.202, Old N.193, New N.89, Veppampattu Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Thiruvallur District within the Registration District of Thiruvallur and sub Registration District of Thiruvallur and Sub Registration District of Thiruvallur Joint-I SRO being bounded on the: North by - Plot No.15, South by - 30 feet Road, East by - Plot No.11, West by - Plot No.13. Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side: 40 feet, East to West on the Southern Side: 40 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side: 60 feet, North to South on the Western Side: 60 feet. Total extent of 2400 Sq.ft. (Symbolic Possession) | Rs. 83,00,000/- Rs. 8,30,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| Loan Account Nos. HE01TVT700000025611 & HE01TVT700000038473 1. Suganya Rajan 2. Sivalinmugaraajan Rajan Both residing at : No.319/1 A, Plot No. 6, 5th Main Street, Vallalar Nagar, Pattabiram, Chennai, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu - 600072. Also at : Door No.9, 6th Main Street, Vallalar Nagar, Pattabiram, Chennai 600072. 3. Ranjana Pharmacy C.A. 498/285, Muthukrishnan Complex C.T.H.Road, Thiruninravur, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu - 602024. | 07-10-2024 & Rs.40,12,191/- as on 07-10-2024 | Property 1 : All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of Land and Building in Plot No.5, situated at Door No.9, Vallalar Nagar 6th Main Street, Thandurai Village, Poonamallee Tk, Tiruvallur District, admeasuring 1220 Sq.ft. of Land comprised in Survey No.320/2 as per TSLR New T.S.No.342/84, Ward No.E, Block No.58, situated within the Registration District of Avadi and the Registration District of Tiruvallur within the boundaries here under: North by - Plot No.4, South by - 18 Feet Road, East by - Property of Sekar, West By - Property of Murugan, Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side - 28 3/4 Ft, East to West on the Southern Side - 28 Ft, North to South on the Eastern Side - 42 1/4 Ft, North to South on the Western Side - 42 1/4 Ft. Admeasuring 1220 Sq.Ft. of Land and Building. (Symbolic Possession) Property 2: All that piece and Parcel of Land and Building in Plot No.5 and 6 Part situated at Vallalar Nagar, 6th Street, Thandurai Village, Poonamallee Taluk, Tiruvallur Dt., admeasuring 1040 Sq.ft of Land out of the 3084 Sq.Ft of Land Comprised in Old Survey No.319/1A1 and 319/1A Patta No.65, as per Patta New Survey No.84/6, Block No.58, Ward No.E, situated within the Sub Registration District of Avadi and the Registration District of Tiruvallur Bounded on the: North by - Property of Arulprakasam, South by - Property of Sobia BB, East by - 5th Main Road, West By - Property of Rajan, Measuring - On the Northern Side - 52 Ft, On the Southern Side - 52 Ft, On the Eastern Side - 20 Ft, On the Western Side - 20 Ft, Admeasuring 1040 Sq.Ft of Land and Building. (Symbolic Possession) | Rs. 50,60,000/- Rs. 5,06,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/- Rs. 62,00,000/- Rs. 6,20,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/- |
| Loan Account No. HE01LAN000000040905 1. Gurusamy Murugan 2. Muruganramya Raj Kumar 3. Murugan Traders All are residing at : No.25, Flat No. 8, Muthalammam Kovil Bus Stop Extension, West Mambalam, Chennai-600033. 4. Gurusamy Murugan No.18/2, Subramanyapuram 3rd Main Road, Madurai - 625011. 5. Murugan Enterprises No.8A, Saidai Sampandam Street, West Mambalam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600033. | 08-05-2024 & Rs.1,14,03,236/- as on 08-05-2024 | All that piece and parcel of the land and building situated at Door No. 18, Subramanian Extension 2nd Street, Madakkulam Village Ukadachi Palangantham Keelkhalai Puravil, South Madurai Tk, Madurai Dt., admeasuring 3250 Sq.ft of land comprised in Re. Survey No.1/1A, as per TSLR, Old Survey No.1/1A3, New T.S.No.2, Ward-61, situate within the Sub-Registration District of South Madurai Joint IV and the Registration District of South Madurai within the Boundaries hereunder North by: 30 ft wide East West Common Road, South by: Plot belongs to Karuppalaya Konar, East by: Sidhi Vinayagar Koi & Property of Bai, West by: Plot belongs to Marimuthu, Measuring for 450 Sq.ft of land East to West on the Northern Side : 30 ft on the Southern Side : 30 ft North to South on the Eastern Side : 15 ft on the Western Side : 15 ft Measuring for 2800 Sq.ft of land, East to West on the Northern Side : 35 ft on the Southern Side : 35 ft, North to South on the Eastern Side : 80 ft on the Western Side : 80 ft, Total Admeasuring 450 + 2800 = 3250 Sq.ft of Land and Building. (Physical Possession) | Rs. 1,45,00,000/- Rs. 14,50,000/- Rs. 1,00,000/- |
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AP declares Amaravati as capital, seeks centre's nod

Under Reorganisation Act, Hyd to be joint capital for AP, T'gana for 10 yrs



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the cabinet meeting with his ministers at the Secretariat in Velagapudi on Thursday | EXPRESS

S VISWANATH @ Vijayawada

THE State Cabinet meeting, held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, approved Amaravati as the capital city of Andhra Pradesh. A resolution naming Amaravati as the capital of the residual state of Andhra Pradesh will be sent to the Centre to amend the AP State Reorganisation Act.

Sections 2 and 5 of the AP State Reorganisation Act mention that Hyderabad would serve as the joint capital for ten years following the State bifurcation. After this period, Hyderabad would become the capital of Telangana, and the newly constructed capital by Andhra Pradesh would become its own. However, the Act did not specify the name of Andhra Pradesh's new capital. Therefore, the Cabinet has decided to send a resolution to the Centre to officially include Amaravati as the capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

Similar to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, the area governed by the

Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) will form part of Amaravati. Disclosing details of the Cabinet meeting to mediapersons, Minister for Information and Public Relations Kolusu Parthasarathy stated that the people of Andhra Pradesh had no clarity regarding their capital for the past five years due to the 'three capitals' theory proposed by the current coalition government. The current coalition government has now decided to seek statutory approval for Amaravati as the capital city of Andhra Pradesh.

The Cabinet expressed solidarity with Operation Sindoor, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Pakistan, and commended the strength and valour demonstrated by the Indian Army during the operation. The Cabinet approved a proposal authorising the Commissioner of the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) to approve short tenders for four works worth ₹1,732.306 crores, award contracts to L1 bidders, and implement deci-

sions approved by the APCRDA Authority through Resolutions 529/2025 to 532/2025.

The Cabinet also authorised the Chairperson and Managing Director of the Amaravati Development Corporation Limited, Vijayawada, to approve L1 bids for two packages: (a) Package XXXXI - E15 Road extension up to Old National Highway Mangalagiri (₹ 72.79 crores), (b) Package XXXXII - E13 Road extension up to National Highway-16 (₹ 400.56 crores). The approval includes issuing work orders to L1 bidders and implementing the proposal through APCRDA Authority Resolution No.536/2025.

The Cabinet approved an administrative sanction proposal for ₹ 560.57 crores for Package XXXXIII under the Amaravati Capital City Development Program funded by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. The work includes Design, Build and Operate (DBO) method with additional supplementary works and maintenance.

Additionally, administrative approval was granted for ₹494.86 crores under Package XXXXIV, also part of the Amaravati Capital City Development Program funded by the World Bank and ADB. This includes ancillary works, SCADA, an AI-based water management system (Digital Twin), and five years of operation and maintenance for the total water supply (up to water pumping to the WTP) in Amaravati, following the DBO method.

3-time MLA Sunny Joseph is new KL Cong president

K S SREEJITH @T'Puram

AFTER much drama, the Congress central leadership has appointed three-time MLA Sunny Joseph as the party's new state chief. Outgoing president K Sudhakran, who had openly revolted against his removal, has been accommodated as a permanent invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC).

The AICC has replaced UDF convenor M M Hassan with Attingal MP Adoor Prakash. Three working presidents were also announced. MLAs PC Vishnunath and AP Anil Kumar and

MP Shafi Parambil will replace Kodikkunnil Suresh, T N Prathapan and T Siddique. The name of the new president was announced in the evening through a press release issued by AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal.

By noon on Thursday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Venugopal contacted Sudhakran and convinced him about the necessity to have a leadership change in the state Congress. The two top leaders

reportedly assured Sudhakran that the party still consider him one of its tallest leaders in the state, and his services will be needed further.

The AICC leaders also called Sunny and conveyed him the decision. He was asked to meet Sudhakran and hold a joint press briefing.

Sunny, a close confidant of Sudhakran, is the party's face against arch rival CPM in Kannur. The Peravoor MLA's appointment is also seen as a move by the AICC to pacify the veteran leader. The final decision was taken by Rahul and

Kharge. Venugopal was not part of the decision-making, according to AICC sources.

In the new reshuffle AICC has focused to maintain the communal balance. The backing of Catholic Church also played a decisive role in favour of Sunny. To balance Sudhakran's exit, Adoor Prakash from the Ezhava community was appointed the UDF convenor. Similarly M M Hassan's exit as UDF convenor was balanced by Shafi's induction as one of the new working presidents. Vishnunath represents Nair community and Anil Kumar the SCs.



Visitors were treated with mango peda at Summer Mango Utsav 2025 in a Bengaluru mall on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

HC had revived 2 corruption cases on Duraimurugan, kin

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THE realignment came as a surprise to party cadres as Duraimurugan (86), who has been an MLA since 1971 barring just two elections that he lost, is at present the senior-most leader of the party. DMK's general secretary, and third in rank in the state cabinet next to the CM and Deputy CM. Party sources said Stalin was disappointed with Duraimurugan's performance both in the government and also in party-related activities. These factors combined with the age of the Vellore leader have made Stalin to take the decision, they said. Duraimurugan has been holding the portfolio of mines and minerals DMK came to power in 2021.

The department has been attracting allegations of irregularities, corruption, revenue loss and environmental concerns under various governments, including the present DMK regime. The state government recently took measures to increase revenue by introducing a mineral-bearing land tax, apart from initiatives to

use technology to prevent unauthorised mining.

Interestingly, Duraimurugan, was the minister for key portfolio of public works department during the previous three DMK regimes in 1989-91, 1996-2001 and 2006-2011. He was additionally given law department by then CM M Karunanidhi in 2009. The changes came a week after V Senthil Balaji and K Ponmudy were dropped from the cabinet owing to legal hurdles they faced. It is noteworthy that the Madras HC recently reopened two corruption cases against Duraimurugan and his family members that were filed for allegedly accumulating assets disproportionate to income during the 1996-2001 and 2006-2011 periods.

The ED is also investigating a money laundering case related to illegal river sand mining, which comes under Duraimurugan's water resources department. Incidentally, he got admitted to a hospital for check-up. Sources said that he did not have any specific complications and will be discharged on Friday.

EXPRESS READ

Woman tests +ve for Nipah virus in Malappuram, in critical condition

Malappuram: A 42-year-old woman from Malappuram has tested positive for Nipah, triggering concerns across the state. Health officials said the native of Valanchery is in extremely critical condition and is undergoing intensive treatment at a private hospital in Perinthalmanna. After the first-ever outbreak in 2018 in Kozhikode, the infection was reported in Kochi in 2019, in Kozhikode in 2021 and 2023, and in Malappuram in 2024. A total of 21 Nipah-related deaths have been recorded in the state so far. The officials said the woman had been under treatment for four days for high fever, persistent cough and acute breathing difficulty. Suspecting Nipah, the medical staff collected her samples, which were first tested at the Kozhikode Microbiology Lab and then sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune, which confirmed the infection. Soon after the confirmation, the health department initiated an immediate response. Health Minister Veena George said the area along 3-km radius in Ward 2 of Valanchery municipality will be declared a containment zone to prevent transmission. ENS

3 Greyhound officers killed in IED blast triggered by Maoists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mulgugu

THREE commandos of the Greyhounds unit were killed and an officer injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast allegedly triggered by Maoists in the Nuguru forest area near Peddagutta under Wazeedu police station in Mulugu district.

The deceased commandos were identified as Vadla Sridhar, N Pavan Kalyan and T Sandeep. The injured officer, AAC Ch Ranadheer (RSI) of Greyhounds, also sustained firearm injuries in indiscriminate firing by CPI (Maoist) cadres. He was shifted to Hyderabad for further treatment.

According to an official release from DGP Dr Jitender on

Thursday, a patrol team was conducting a search in the forest area approximately 4 km north-east of Penugolu village. A group of 35-40 armed extremists, including women, affiliated with the banned CPI (Maoist), had allegedly laid an ambush. They detonated landmines from a distance, followed by heavy gunfire targeting the patrol party. The police returned fire in self-defence, after which the Maoist group fled the area, the release said.

A case has been registered at Wazeedu police station under the Arms Act, Explosives Substances Act, and UAPA. The investigation is ongoing. Efforts to apprehend the Maoist cadres involved are under way, said Dr Jitender.

SC delivers split verdict in DA case on former TN min's wife

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday delivered a split verdict in an appeal filed by P Nallammal, wife of late A M Paramasivam, a former AIADMK minister, challenging her conviction in a disproportionate assets case. The two-judge bench, comprising Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ah-sanuddin Amanullah, differed in their opinions on her guilt.

Justice Dhulia upheld Nallammal's conviction, stating that the prosecution had successfully demonstrated that she possessed assets grossly disproportionate to her known sources of income. He emphasised that under Section 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, the burden of proof shifts to the accused. "It becomes the responsibility of the accused to dislodge the presumption against them," he observed in his judgment.

However, Justice Amanullah acquitted Nallammal, noting the absence of concrete evidence. He stated there was insufficient proof beyond reasonable doubt to show that Nallammal had conspired with or intentionally aided her husband in committing the alleged offences. Referring to sections 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, he held that the acts attributed to Nallammal did not fall within the scope of Section 107 of the IPC, which pertains to abetment. "It would be unsafe to sustain her conviction with the aid of IPC Section 109," he ruled. In light of the split verdict, the bench directed that the matter be placed before the CJI for orders.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar Invites E-Tender ID No. 2025_POWER_139868_1 for Procurement of spares of couplings for BFPs & its hydraulic couplings and CEPs of Stage - II & III, GGSSTP, Roopnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.04.2025/ 05.00 PM onwards.

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Government of Tamil Nadu

Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
Melvisharam Municipality
Notice for inviting tender (NIT)
(Roc No.617/2025/E1, Date: 06.05.2025)

- Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for 4 package of road works in Melvisharam Municipality under Turip 2025-26. KNMT 2025-26 & Special Fund 2025-26.
- The minimum value of single package ranging from is Rs.27.00 lakhs and the maximum value of package is Rs.96.00 lakhs.
- The details of tender can be obtained from web portal : <https://tntenders.gov.in>
- The tender document can be downloaded from 07.05.2025 to 16.05.2025 from E-tendering website <https://tntenders.gov.in>.
- Pre bid meeting will be held on 13.05.2025 at 11.00 am in Melvisharam Municipal office.
- The last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading / submission of filled up tender is up to 3.00 pm on 16.05.2025.
- The tenders will be opened through online at 3.30 pm on 16.05.2025 at the office the Melvisharam Municipality.
- The Value of each work, the details of earnest money deposit and the eligibility of bidders can be had from tender document.

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Municipal Commissioner, Melvisharam Municipality

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E-Tender Enq. No. 7688/P-1/EMP-12995 Dated: 06.05.2025

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Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer,
Kerala Maritime Board

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Anybody can become angry—that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time—that is not within everybody's power



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— Ramnath Goenka

CHINA'S SILENCE ON PAK'S USE OF TERROR AS POLICY SPEAKS VOLUMES

NDIA'S recent precision strikes on terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir were not acts of provocation—they were acts of self-defence. The April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 innocent civilians, was traced to cross-border terror infrastructure, and India exercised its sovereign right to defend its citizens. The nine targeted sites were not civilian zones, but bases linked to known terrorist organisations. There is not even a shadow of doubt about that—informal acknowledgments from within Pakistan match fairly open intelligence. For China to call this military action “regrettable” is, therefore, is a curious lapse of wisdom.

Beijing's formal response—urging “restraint” and “peace”—has statesmanlike gravitas on the surface, but only there. Inside, it is without substance. Despite claiming to oppose “all forms of terrorism”, China has consistently shielded Pakistan-based actors from global scrutiny. From blocking UN terror designations to sugarcoating Islamabad's duplicity, China has long used its diplomatic clout to preserve its “iron brother” alliance—even at the cost of its own self-interest. In the 21st century, even it has stakes in a pacified Pakistan. If it chooses not to exert itself to bring that about when it clearly has the capacity, one must ask why.

Operation Sindoor was not an act of escalation—it was a precise, proportionate and necessary strike against terror: This zero-tolerance approach is not bluster, but a doctrinal outcome of decades marked by bloodshed and futile attempts at dialogue, even in the face of Pakistan's use of terrorism as a tool of state policy. China's reaction, on the other hand, smells of strategic hypocrisy. Its calls for “fair investigations” ring hollow while it approvingly accepts Pakistan's “resolute” actions against terror at face value—these have always been performative rituals, papering over denialism. Beijing's refusal to name perpetrators or support global terror designations, including for 26/11-accused Sajid Mir, exposes its not-so-secret partisanship. Peace is not the absence of action, but the presence of justice. Equating aggressor and victim in the name of balance distorts the very foundation of international norms.

This is not neutrality. This is its opposite, dressed up in diplomatese. Let alone global acceptance as a credible superpower: If China seeks leadership in the Global South, it must do better. Align its words with actions, for one. At present, its regret over India's defensive strikes rings hollow and its silence on terrorism speaks volumes.

TODAY, the 80th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany by the Allied forces will be celebrated in Russia as a major historical punctuation. This epochal event marked the end of the diabolical Hitler era and the ideology of fascism, which together threatened the normative principles of freedom and liberty.

In the eight decades since, the world has transformed with many ironic twists on the road. Today, some of the old allies are pitted against each other and the biggest concern for a number of nations isn't fascism, but *jihadi* terrorism. It's instructive to look at how world powers came together in different eras to mobilise against the biggest scourges of the times to examine how the new fight against terrorism can be spearheaded.

Today's military parade in Moscow offers a snapshot of the present. For Russian President Vladimir Putin, the list of world leaders who will be present will signal an endorsement of his leadership—and by extension, the war that he has initiated against Ukraine, one that is still festering. Among the major powers, presidents Xi Jinping of China and Lula da Silva of Brazil will be in Moscow along with leaders from 27 other nations. Predictably, the US and the EU will not be present.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is considered to have a special personal relationship with President Putin, will not be there, for he is leading his nation in the fight against terrorism under the banner of Operation Sindoor and the India-Pakistan military tension is simmering.

The parade unfolds against a complex set of anomalies, ironies and open-ended questions about ideology and politics around the world. May 1945 defined the end of the war where the US, USSR, UK and France collectively resisted the Fascist ideology and territorial annexation that had been brutally pursued by Germany, Italy and Japan. The mass killings of those defeated or annexed by Germany in Europe and Japan in Asia are tragic testimonies. Ironically, the world is currently a silent witness to another genocide, in Palestine, with the 1945 victims as perpetrators.

Fascism is broadly defined as an ideology that espouses a range of characteristics including extreme right-wing political orientation, authoritarianism, ultra-nationalism, dictatorial leadership and suppression of domestic dissent. In states where right-wing groups are socio-politically ascendant, govern-

As jihadi terrorism and fascism share some traits, it's helpful to see how the world allied to tackle that menace to examine how India can spearhead the battle at hand

WORLD'S SCOURGE: FASCISM THEN, TERRORISM NOW

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ance is often accompanied by an intense prioritisation of majority rule and vigilantism over individual rights, and the ‘othering’ of vulnerable minorities and foreign immigrants.

Currently, while there is no pure Fascist-led nation in the Hitlerian mould, many countries that are not authoritarian or communist—such as Russia, China, Vietnam and North Korea—are exhibiting some of these traits. Paradoxically, Russia, with an authoritarian leader at the helm, is projecting itself as the lone defender standing up against fascism, while Putin is perceived in the US-led West as a malignant force that threatens stability in Europe. The war in Ukraine is held up as irrefutable evidence of such territorial violation and the trampling of laws and treaties.

Among the anomalies that abound, Russia is now ranged against its 1945 allies—the US, UK and France, with only China unambiguously in its camp. Germany, Japan and Italy have distanced themselves from Moscow and are formal military allies of their erstwhile enemy, the US, though this is tenuous given the current Trump-led uncertainty about NATO.

Furthermore, in an ironic turn of events, post-war Germany, that had resolutely denounced its Nazi past, has recently seen the rise of a right-wing constituency in its domestic politics. Anti-immigrant sentiment with a visible anti-Muslim bias has been the trigger for support to right-wing parties—a pattern discernible in other parts of Europe, too. Apart from Germany, Italy,

INDIA NEEDS A HEATWAVE POLICY

AS India confronts yet another punishing summer, the realities of climate change are no longer abstract. The first nationwide heatwave alert of 2025 was issued as early as April 8, and large parts of the country are already experiencing temperatures soaring past historical norms. Yet, in the face of increasing fatalities, productivity loss and public health strain, the Union government continues to treat heatwaves as a seasonal nuisance rather than the climate emergency they are.

The UN secretary-general's ‘Call to Action on Extreme Heat’ warns that heat is now the deadliest of all climate hazards. For India, where 90 percent of the workforce is informal, healthcare systems are uneven, and urban heat islands are rapidly expanding, this danger is existential. But while states scramble to prepare, no overarching national heatwave policy offers coordination, funding or technical guidance.

The result? A patchwork of uneven responses. Some states like Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir have introduced heat action plans with hydration points and early warnings. Others are still in the planning phase. These fragmented efforts often kick in after disaster strikes, leaving the most vulnerable—daily-wage labourers, the elderly and children—at the mercy of extreme temperatures. There's no national framework to set standards, enforce accountability, or ensure that mitigation matches adaptation.

In this scenario, Tamil Nadu stands as a striking counter-example. Under the leadership of Chief Minister MK Stalin, the state has taken a proactive, institutionalised approach to climate resilience. The Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission and the Green Tamil Nadu Mission are governance tools integrated into urban design, agriculture, public health and education. The state's preparedness isn't seasonal; it is systemic. It has built green cover in urban areas to lower ambient temperatures, promoted cool roofs in government buildings and low-income housing, and ensured that district administrations have clear, locally-adaptable guidelines to address heat stress. Schools are instructed to alter timings and ensure hydration, hospitals are equipped for heat stroke emergencies, and public awareness campaigns precede—not follow—peak summer.

Tamil Nadu's anticipatory approach is in direct contrast to the Union gov-

ernment's delayed, ad hoc advisories. A single advisory issued in March 2025 simply asked states to “prepare”—without guidelines, resources or measurable indicators. The Union government's inaction amounts to a dangerous abdication of responsibility in a crisis that is growing more frequent and severe with each passing year.

The economic toll is just as stark. Heatwaves have already begun to impact national productivity. A recent study from the Global Heat Health Information Network links prolonged heat



Heat is now the biggest climate hazard and Indians are especially vulnerable. There is urgent need for a national policy setting standards, enforcing accountability and ensuring mitigation across the country. Tamil Nadu's anticipatory approach can be a starting point

exposure with an 8-10 percent reduction in outdoor labour output, especially in construction and agriculture—sectors that form the backbone of India's employment. Yet, there is no national compensation framework for wage loss due to extreme heat, nor a safety net for workers forced off jobs because conditions are life-threatening.

Global best practices offer a clear direction. France operates a national heatwave plan with tiered alerts, welfare checks and legally mandated cooling zones. The US promotes urban cooling through green infrastructure, public health preparedness and building design. WHO's ClimaHealth platform recom-

mends integrated planning between climate and health ministries. All of these approaches share one thing in common: national leadership and coordination.

That is exactly what India lacks. A national heatwave policy must mandate every state to draft and regularly update its heat actions plan, back it with central funding and develop a national heat surveillance system. It must also move beyond urban centres to cover rural and peri-urban zones—where resilience is low and mortality often underreported. It must protect the informal worker, ensure health systems can respond in real time, and embed cooling into housing, transport and employment policies.

Heat resilience is also about justice. Vulnerable groups suffer disproportionately: slum dwellers without insulation, gig workers with no rest breaks, women who cook over open fires in poorly ventilated homes and elderly citizens without access to cooling spaces. Tamil Nadu is addressing these intersections through targeted welfare schemes and smart urban planning, but without support from the Union government, such isolated successes can only go so far.

The Union government must step up by owning the climate mandate. That includes developing an enforceable policy under the Disaster Management Act, funding heat-resilient infrastructure through schemes like Smart Cities and AMRUT, and ensuring that climate justice is not left to the vision of a few progressive states. Tamil Nadu has demonstrated that heatwaves are neither unpredictable nor unmanageable. With foresight, planning, and political will, lives can be protected and systems strengthened.

If the Union government continues to see heatwaves as an annual inconvenience rather than a structural threat, the costs will only multiply—both in human and economic terms. India doesn't need to wait for more headlines, more deaths or more advisories. What it needs is a national heatwave policy that is as bold, urgent and structured as the threat itself. Tamil Nadu has shown the way—the Union must now catch up.

(Views are personal)

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Targeted approach

Ref: Operation Sindoor: The message in opting for precision, not in scale (May 8). India's accuracy in targeting terrorist locations is truly praiseworthy. They demonstrated a non-escalatory and targeted approach. The autonomy granted by the central government was evident. The courageous actions of the soldiers instilled immense pride in every Indian. This appropriate response is a mark of honour for all Indians.

Vinod Vetarady, Payyanur

Hunt terrorists

India's aim was crystal clear—the actions were measured and non-escalatory. The general reaction of the Pahalgam victims' relatives was jubilation over the destruction of terrorist camps. But we need to remember the perpetrators at Pahalgam have not been brought before justice yet.

D Sethuraman, Chennai

Military history

With due respect to all married women who choose not to apply sindoor, the word took on an entirely different meaning when the Indian forces struck at the foreheads of terrorists. One hopes the name of this operation secures its place in military history, not on election posters or in political speeches.

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Befitting reply

Ref: The options on the table post Pahalgam (May 7). The article was really insightful on the reasons for the attack. Thanks to Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain for the engaging read. At the time of writing this, India has already given a befitting reply with Operation Sindoor. Kudos to the Indian army and government.

Sriram S, Pudukcherry

Seizing Gaza

Ref: Strikes a cross Gaza kill 59 (May 8). Israel's real plan is to permanently occupy Gaza. It wants to seize land and confine and destabilise the Palestinians. The role of the US and Arab countries has been weak. Gaza is not just a piece of land, it's also a sensitive issue. Occupation will not bring peace. Israel should reconsider this plan.

Mohammad Asad, Mumbai

Rohit's test

Ref: End of Test Innings (May 8). Rohit Sharma may have considered continuing as a specialist batsman, but retirement is a subjective assessment of form, fitness and the priorities ahead. As he leaves Test cricket, he carries with him a legacy marked by early promise, a dramatic comeback as an opener, and a captaincy that ebbed and flowed.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

QUICK TAKE

GEM OF A MISSION

A threat of legal action by the Indian government has forced Sotheby's to postpone the auction of hundreds of sacred jewels linked to the Buddha's remains. The ‘gem relics’, which include amethysts, pearls, carnelians and embossed gold sheets, were set to be sold in Hong Kong on Wednesday. India's action is in line with two missions it has undertaken vigorously in recent years—the return of looted antiques and promotion of the Buddhist tourism circuit. The relics are said to have been ‘found’ by a colonial-era engineer in Uttar Pradesh's Piprahwa village. The Indian government, which has called the relics “inalienable religious and cultural heritage of India”, must explore all options for their return.



HAROPS & KAMIKAZE DRONES

UNMANNED AERIAL COMBAT VEHICLE

Known as "suicide drones" and "kamikaze drones", India used Harops & Kamikaze to target Pakistani establishments. Harops are an advanced loitering munitions. They continue to stay in the air close to the designated target, and hit the targets with explosive payload they carry once the command is given.



AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM AT LAHORE NEUTRALISED

India on Thursday morning targeted air defence radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan after the neighbouring tried to attack 15 cities previous night. "Indian response has been in the same domain with same intensity as Pakistan, said a statement of the defence ministry. Mayank Singh takes a look...

PAKISTAN AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS

● Uses a variant of Chinese HQ-9P air-defence system, which is customised for it. It is their mainstay

● HQ-9P is capable of intercepting multiple air targets, including aircraft, cruise missiles and beyond visual range weapons at ranges over 100km

● Pakistan's layered defence systems include HQ-9P, HQ-9BE, FD-2000, HQ-16FE, as well as older systems such as the LY-80 and FM-90

● LY-80 and LY-80N are export versions of China's HQ-16 and its variant HQ-16A has a range of about 40km and are Long Range Air Defence Weapon System

PAKISTANI ARMY SPOKESPERSON LT-GEN AHMAD SHARIF CHAUDHRY SAID THE COUNTRY CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM A WAVE OF DRONES, TARGETING MANY CITIES: THEY INCLUDE

- **LAHORE:** The capital of eastern Punjab region
- **GUJRANWALA:** The fourth-largest city in Punjab
- **CHAKWAL:** In Punjab region
- **RAWALPINDI:** The city in Punjab is home to the headquarters of Pakistan's military
- **ATTOCK:** Close to capital Islamabad, it is a cantonment city
- **NANKANA SAHIB:** The birthplace of Guru Nanak and is one of the holiest sites of Sikhs
- **BAHAWALPUR:** Also in Punjab
- **MIANO:** A town in Sindh province
- **CHOR:** A town in Umerkot district of southeastern province of Sindh
- **GHOTKI:** A city in northern Sindh
- **KARACHI:** Most populous city in Sindh



● Foreign secy says Operation Sindoor was directed at non-civilian, non-military targets ● Images of Pakistan Army personnel at the funerals of terrorists shown at presser ● Defence minister says anyone attempting to take advantage of India's restraint would face 'quality action' ● Cong supports forces and govt on action

PAHALGAM WAS FIRST ESCALATION



JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

RESPONDING to Pakistan's allegations of Indian military escalation, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Thursday said "the original escalation" was the April 22 attack in Pahalagam in which 26 people were killed by terrorists found to have links with Pakistan.

"The original escalation was by Pakistan on April 22. We are the ones who are responding to that escalation with the action that was taken yesterday (Wednesday) morning. And again, I would like to emphasise that the action was restrained; it was directed towards non-civilian, non-military targets, and confined to terrorist camps," he said.

"Any further action by Pakistan is nothing but escalation by Pakistan now, and will be responded to and is being responded to appropriately," he said. Pakistan has claimed civilian casualties in Operation

Sindoor. To counter this narrative, Misri during a press conference showed images of Pakistani Army personnel "at the funerals of terrorists."

One widely circulated image showed coffins draped in Pakistani flags, with full state honours being accorded. The funeral was reportedly led by Hafiz Abdul Rauf, a US-designated terrorist, and attended by members of Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD), a banned terror group headed by Hafiz Saeed. The event took place in Muridke, near Lahore.

"If any civilians were killed in these attacks, I wonder what message this picture actually sends to all of you. This is a question that is worth asking," Misri said.

He dismissed Pakistan's claim that India attacked religious sites, calling the allegation "completely false" and pointed out that it was Pakistan who "targeted a gurdwara" in Kashmir.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri with IAF Wing Commander Vyoma Singh and Army's Colonel Sofia Qureshi addresses a press conference in New Delhi on Thursday | PTI

Power lines approved for Chenab project

The Government has approved the establishment of an electricity transmission line for the upcoming 1,000 MW Pakal Dul Hydropower Project on the Chenab River in record time. The decision to set up power lines for the project – the largest on any of the Indus basin rivers – was approved in just 40 days, in a possible strategic move to harness more water from the Indus basin after India put the Indus Waters Treaty in abeyance.

BrahMos unit in Lucknow on May 11

India is poised to sharpen its military with a major boost to its strategic capabilities. In a significant development, the production of BrahMos, one of the most powerful supersonic cruise missiles in the world, is set to be inaugurated in Lucknow, one of the six nodes of UP Defence Corridor. BrahMos missile manufacturing unit, which has come out at an investment of ₹300 crore, will be officially inaugurated on May 11.

Parliamentary panels hail armed forces

Parliament's Public Accounts Committee on Thursday adopted a unanimous resolution congratulating the Armed Forces for razing terror camps in Pakistan and PoK. K C Venugopal said the resolution supporting the forces for the operation was adopted in the meeting. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas too adopted a similar resolution.

Intended objectives obtained, India has no interest in escalation: Govt

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

HOURS before India launched an attack on air defence systems in Lahore, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told an all-party meeting on Thursday that the 'intended objectives have been obtained by Operation Sindoor' and India has no interest in further escalation. However, Singh asserted that in the event of any misadventure by Pakistan, India will give a befitting reply, said sources.

Singh said that at least 100 people including hardcore terrorists and their associates were killed in Indian strikes on terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) under the Operation Sindoor.

On Opposition MPs questioning the minister for not having a detailed presentation of the operation, he said, "We did not have a presentation since it is an ongoing operation."

Reiterating his support for the armed forces and the government, senior Congress leader and LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi demanded that the government should give a detailed



LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge address the media after an all-party meeting over Operation Sindoor | PTI

briefing on the situation to demonstrate a united national response to the crisis, said sources.

Citing the 1999 Kargil War, Gandhi said that the then Indian government briefed political parties in an all-party meeting on Pakistani intrusion.

Amit Shah, S Jaishankar, JP Nadda and Nirmala Sitharaman also attended the meet.

Several leaders including Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi and CPI (M) MP John Brittas conveyed their disappointment over PM Narendra Modi not at-

tending the all-party meeting and said it will send out a negative message to the world. Many Opposition leaders referred to the Pakistani claim of downing Indian fighter jets and wondered if the government needed to counter such propaganda.

DMK's T R Baalu said "terrorism has no religion" and the situation shouldn't be portrayed as a Hindu-Muslim issue. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said, "The discussions were conducted in a constructive and serious manner given the gravity of the issue at hand."

Refrain from airing Pak-origin content, OTT services told

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

THE ministry of information and broadcasting (I&B) on Thursday asked over-the-top (OTT) service providers and media streaming intermediaries to stop airing content, including films, songs, and podcasts, having origins in Pakistan with 'immediate effect'.

In an advisory issued in wake of the Pahalagam terror attack last month, the ministry sought ban on streaming of content generated in the neighbouring country "in the interest of national security".

Referring to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media,

Ethics Code) Rules 2021, the ministry circular said, "In the interest of national security, all OTT platforms, media streaming platforms and intermediaries operating in India are advised to discontinue web series, films, songs, podcasts and other streaming media content... having its origins in Pakistan with immediate effect."

Citing the April 22 Pahalagam terror attack as cause, the I&B ministry condemned Pakistan's role in sponsoring cross-border terrorism. "Several terrorist attacks in India have been established to have cross border linkages with Pakistan based State and non-State actors," the advisory read.

X SHUTS ACCOUNTS

In response to orders from the Government, X has started blocking over 8,000 social media handles in India. The micro-blogging site swung into action after the Government's warning of significant fines and imprisonment of local staff in case of non-compliance.

Govt cautions fake social media narrative used by Pak handles

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

THE Government on Thursday cautioned citizens against a spate of false narratives and claims being circulated over social media by Pakistan.

A day after Operation Sindoor razed several terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the Fact Check Unit (FCU) of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), urged individuals, especially social media users, to stay vigilant and report suspicious and misleading content, specifically those related to the Indian Armed Forces and the present situation between the two countries.

"In coming days your social media will be flooded with Pakistan-sponsored propaganda. It's crucial to scrutinise every piece of information carefully. If

you encounter dubious content, especially concerning the Indian Armed Forces or any info related to the ongoing situation, report it to #PIBFactCheck," FCU posted on 'X'.

Following India's strike at the cross-border terror infrastructure, Pakistan has launched a massive disinformation campaign in an attempt to distract global attention by circulating falsities through digital manipulation and fabricated claims.

Following Operation Sindoor, the FCU is constantly rebutting false claims being spread by Pakistan-based social media handles over the strikes. These fabricated narratives are being amplified by top Pakistan government functionaries, who are publicly endorsing the disinformation; making the role of the FCU all the more crucial in curbing false propaganda.



Defence minister Rajnath Singh praises unimaginable precision strikes by forces | PTI

PAKISTAN TO GET FIRM RESPONSE, JAISHANKAR TELLS ARAB NATIONS

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said that India will respond with a "very, very firm" hand to any military aggression from Pakistan, even as he emphasised New Delhi's intent to avoid escalation. His remarks came amid a flurry of diplomatic engagements with Iranian and Saudi ministers as tensions mount between the neighbours following the terror attack in Pahalagam.

In his opening remarks during a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi in New Delhi, Jaishankar said the Pahalagam attack had forced India to retaliate. "You are visiting India at a time when we are responding to a particularly barbaric terrorist attack on April 22 in the Indian Union Territory of Jammu and

Kashmir. This attack compelled us to respond on May 7 by striking at the cross-border terrorist infrastructure... However, if there are military attacks on us, there should be no doubt that it will be met with a very, very firm response," he said.

The two ministers co-chaired the 20th India-Iran Joint Commission Meeting. Araghchi had visited Pakistan on Monday. With Araghchi and Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel Al-Jubeir who arrived here on an unannounced visit, Jaishankar spoke about cross-border linkages of the attack and India's "calibrated and measured response," sources said.

"A good meeting with Adel Al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia this morning. Shared India's perspective on countering terrorism," said Jaishankar.

Pak turbulence in Indian airspace, flights most hit

A MID heightened security concerns, India's booming aviation sector has been hit. Closure of 30 airports across several states has left hundreds of flights cancelled and thousands of travellers stranded or scrambling for alternatives. S Lalitha takes a look at the situation:

What triggered disruption? It stems from the closure of operations at several civilian airports — many of which double as military airfields — after India conducted precision strikes

in Pakistan and PoK on May 7 and 8. India suspended operations at critical airports in the North, Northwest, and Central regions of the country.

Affected airports

The closure impacts airports in J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, and Delhi-NCR. Notable ones include: ● J&K & Ladakh: Leh, Thoise, Srinagar, Jammu ● Punjab: Amritsar, Pathankot, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bathinda, Halwara ● HP: Dharamshala, Shimla, Bhuntar, Gaggal

EXPLAINER



- Rajasthan: Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Kishangarh, Bikaner
- Gujarat: Bhuj, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Mundra, Kandla, Keshod
- Others: Hindon (Delhi NCR), Gwalior (MP) and Chandigarh

Airlines' response

Major airlines have rolled out cancellations and passengers holding valid tickets have been offered full refunds: ● IndiGo: Suspended 165 daily flights, including those from Amritsar, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Gwalior, Jammu, Jodhpur, Leh, and Srinagar

● Air India: Cancelled flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Chandigarh, and Rajkot ● SpiceJet: Stopped operations in Leh, Srinagar, Jammu, Dharamshala, Kandla, and Amritsar

● Akasa Air: Cancelled flights from Srinagar

Impact on flyers

Travellers are experiencing severe stress due to cancellations, particularly those with connecting flights. Social media platforms of airlines have been flooded with distress calls.

What's next?

Airlines and airport authorities are monitoring developments, but flyers should be prepared for ongoing disruptions beyond May 10.

PAK MISSILES AND SUICIDE KAMIKAZE DRONES TARGET AIRPORT IN JAMMU

ALL SCHOOLS IN CHANDIGARH TO REMAIN CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS

REPORTS OF PRESENCE OF PAK TROOPS IN VILLAGES NEAR RAJASTHAN BORDER

SRI GANGANAGAR



DHARAMSHALA



JAMMU



INDIA THWARTS PAK ESCALATIONS

JAISALMER



FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER Wednesday night's failed attempt to target Indian military installations, the Pakistan army on Thursday evening, in a major escalation, launched missiles and suicide kamikaze drones in Jammu targeting the airport, which also houses Indian Air Force station, and civilian areas. However, the missiles and drones were successfully neutralised by Indian air defence.

Pakistan also simultaneously launched heavy mortar and artillery shelling across the Line of Control (LoC) from Kupwara in north Kashmir to Rajouri in the Jammu region.

At around 8.45 pm, they launched a swarm of missiles and kamikaze drones in different areas of Jammu.

Loud explosions were heard across the city. Immediately after the explosions, sirens were sounded alerting people about the attack. Pakistan targeted civilian areas and the Jammu airport, which also houses the IAF station.

An army official said the armed forces successfully downed all the missiles and drones. "We had activated air defence systems and managed to intercept and show down the missiles and drones," he said.

According to officials, 8 missiles fired by the Pakistan army were directed at Sattari, Samba, RS Pura and Arnia areas of Jammu. All of them were shot down by air defences.

He said the drones, which were sighted at multiple loca-

tions in Jammu, were effectively engaged by air defence.

There were no immediate reports of any casualty or damage in the Pakistani attack.

Post-attack, there was complete blackout in Jammu as authorities disconnected power. The mobile services were also shut down in some parts of Jammu. Pakistan troops also launched heavy mortar and artillery shelling at the LoC in Uri, Tangdhar, Gurez in Kashmir to Rajouri and other areas in Jammu region.

A woman was killed in Pakistani troops' intense mortar and artillery shelling in Uri border area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

An official said army effectively returned fire with similar calibre weapons. Heavy exchange of fire and shelling reportedly continued.

The Valley witnessed a blackout after authorities cut off the electricity supply in most parts of Srinagar and other parts of the region. A high alert has been declared around Srinagar and Awantipora air bases and people living in the vicinity have been asked to be cautious and alert.

Amid reports that the escalation may have caused both sides to move tanks, an army official said there was no such movement on either side.

Defence sources also denied reports of a suicide attack by a terrorist on an army camp at Rajouri. "It is completely false as no such thing has taken place," they said. Authorities have ordered closure of all schools in J&K on Friday.

An air of deep anxiety pre-



LEAVES OF PERSONNEL, OFFICIALS CANCELLED

Many states have announced the cancellation of leave of police personnel and administration officials. The stringent measures were taken by Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and West Bengal after Indian strikes on Pak

AERIAL MONITORING IN NORTHWEST FRONTIER

Amid Pakistan attempts to attack border districts, aerial monitoring has been ramped up across the northwestern frontier, with heightened vigilance over the volatile Kutch-Creek zone. Fishing has been banned in marine zones.

Complete blackout in Punjab border dists, firecrackers banned

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

A blackout was enforced in Chandigarh as well as several districts of Punjab — including Pathankot, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Moga and Mohali — on Thursday night amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan.

In Pathankot, some locals claimed to have heard an explosion-like sound. However, there was no official confirmation in this regard. Local authorities have appealed to people to keep their lights switched off and stay at home.

Shortly after a blackout was clamped in Chandigarh as sirens started blaring around 9 to 9.30 pm, the authorities concerned announced that all schools in the UT would remain closed for two days. Likewise, the Punjab government ordered the closure of educational institutions in the state for the next three days. In a post on micro-blogging site X (formerly Twitter), Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains announced, "In view of the evolving situation, it is hereby ordered that all schools, colleges and universi-

ties — government, private and aided — across entire Punjab shall remain completely closed for the next three days."

Earlier in the day, it was announced that an eight-hour blackout would be observed in Gurdaspur from 9 pm. An order issued by the Deputy Commissioner in this regard at that time said the move was taken to deal with the emergency situation under the Civil Defence Act, 1968.

Further, the use of celebratory fireworks has been prohibited in six border districts — Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Gurdaspur, Ferozepur, Fazilka and Pathankot. Amritsar Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sahni, who issued an order imposing a blanket ban on the use of firecrackers in the district, said that the move is aimed at averting panic and ensuring that no law and order problem arises.

Though tensions had been simmering between India and Pakistan since the April 22 attack, the situation escalated after India launched precision strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pak-occupied Kashmir early on May 7.

Blackout in Guj border villages as drones fired

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AMID escalating tensions along the Gujarat border with Pakistan, six drones were spotted in the skies over Kutch on Thursday. According to sources, the Indian forces responded swiftly and shot down three, deepening concerns of cross-border attack. Amid the looming threat, a sweeping blackout plunged villages across Kutch and Banaskantha into darkness. Lights snapped off in Naliya, Nakhatrana, and Khawda, while rural pockets of Vay, Sulgam, and Maysari, too, blacked out, amplifying the growing fears along the tense frontier.

Amid escalating tensions following Operation Sindoor, a drone explosion jolted Gujarat's Kutch border on Thursday morning, putting security forces on high alert. The blast, which occurred before 6 am near a high-tension power line in Khawda in Bhuj taluka, has intensified concerns of cross-border threats.

Sources revealed that a large drone-like object had been hovering over the villages near the border since the wee hours, later drifting towards Khawda before crashing and exploding. The Air Force swiftly seized the wreckage for a detailed probe.

India releases water from Salal, Baglihar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE gates of two dams in J&K — Salal hydro project in Reasi and Baglihar hydro project in Ramban — were opened on Thursday allowing flow of Chenab water to Pakistan.

The gates were opened after the region witnessed heavy rain. "The water level in the dams increased due to heavy rain, necessitating release of water. Three gates of Salal power project and two gates of Baglihar project were opened on Thursday," an official said.

The water level in the Chenab river had dropped to a record

low due to closure of gates of Salal and Baglihar projects last week to stop water flow to Pakistan after suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) by India following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalagam on tourists.

"As against the Chenab flowing at a height of 25-30 feet, there was hardly 2 feet of water in the river after the gates of the two dams were closed last week to restrict flow of water to Pakistan," an official said.

Due to closure of the gates, the downstream water flow into Pakistan had reduced as Chenab had dried up. For the first time, people crossed the Chen-



RAIN SPURRED STEP; WATER FLOWING TO PAK NOW

Water level in dams increased amid heavy rain, necessitating the step. Three gates of Salal power project and two gates of Baglihar project were opened on Thursday, allowing flow of Chenab water to Pakistan.

ab river in Akhnoor area of Jammu region on foot.

The dams of Baglihar (Ramban), Salal (Reasi) and Kishanganga (Bandipora) give India the capability and facility to regulate water release to Pakistan at its will and

timing. As per IWT, India was granted unrestricted access to water from 'eastern rivers' — Sutlej, Beas, and Ravi — and Pakistan retained water rights on 'western rivers,' including the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab.

Welcome 'Sinduri': Bihar couple names newborn girl after Army op

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A couple in Bihar has named their newborn baby after the armed forces' 'Operation Sindoor' targeted against terrorists' hubs in Pakistan and PoK as a retaliatory response to the Pahalagam terror attack.

Santosh Kumar Mandal (30) and his wife Rakhi Kumari (23), residents of Balithi Maheshpur in Katihar district, named their baby girl 'Sinduri'.

"Our baby was born on the day the Indian Army successfully launched 'Operation Sindoor'. It was a proud moment not only for us but also for the entire nation," said Santosh,



who became father of his second daughter on May 7. Santosh's wife Rakhi was admitted to Katihar Seva Sadan on May 7 early morning, where she delivered the baby girl after a surgery. Asked how the idea struck him, Santosh said, "The air strikes into Pakistan inculcat-

ed a sense of patriotism in me. I immediately decided to name my newborn daughter after the operation. My wife also approved it, and the baby was named Sinduri. May 7 will be a memorable day for the nation as well as our family. We will celebrate Sinduri's birthday every year which coincides with Operation Sindoor."

The parents want to encourage Sinduri to join the Air Force after completing her studies. "Though we come from a lower middleclass family, we will leave no stone unturned to fulfil our dream," Santosh told this reporter over phone on Thursday.

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(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact No. 96461-20640)

Tender Enquiry No. 1795/Th.Op/O&M/PC-2669-A Dated: 08-05-2025

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat-151111 Distt. Bathinda invites E-tender for the Procurement of Hydrochloric Acid for 2025-26 for GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat & GGSSTP, Ropar, Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.05.2025 from 17:00 hrs. Onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are Re-invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 79975, (2) 80116.

Note: For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

PRO/AAM(M)/17/2025 GENERAL MANAGER

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION PARK & PLAYFIELD DEPARTMENT

P.D.C.No.P2/0774/2025 **Two Covers System - e-TENDER NOTICE**

e-Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer/ Park & Playfield Department for the following works as per details furnished below:-

Selection of Agencies for up keeping and maintenance of Parks for one year in Zone-1 to 15 (Package - 1 to 22)

WORK VALUE : Rs. 232.20 LAKHS to Rs. 393.01 LAKHS

E.M.D : 1% of Tender value

Pre Bid Meeting on 15.05.2025
Due Date and Time for Submission of tender : 29.05.2025 upto 3.00 p.m.
Tender opening date and time : 30.05.2025 @ 3.30 p.m.
For more information see www.tntenders.gov.in
DIPR / 2039 / Tender / 2025 Superintending Engineer (P&P)

STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967
(ONLINE ONLY)

Tender Notice NIT.No.03/COD/No.03/2025-26 Dt.08.05.2025

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under "Single Cover System" through online only for the following work from Class - IV & above State level Civil Contractors registered in PWD / Highways / Any Department of Government of Tamil Nadu, Central Government Department, Tamil Nadu State Government Undertaking having experience in similar nature of works. Tenders will be received upto 15.30 Hrs (as per server system clock) on 27.05.2025 and the same will be opened at 15.30 Hrs (as per server system clock) on 28.05.2025.

| Name of Work | Approx. value of work | EMD |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| Providing Street Light Arrangements to Internal Roads in SIPCOT TIDCO Joint Venture Industrial Park, Varapattali. | Rs.160.00 lakhs | Rs.90,000/- |

* EMD should be paid through online in the portal (<https://tntenders.gov.in>)

The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in>
DIPR/2026/Tender/2025 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

Town Panchayats Administration - Coimbatore Zone
CAPITAL GRAND FUND (CGF)
Re Tender Notice

Ro.No.26/2025/TP1 Dated: 16.05.2025

Tenders are invited for Supply on delivery of 80V 31 Nos. for 24 Town Panchayats of Coimbatore Zone under CGF (Two Cover system) as detailed below.

| Name of the Work | Estimate (Rs in Lakhs) | EMD to be Remitted (In Rupees) | Period |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Supply and Delivery of (31 Nos) of Battery Operated vehicles (Three Wheeler) with Lithium battery to 24 Town Panchayats of Coimbatore District. | 76.43 | 78430 | 90 days from the supply order |

2) The BID Document can be downloaded from the Website <https://tntenders.gov.in> at free of cost.
3) Venue : O/o. Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Coimbatore Zone
4) Time Schedule
a) Date and Time for downloading BID Documents : 09.05.2025 at 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM
b) Last Date and Time of submission of Tenders including online submission : 28.05.2025 at 3.00 PM
c) Date and Time of Opening of the Technical Bids : 28.05.2025 at 3.30 PM
In the event of specified date for submission of Bids is declared as holiday, Bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
DIPR/2043/Tender/2025 (Bd) Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, Coimbatore Zone.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

B.D.C.No.B1 / 0867 / 2025 **e-TENDER NOTICE**

e-Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (Buildings) for the following works as per details furnished below

Construction of Various types of Buildings at Zones - 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 (Two Cover System) (17 Packages)

Lowest work value : Rs.2,03,52,476.73, Highest work value : Rs.7,45,30,106.84, EMD 1% of the work value

Tender Last date and Time : 26.05.2025 up to 3.00 P.M
Tender open date and time : 27.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M
For more information see <http://tntenders.gov.in>

DIPR / 2014 / Tender / 2025 Superintending Engineer (Buildings)

Indian Bank KELLYS BRANCH
No.6, Harveys Road, Kellys, Chennai - 600 010.
Telephone : 644 - 26461898, 26440045. email : kellys@indianbank.co.in

APPENDIX IV-A [See Provision to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Kellys Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 11.06.2025, for recovery of Rs.1,75,56,531.28 (Rupees One crore seventy five lakhs fifty six thousand five hundred thirty one and paise twenty eight only) (as on 05.05.2025) with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon from 06.05.2025, due to the Indian Bank, Kellys Branch, Secured Creditor from:

(NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS) (1) M/s. Anand Constructions, (Firm/Borrower in respect of Loan Account Nos.435390574, 7144020670 & Non funded facility), Represented by its Proprietor : Mr. Kuppaswamy Kumar, No.9/19, Muthial Chetty Street, Purasawalkam, Chennai - 600 007. (2) Mr. Kuppaswamy Kumar, (Borrower in respect of Loan Account No.7407264167 & 6585160929/Mortgagor), S/o Mr. K. Kuppasamy, No.9/19, Muthial Chetty Street, Purasawalkam, Chennai - 600 007. (3) Mrs. Asha Kumar, (Guarantor/Mortgagor), W/o Mr. Kuppaswamy Kumar, No.9/19, Muthial Chetty Street, Purasawalkam, Chennai - 600 007.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below :

Property 1 : Extn of EM of Flat at Second Floor, Flat No.2A, "KKLM Flats", Old Door No.9, New Door No.19, Muthial Chetty Street, Purasawalkam, Chennai - 600 007, UDS 661 Sq. ft. builtup area 1322 Sq. ft. in the name of Kuppaswamy Kumar. Prior Encumbrances on property : Nil. PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB435390574A

| BANK WEBSITE | E-AUCTION WEBSITE | SALE NOTICE | PROPERTY LOCATION | PROPERTY PHOTO |
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RESERVE PRICE : Rs.135.46 Lakhs Bid increment : Rs.10,000/- EMD : Rs.13.54 Lakhs

Property 2 : Extn of EM of Flat at First Floor, Flat No. 1B, "KKLM Flats", Old Door No.9, New Door No.19, Muthial Chetty Street, Purasawalkam, Chennai - 600 007, UDS 661 Sq. ft. builtup area 1322 Sq. ft. in the name of Asha Kumar. Prior Encumbrances on property : Nil. PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB435390574B

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RESERVE PRICE : Rs.133.88 Lakhs Bid increment : Rs.10,000/- EMD : Rs.13.38 Lakhs

Date and Time of Inspection of the Properties & related documents : 04.06.2025 to 05.06.2025 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 11.06.2025 BETWEEN 11.00 A.M. AND 4.00 P.M.

Last Date for submission of Tender form/EMD : 11.06.2025

Bidders are advised to visit the website (<https://www.baanknet.com>) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. Helpdesk No. 8291220220, email ID : support.baanknet@psballiance.com and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. and EMD Status, please contact support.baanknet@psballiance.com

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit : <https://www.baanknet.com> and for clarifications related to this portal please contact Helpdesk No.8291220220.

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://www.baanknet.com>.

Date : 06.05.2025
Place : Chennai

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POSSESSION NOTICE (U/s. Rule 8 (1) - for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with [Rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers to repay the total outstanding amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Since the below mentioned Borrowers having failed to repay the below stated amount within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule mentioned properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of M/s. Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited and further interest and other charges thereon. 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."

SI.No.1 : Branch : Avadi, LAN No: SEAVADI0176993, Borrowers: 1. Mrs.Kalyani.C, W/o.Chandran, 2. Mr.Chandran, S/o.Muninyan @ Munusamy, 3. Mr.Kumaresan, S/o.Chandran, Demand Notice Date & Amount: 13.02.2025 & Rs.4,09,395/- Date of Possession: 08.05.2025

Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property): All that Piece and parcel of land and building, Comprised in Grama Natham Old S.No.93/Part, New S.No.124/5 with an extent of 2087 Sq.ft., Situated at Arakkampakkam Village, Avadi Taluk, Thiruvallur District and Bounded on the North by : Road South by : House belongs to Mr.Ramachandran East by : Road West by : House belongs to Mr.Elumalai Measurement : Nil Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Avadi and Registration District of South Chennai.

Date : 09.05.2025
Place : Chennai

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(APPENDIX-IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the secured creditor, the Symbolic/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" of Punjab.

SI.No.1: Loan Account Name : Mr.Abraham Selvakumar. Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors: (1) Mr.Abraham Selvakumar (Borrower), S/o Arulmani, No.G1, Nanchil Corner, New Colony, 2nd Street Extn, Adambakkam, Chennai - 600 088. (2) Ms. Sharmila Vijl (Guarantor), No.G1, Nanchil Corner, New Colony, 2nd Street Extn, Adambakkam, Chennai - 600 088.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 06.06.2018, Amount: Rs. 36.88 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.69,97,564.98 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession dated 14.11.2024

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : Schedule A: All that part and parcel of vacant land situated at Pammal Village, Tambaram Taluk within the SRO of Pammal and registration district of Chennai South measuring 1 ground and 613 sq.ft. (i.e. 3013 sq.ft.) in Sy.No.69/2 comprised in Paimash Nos.330, 333 in Door No.2A, Shri Lakshmi Narayana Nagar 1st Street, Pammal, Chennai, bounded on the North by : 20 feet Road, South by: Plot No.12, East by : 20 feet Road, West by : Plot No.2. Admeasuring east west on northern side 46 feet east west on the southern side 46 feet north to south on eastern side 65 1/2 feet north to south on the western side 65 1/2 feet. Schedule B: 469 sq.ft. undivided share of land out of 3013 sq.ft. in the land described in schedule A property mentioned above. Registered as Doc No.2856/17.04.2014 with Sub-Registrar office, Pammal. Schedule C: First Floor, Flat bearing No.E measuring an extent of 850 sq.ft. inclusive of the proportionate common area in the building named "Balaji Apartments".

Reserve Price ₹ 25.16 Lakhs EMD ₹ 2.52 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

Details of the Encumbrances Known to the secured creditor: It is hereby made public that a third party (unsecured creditor) encumbrance has been created on the said property through an arbitration attachment bearing case numbers - Application No. 2074/2018 (main case) & Application no. 4193/2018 (M/s Galada Finance Ltd Vs Mr. Abraham Selvakumar & A Raghunath) before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, which was last listed & disposed on 12.06.2019.

SI.No.2: Loan Account Name : Mrs.Yamini Preetha, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) Yamini Preetha D/o J.Panchaksharam (Borrower) No. A2/3, Bhuvaneshwari Apartments, Bharathidasan Colony, K.K. Nagar, Chennai 600 078 (2) J.Panchaksharam, S/o Janakiraman, (Guarantor) No.A2/3, Bhuvaneshwari Apartments, Bharathidasan Colony,KK Nagar, Chennai 600 078.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 02.08.2018, Amount: Rs. 30.36 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.63,03,888.80 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession dated 09.10.2024

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : Flat No.B, Ground Floor Door No.2A Sri Lakshminarayana Nagar, 1st Street, Pammal, Chennai 600075 being a Residential flat measuring 390 sq.ft. Undivided share of land out of 1 ground and 613 Sq.ft. (i.e. 3013 Sq.ft.) built up area 680 Sq.ft. in Survey No.69/2 comprised in Paimash Nos. 330, 333, Bounded as: North by: 20 Feet Road, South by: Plot No.12, East by: 20 Feet Road, West by: Plot No.2, more fully described in Sale deed Registered vide Doc.No.3805 of 2014 Dated 28.05.2014.

Reserve Price ₹ 25.16 Lakhs EMD ₹ 2.52 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.3: Loan Account Name : Mr. Goutham S and Mrs. Devi GS, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) Mr. Goutham S (Borrowers), Plot No.13, Flat S-1, Second Floor, Vasuki Apartment, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Kancheepuram Dist. Chennai - 603 210. (2) Mrs. Devi GS (Borrowers), Plot No.13, Flat S-1, Second Floor, Vasuki Apartment, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Kancheepuram Dist. Chennai - 603 210. (3) Mr. Rajasekar, S/o Santhanam, (Guarantor) No.13, Flat S-1, Second Floor, Vasuki Apartment, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Kancheepuram Dist. Chennai - 603210. (4) V.Jowitha, D/o Venugopal (Guarantor) No.13, Flat S-1, Second Floor, Vasuki Apartment, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Kancheepuram Dist. Chennai - 603 210.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 16.07.2018, Amount: Rs. 27.89 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.51,27,432.68 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : Schedule A : All that piece and parcel of Vacant house site bearing plot No.13 measuring an extent of 1826 Sq.ft, comprised in Old Survey No.57/4 as per Patta No.3958, New Survey No.57/4A/5, in the layout named Narmadha Enclave situated at No.8 Ayyancherry Village, Chengalpatt Taluk, Kanchipuram District, with in the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Guduvancheri with in the limits of Kattankulathur Panchayat union and Urappakkam Panchayat and Bounded on the North by: 23 Feet Road, South by: Vacant Land, East by: Plot No.14, West by: Plot No.12. Schedule B: Undivided share of land admeasuring an extent of 380sq.ft. in schedule A mentioned property. Schedule C: 881 sq. ft. of Flat in 2nd floor bearing Flat No S1 in Vasuki apartment 3rd street Urappakkam, Chennai - 603210. Details of Title deed: Sale Deed No.2174/2016 dated 29.02.2016 and construction Agreement No.2173/2016 dt 29.02.2016 SRO Guduvancheri.

Reserve Price ₹ 27.49 Lakhs EMD ₹ 2.75 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.4: Loan Account Name : Mr.R.Karunakaran, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) Mr.R.Karunakaran S/o Mr. Rajavelu, Flat No.S-2, 2nd Floor, Vasuki Apartments, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Chennai - 603 210. (2) Smt. Melitida Kumari W/o Karunakaran at Flat No.No.S-2, 2nd Floor, Vasuki Apartments, 3rd Street, Narmadha Nagar, Urappakkam, Chennai - 603 210. (3) Mr. V.Kothandam S/o Mr. Velu, D.No.3, Plot No.10, PRK Nagar, NGO, Ponneri Tiruvallur District-601 204.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 25.01.2018, Amount: Rs. 28.55 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.45,20,422.32 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any: Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of Vacant House site bearing Plot No.13 measuring an extent of 1826 Sq.ft comprise in Old Survey No.57/4, as per Patta No.3958, New Survey No.57/4A/5 in the layout named Narmadha Enclave (Approval No. LP/DICT No.357/2002) situated in No.8 Ayyancherry Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kanchipuram District within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Guduvancheri within the limits of Kattankulathur Panchayat Union and Urappakam Panchayat. Bounded on the North by 23 feet Road, South by Vacant Plot, East by Plot No.14 & West by Plot No.12 in all admeasuring an extent of 1826 sq ft or 169.639 Sq.Mt., or thereabouts, construction Agreement Document No.4782/2016/book 1 SRO Guduvanchery Dtd 02.05.2016 and vide Sale Deed No. 4783/2016 dtd 02.05.2016. Schedule B: An undivided 356 sq ft of land, right title and interest in the schedule A mentioned Property. Schedule C: 828 Sq.ft., of flat in second floor, in Schedule 'A' bearing Flat no. S-2 in Vasuki Apartment.

Reserve Price ₹ 25.83 Lakhs EMD ₹ 2.58 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.5: Loan Account Name : Mr. Rupesh Parasmani, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) Legal Heirs (Known & Unknown) of late Mr. Rupesh Parasmani (Borrower) No.27/18, Dr. Radhakrishna Salai, Vivekanand Nagar, Kodungupuram, Chennai-600 118. (2) Ms. Sonnil R Lodha (Guarantor) No.27/18, Dr. Radhakrishna Salai, Vivekanand Nagar, Kodungupuram, Chennai-600 118.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 05.12.2018, Amount: Rs. 40.06 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.72,59,970.03 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any: Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of House site situated at Kancheepuram District Sriperambadur Taluk No.193 Athanur Village comprised in Survey No. 379/1 measuring an extent of 1415 Sq.ft., or thereabouts as per Patta R.S.No.379/23, vide Patta No. 5468 issued by Deputy Tahasildar of Sriperambadur dated 06.06.2012 Building plan Approval No. 93/12-13 being bounded on the North: Sriyam Nagar, West: Remaining land of Mr.M.Devadas, East: Road, South: Road, in all admeasuring to a total extent of 1415 Sq.ft., or thereabouts situated within the Sub Registration District of Guduvancheri and Registration District of South Chennai. Schedule B: 566 sq ft., Undivided share of land in and out of Schedule A mentioned property, Flat No. F1 & S1, in First Floor and Second floor total plinth area of 1242 Sq.ft (including common area) in the building known as Sri Saara Builderz. Registered Sale deed dated 19.06.2017 Document No. 5873/2017, Construction Agreement Dated 19.06.2017 Doc No. 5872/2017 at SRO Guduvanchery.

Reserve Price ₹ 34.84 Lakhs EMD ₹ 3.50 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.6: Loan Account Name : M/s Hubert Drugs & Alco Chemicals, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) M/s Hubert drugs & Alco Chemicals 1st Floor, New no.42, Old no.46, Gokulam Apartment, Unnamalai Annimal Street, T.Nagar, Chennai 600 017 (2) Shri. Gubendiran Loganathan S/o B Loganathan 47/1, Srivatsa Sridhara apartment PS Sivassami, 1st Street, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004. (3) Smt. G. Jayakumari W/o Gubendiran 47/1, Srivatsa Sridhara apartment PS Sivassami, 1st Street, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 09.04.2021, Amount: Rs. 238.40 Lakhs
Present Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.3,95,79,257.75 plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: PHYSICAL Possession dated 15.04.2025

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : All that piece and parcel of Flat No.9, Old Door No.20, New Door No.23, with buildup area measuring 425 Sqft in the Ground Floor of the building known as "Palani Apartments", Zakariya Colony, 4th Street, Chololamedu, Chennai-600 094 along with 1/14th undivided share of land in 2 Grounds 320 Sq.ft in Plot No.-1-9 comprised in Paimash No. 789, 794, 806 & 807.

Reserve Price ₹ 34.84 Lakhs EMD ₹ 3.50 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE AND CHITRADURGA DIST CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga - 577 222
IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281E/ 637/2025-26 Date: 06.05.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufacturers or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

| S.N | Particulars | Qty | EMD in ₹ |
|-----|--|--------|------------|
| 1 | Supply, Erection & Commissioning of High speed Double head milk packing machine at Davanagere Dairy under buy back system. | 02 Nos | 1,50,000/- |

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from : 09.05.2025
the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from
2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 26.05.2025 up to 16.00 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 27.05.2025 at 17.00 Hours
4. Date of opening of Financial Tender : 28.05.2025 at 17.00 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification, terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees. The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.

Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from Deputy Manager (Purchase) during office hours, e-mail id : dmpur.shivmul@gmail.com contact nos: 08182-246161, Mob: 7760971951.

Sd/- Managing Director

T.S.No.43, Block No.19 together of No.109, Puliyur village, Egmore-Nungambakkam Taluk, Chennai District in the name of Mrs. G.Jayakumari & Mr.L.Gubendiran by Sale Deed Dated 24.02.2006 in Doc No. 831/2006. North by: Partly Paimash No. 785 and partly by Garden belonging to Ponnuswami, South by: 30 Feet Road (Zacariya colony 4th street), East by: Plot No.1-10, West by: Plot No.1-8.

Reserve Price ₹ 28.69 Lakhs EMD ₹ 2.87 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.7: Loan Account Name : M/s Priyadhanaa Fabrication, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) M/s Priyadhanaa Fabrication (Partnership Firm) Regd at No.2B, Poonamallee bypass road, Cheneerkuppam, Chennai - 600056. (2) Mr.Ganesan.R S/o Mr. Ramachandran, No.6/8, Gandhi Street, Saidapet West, Jones road, Chennai - 600015. (3) Mr.S.Jayasankar S/o Mr.Selvamani, No.5, Chinnna Street, Puliyambadu, Thiruvarkadu, Ayapakkam, Tiruvallur - 600077. (4) Mrs.J.Santhi (Guarantor) W/o Mr.Jayasankar, No.5, Chinnna Street, Puliyambadu, Thiruvarkadu, Ayapakkam, Tiruvallur- 600077.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 09.04.2021, Amount: Rs. 69.68,394/-
Present Outstanding amount 30.04.2025 as on Rs.1,17,63,624.82/- plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: SYMBOLIC Possession dated 07.07.2021

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing Door No.4, Chinnna Street, Puliambedu, Noombal Village, Chennai - 600077, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District, comprised in Natham Survey No.104/2, as per Natham Patta No.84, New Natham Survey No.147/8 measuring an extent of 1250 square feet out of 9000 square feet along with building with all fixtures and fittings, Electrical installations. TNBE Service Connection along with its security deposits and service connection charges and all common amenities provided thereon and all other appurtenances whatsoever appertaining thereto and situated within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Kundrathur and bounded on the North by : 10 feet wide Pathway, South by : Land Owned by Mrs. Jagathambal and others, East by: Land owned by Mr.S.Arul, West by: Land owned by Mr. Rajendran. Document no.5368/2003 dated 19.09.2003 in favour of Mr. S.Jayasankar.

Reserve Price ₹ 69.00 Lakhs EMD ₹ 6.90 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.8: Loan Account Name : M/s Bhadam Engineering Works, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) M/s Bhadam Engineering Works V.Mahendramani Proprietor, 1/5A, Kattabomman Street Sri Venkateswara Nagar, Ramapuram, Chennai- 600089 Also at M/s Bhadam Engineering Works 1/30-B Umair Dural Street (Naidu Street) Ramapuram, Chennai- 600089. (2) V.Mahendramani Proprietor of M/s Bhadam Engineering Works, No.1/48 Naidu Street, Ramapuram, Chennai- 600089 Also at: V.Mahendramani Proprietor of M/s Bhadam Engineering Works, No.1/37 Naidu Street, Ramapuram, Chennai- 600089 (3) M.Padmavathy (Guarantor) No.1/48 Naidu Street, Ramapuram, Chennai- 600089

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) Date : 03.04.2021, Amount: Rs. 106.36 Lakhs
Present Outstanding amount 30.04.2025 as on Rs.1,46,44,250.68/- plus cost, charges and future interest ; Status of Possession: SYMBOLIC Possession dated 24.06.2021

Detailed description of the immovable property with known encumbrances if any : Land and Building situated at Thiruvallur District, Ambattur Taluk, No.13/17 Naidu Street in Ramapuram Village, comprised in Gramanatham S.No. 187/5 measuring an extend of 2175 sq.ft. bounded on the East by Property belongs to Mr.Balaji, West by Property belongs to Late Mr.Munusamy Naidu, North by Property belongs to Late Mr.Jagadeesan, South by Kattappomman Salai (Naidu Street), Measuring: On the North: 30 Feet, On the South: 28 Feet, On the East: 75 Feet, On the West: 75 Feet. Situated within the Registration District Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Chennai joined to Saidapet. Planning permit no.911/05-06. Building Plan Approval no.11/705-06. Details of title deed-partition deed no.1501/2004 dated 30.09.2004 in the office of joined to SRO Saidapet.

Reserve Price ₹ 152.00 Lakhs EMD ₹ 15.20 Lakhs Bid Increase Amount ₹ 0.50 Lakhs

SI.No.9: Loan Account Name : Mrs. Amali Jill Hemalatha, Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors : (1) Mrs. Amali Jill Hemalatha, 133/4, Annai Flats, Pudukkuppam Road, Thirumangalam, Near Waves Showroom, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600040. Also at Mrs. Amali Jill Hemalatha D/o Selvaraj 403, 6th Street Extension Gandhipuram, Coimbatore 641012. Also at Mrs. Amali Jill Hemalatha (Teacher) Government Higher Secondary School, Guruvoyal, Chennai 600052. (2) Mr. Issac John Ravi 133/4, Annai Flats, Pudukkuppam Road, Thirumangalam, Near Waves Showroom, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600040. Also at Mr. Issac John Ravi Plot No. G, Old No. P-145-D, New No.8, Flat No.B, Block-P, Ground Floor, MMDO Company, Devasigamani,

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
W.R. PROJECT CIRCLE JHALAWAR

SL : F - /SEW/ Circle/NIT-V-2025-26/617

DL 30.04.2025

E-NIT No. - 01/2025-26

Bids for two No. of works "1.Raising of Sarthal to Bhawanipura Road in submergence of Parwan Bam. (Rs.292.00 Lac) and 2-Construction of Connecting Road for Kakodiheda village in submergence of Parwan Bam. (Rs.98.64 Lac) are invited from interested bidders (registered in appropriate class) from 05.05.2025 (9.30 AM) to 26.05.2025 till 18.00 Hr. Other particulars, terms & conditions may be seen on the procurement portal eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, spp.rajasthan.nic.in, diprone.rajasthan.gov.in and www.water.rajasthan.gov.in

NID No. - WRD2526W080011

UEN No. Item No.-01: WRD2526W0800111

UEN No. Item No.-02: WRD2526W0800112

DIP/C/ /2025

Sd/- (Ajjeet Kumar Jain)

Superintending Engineer,

W.R. Project Circle Jhalawar

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix - IV A) (Rule 8(6))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFIL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infiline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFIL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.58 Jyoti Vihar, Phase-I/2200155 (Haryana) and Branch Office at "99, Kakkal, Chennai To Thiruvallur Highway, Poonga Nagar, Thiruvallur Tamil Nadu-602002" under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFIL-HFL has taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(4) of the Act for the purpose of sale of the said properties "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFIL-HFL's dues. The Sale will be conducted by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.ifilhome.com

| Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset | Date of Symbolic Possession | Reserve Price | Date of Inspection of property |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. Mrs. Nirmala Srinivasan 2. Mr. Selvam Srinivasan 3. Mr. Srinivasan (Prospect No. IL10196197) | 07-Jun-2024 Rs. 18,04,750/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Four Hundred Fifty Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) | All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No.43, Block No.51, EW5, CMDA Sy No.4 Part, Manali New Town, Suburban Village, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu, India, 600008 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. Ft.) Property Type : Land, Area: 510.00, 510.00, 408.00 | 13-Sep-2024 Total Outstanding As On Date 06-Apr-2025 Rs. 20,06,743/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Three Only) | Rs. 23,39,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 2,33,900/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Only) | 23-May-2025 11:00 hrs -14:00 hrs EMD Last Date 27-May-2025 11:00 hrs -13:00 hrs |

Mode Of Payment - EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit <https://www.ifilhome.com> and pay through link available for the property Secured Asset only. Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/Secured Asset, you intend to buy vide public auction.

For Balance Payment - Login <https://www.ifilhome.com> and pay the balance amount.

Important Information: This auction is published basis possession vide Sec 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act. Physical possession will be offered post receipt of Section -14 order as per process laid down under SARFAESI Act and as and when physical possession will be taken. Bidder shall do necessary due-diligence in respect of documents and legally before participating in auction proceedings

Terms and Conditions:-

1. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.ifilhome.com>, well in advance and has to create the login account, login id and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, order of KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.

2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.

4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoing relating to the property.

5. The purchaser has to pay TDS applicable to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFIL-HFL.

6. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.ifilhome.com> and <https://www.ifilhome.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.

7. For all details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E-mail ID:- care@ifilhome.com, Support Helpline No. 1800 2672 499.

8. For any queries related to property details, inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFIL-HFL toll free No. 1800 2672 499 from 09.30 hrs to 18.00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@ifilhome.com

9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset in the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFIL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.

10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.

11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) and the property will be again put up for auction.

12. AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason therefor. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFIL-HFL will be final.

15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE RULE 9 SUB RULE (1) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place : Thiruvallur | Date :09-05-2025

Sd/-: Authorised Officer, For IFIL Home Finance Ltd.

IDBI BANK

CIN : L65190M12040G0114038

IDBI BANK LIMITED Chengalpatt, TN I 1142 64/11 Alagesan Road, Vedachala Nagar, Chengalpatt, Chennai-603001, Ph: 044 2716 2101

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer (AO) of the IDBI Bank Ltd. (IDBI) invites Bids/Offers through E-auction for sale of the following properties under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, possession whereof has been taken by AO, IDBI Bank Ltd. Notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors and the public in general.

Borrower Name's and Address: 1. Smt Lorraine Niblett, No.16, Rajaji Street,Annex, Madhavaram, Thiruvallur (District)-600060. Tamil Nadu. 2. Shri Nicholas Chifford, No.16, Rajaji Street, Annex, Madhavaram , Thiruvallur (District)-600060. Tamil Nadu.

Date of Demand Notice-Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act: 26.07.2024 ; Date of Possession Notice-Section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act: 10.10.2024 ; Outstanding Amount : Rs.46,78,283.80/-(Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three and Eighty paise only) as on 07.05.2025 together with further interest thereon with effect from 08.05.2025.

(Details of the immovable secured assets) (Assets owned and mortgaged by the borrower Shri Nicholas Chifford & Smt Lorraine Niblett who has created mortgage) All that piece and parcel of Plot, Bearing Plot No.7, Measuring an extent of 1186 Sq.ft. as per Plan Approval No.SD/WDCN03/00048/2021, Date 22.01.2021, from CMDA 10102 Sq.ft., forming into Small Plots, out of which is Situated Southern Portion of the 13113 Sq.ft, which is totally 13113 Sq.ft., measurement of Item No.1 and Item No.2. Item No.1- Land Measuring 11459 Sq.ft., together with 1023 Sq.ft. for Passage use, situated at Bharathiya Street, 1st Street, comprised in Old Punjai Survey No.970/1, as per Town Survey Patta, New Survey No.970/1 Part, T.S.No.7, Block No.30, Ward-B and Item No.2-Land Measuring 1654 Sq.ft., situated at Bharathiya Street, 1' Street, comprised in Old Punjai Survey No.970/1, as per Town Survey Patta, New Survey No.970/1 Part, T.S.No.8, Block No.30, Ward-B of MADHAVARAM VILLAGE, Madhavaram Taluk, Chennai District, Presently Thiruvallur District Bounded on the: North by: Plot No.6B, South by: 16 Feet Road. East by: Land in T.S.No.28 & 8, West by: 16 Feet Road, Measuring: Northern Side : 32 feet (9.75 meter), Southern Side : 31.3 feet (9.58 meter), Eastern Side : 37.3 feet (11.35 meter), Western Side : 37.9 feet (11.50 meter). In all admeasuring of the Plot No.7 measuring 1186 Sq. ft.

RESERVE PRICE : ₹ 56,35,000/- EMD : ₹ 5,63,500/-

DATE & TIME OF INSPECTION: 06.06.2025 (Friday) Between 11.30a.m. to 12.30 p.m

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & BIDS: 12.06.2025 (Thursday) Upto 5.00 pm

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION 13.06.2025 (Friday) Between 10:30am to 11:30am (Unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Gist on the terms and conditions appearing in Bid Document:

1. Sale is strictly subject to the terms and conditions given in this advertisement and in the "Bid Document". Interested bidders may contact Shri. Naaven Kumar Agarwal on (M) 99918 35836 (E-mail): n.agarwal@idbi.co.in, and Shri Dhileswara Rao Ganapathi (M) 9591817458 (E-mail): g.dhileswaraao@idbi.co.in; Shri Palaniappan (M): 9943880800, (Email): lpalaniappan@idbi.co.in

2. For detailed procedure, terms and conditions of the auction process, intending bidders may refer bid Document for detail which can be obtained from IDBI Bank LTD, Chengalpatt, TN I 1142 64/11 Alagesan Road, Vedachala Nagar, Chengalpatt, Chennai-603001, on all working days or downloaded from IDBI Bank website i.e www.idbibank.in and www.baanknet.com available from 12.05.2025

STATUTORY 30 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT

The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 09.05.2025
Place: CHENNAI

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
IDBI Bank Ltd

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 27/3022, Punnem Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India - 695001.

CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period up to 30.06.2024 & MSGL, 1st Fl., One Plus, Gold prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure gold loans up to 30.09.2024 and MSGB, SME Saurashtra & EMI due upto 31.03.2025. Also those gold loans where interest is not paid up to 31.03.2025 are also included in this auction, which have not been covered for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 07.06.2025 from 10.00 AM onwards.

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ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST OF U.S. BECOMES POPE, ADDRESSES WORLD

He is first American pope in Catholic church history; talks to faithful, says peace by with you

VATICAN CITY

ROBERT Francis Prevost became the first pope from the United States on Thursday, picking the papal name Leo XIV after cardinals from around the world elected him leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics.

Tens of thousands of people packed in St Peter's Square cheered as Prevost appeared on the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, waving with both hands, smiling and bowing.

"Peace by with you," he told the crowds.

White smoke from the Sistine Chapel had billowed into the sky on the cardinals' second day of voting to announce his election in a secret conclave, while the bells of St Peter's Basilica and churches across Rome rang out. Crowds of people rushed towards the square to watch the balcony of the basilica, which has been fitted out with red curtains for the first address to the world by the 267th pope.



The crowd listen to newly elected Pope Leo XIV, Robert Prevost addressing the crowd from the main central loggia balcony of the St Peter's Basilica | AFP

The new pontiff, who succeeds Argentine reformer Pope Francis, was introduced in Latin with his chosen papal name.

"It's an amazing feeling," said an elated Joseph Brian, a 39-year-old chief from Belfast in Northern Ireland, who came with his mother to Rome for the spectacle.

"I'm not an overly religious person but, being here with all

these people just blew me away," he told AFP as people around him jumped up and down in excitement.

There were euphoric scenes as one priest sat on someone's shoulders waving a Brazilian flag and another lifted a heavy crucifix into the air in jubilation.

"Habemus papam, woohoo!" howled Bruna Hodara, 41, from

Brazil, echoing the words to be spoken on the balcony as the new pope is introduced.

She, like others, recorded the historic moment on her phone, as others waved flags and cried out "Viva Il Papa!" - "Long live the pope!" in Italian.

The new pope now faces a momentous task: as well as asserting his moral voice on a conflict-torn global stage, he must try to unite a divided Church and tackle burning issues such as the continued fall-out from the sexual abuse scandal.

The election has come at a time of great geopolitical uncertainty, which was seen as a key voting issue, along with the rifts within the Church.

Francis was a compassionate reformer who prioritised migrants and the environment, but he angered traditionalists who wanted a defender of doctrine rather than a headline-maker.

Some 80 percent of the cardinal electors were appointed by Francis. AFP



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping arrive for their talks at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia | AP

Ukraine ratifies US deal, slams Russia on truce

KYIV

RUSSIA and Ukraine both reported attacks on their forces on the first day of a 72-hour ceasefire called by President Vladimir Putin. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybilia accused Russia of violating its own ceasefire 734 times between midnight and midday Thursday. He called the ceasefire a "farce" on the social media platform X.

His comments came as Ukraine's parliament unanimously approved a landmark minerals deal with the US. Ratification is a key step in setting in motion a deal which will allow Washington access to Ukraine's largely untapped minerals, deepen strategic ties and create a joint investment fund with the US for the reconstruction of Ukraine.

"This document is not merely a legal construct, it is the foundation of a new model of interaction with a key strategic partner," Ukraine's Economy Minister Yuliia Svyrydenko wrote on X.

Russian bombs struck northeast Ukraine in the opening hours of Moscow's unilateral ceasefire, killing at least one civilian, Ukrainian officials said. The ceasefire coincides with Russia's biggest secular holiday, the 80th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany. Kyiv has pressed for a longer-term ceasefire.

Putin on Thursday welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping in the Kremlin. Xi, who Putin earlier described as "our main guest" at Friday's Victory Day festivities, arrived in Russia on Wednesday for a four-day visit.

Putin said that "the brotherhood of arms between our peoples, which developed during the harsh war years, is one of the fundamental foundations of modern Russian-Chinese relations of comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation." AP

From Peru's periphery to the papacy

VATICAN CITY

ROBERT Francis Prevost, the first pope from the United States, has a history of missionary work in Peru but also a keen grasp of the inner workings of the Church.

The new Leo XIV, a Chicago native, was entrusted by his predecessor Francis to head the powerful Dicastery for Bishops, charged with advising the pontiff on new bishop appointments. The sign of confidence from Francis speaks to Prevost's commitment as a missionary in Peru to the "peripheries" — overlooked areas far from Rome prioritised by Francis — and his reputation as a bridge-builder and moderate within the Curia.

The 69-year-old Archbishop-Bishop emeritus of Chiclayo, Peru, was made a cardinal by Francis in 2023 after being named prefect of the dicastery, one of the Vatican's most important departments — and a



Newly elected Pope Robert Francis Prevost arrives on the main central loggia balcony of the St Peter's Basilica for the first time in The Vatican | AFP

post that introduced him to all key players in the Church.

Italian newspaper La Repubblica called him "the least American of the Americans" for his soft-spoken touch.

His strong grounding in canon law has also been seen as reassuring to more conservative cardinals seeking a greater focus on theology. Born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Prevost attended a minor seminary of the Order of St August-

ine in St Louis as a novice before graduating from Philadelphia's Villanova University, an Augustinian institution, with a degree in mathematics.

After receiving a masters degree in divinity from Chicago's Catholic Theological Union in 1982, and a doctorate decree in canon law in Rome, the polyglot joined the Augustinians in Peru in 1985. Returning to Chicago in 1999, he was made provincial prior of the Augustinians in the US Midwest and later the prior general of the order throughout the world. But he returned to Peru in 2014 when Francis appointed him as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo in the country's north.

Nearly a decade later, Prevost became dicastery head in 2023 after Cardinal Ouellet resigned amid a sexual assault allegation later dropped for lack of evidence. He also leads the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. AFP

It is such an honor to realize that he is first US Pope. What excitement, and what a great honor for our country

- Donald Trump, US President

Profound moment of joy for Catholics in the UK and globally, and begins a new chapter for the leadership of the Church

- Keir Starmer, British Prime Minister

Confident that the constructive dialogue and cooperation between Russia and the Vatican will continue

- Vladimir Putin, Russian President

SINGAPORE

S'PORE NAVY TO REPLACE SHIPS WITH DRONES

The Republic of Singapore Navy will deploy unmanned systems from 2027 to detect and neutralise naval mines, replacing its Bedok-class vessels. ST Engineering, awarded a Mindef contract, will supply unmanned surface vessels, underwater vehicles, and control infrastructure. These systems, featuring autonomous navigation, remote-controlled payloads, and real-time data transmission, aim to enhance maritime security while keeping personnel safe. A new simulation system will support training. The move aligns with global naval trends.

ASIA MATTERS



NEW RULE TIGHTENS FOREIGN WORKER EXIT

Malaysia now requires employers to personally escort foreign workers at exit points to oversee their departure, or risk losing hiring quotas. This new rule follows a joint decision by the Home and Human Resources Ministries to improve foreign worker management. The update also allows workers to switch sectors more freely.

THAILAND

FDI TO FREEZE AS U.S. TARIFFS THREATEN

Foreign investment in Thailand may face a short-term freeze as global trade tensions and looming US tariffs create uncertainty. The Board of Investment said some projects, especially those exporting to the US, could be delayed during President Trump's 90-day tariff pause. Despite a record 1.14 trillion baht in 2024 applications and a strong first quarter in 2025, companies may hold off until clarity emerges. Talks with US officials are pending, with Thailand pledging to reduce its trade gap and invest more in the US to offset possible tariff impacts.



US President Donald Trump looks on as British ambassador to the United States Peter Mandelson (3R) speaks during a trade announcement in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC | AFP

Trump unveils trade deal between US-UK, Starmer calls it historic

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump unveiled a "breakthrough" trade agreement with Britain on Thursday, celebrating the first deal in a tariff war that has rattled the world.

Speaking by telephone from the Oval Office to British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Trump said the deal would be the first of many with other countries.

The deal will reduce tariffs on British cars and steel, but a 10 percent baseline levy on British goods will remain. Britain will in return open up markets to US beef and farm products despite consumer concerns over their quality.

"I'm thrilled to announce that we have reached a breakthrough trade deal with the United Kingdom," Trump said at the White House. "The deal includes billions of dollars of increased market access for American exports, especially in agriculture." Starmer said it was a "really fantastic, historic day", noting that it coincided with the 80th anniversary of "Vic-

tory Day" for allied forces — including Britain and the United States — over Nazi Germany in World War II. The trade deal slashes export tariffs for British cars from 27.5% to 10%, Britain said.

"That is a huge and important reduction," PM Starmer said during a visit to a Jaguar Land Rover factory in the central Midlands area of England. Both sides said there would be further negotiations on a fuller deal, but Trump denied overselling the agreement.

"This is a maxed-out deal — not like you said it really incorrectly," he added, answering a reporter's question on whether he was overstating the breadth of the deal. The deal follows a charm offensive by Starmer, who came to the White House in February armed with an invitation from King Charles III for a historic second state visit for Trump.

A UK government official likened the deal to a "general terms document" which will set out agreements but also lay out a framework where further discussions are needed. AFP

Israel closes 6 UN schools for Palestinians in east

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL permanently closed six UN schools in east Jerusalem on Thursday, forcing Palestinian students to leave early and throwing the education of more than 800 others into question.

Last month, heavily armed Israeli police and Education Ministry officials ordered six schools in east Jerusalem to close within 30 days, which ended on Wednesday. The United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees, known as UN-

RWA, runs the six schools. UNRWA also runs schools in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, which continue to operate.

The closure orders came after Israel banned UNRWA from operating on its soil earlier this year, the culmination of a long campaign against the agency that intensified. Israel claims that UNRWA schools teach antisemitic content and anti-Israel sentiment, which UNRWA denies.

Israel has annexed east Jerusalem and considers the entire city its unified capital. AP



WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 581
TOLL SO FAR
52,591

TAMIL NADU GRAMA BANK Regional Office, Kanchipuram - 631502 GOLD JEWELS AUCTION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have availed loan against gold ornaments from our branches and have failed to repay their dues and redeem their gold ornaments even after issuance of notices by registered post. Therefore, the borrowers are advised to redeem their gold ornaments after repaying the principal, interest thereon along with other expenses at the respective branches on or before 3.30 pm on 23.05.2025, failing which gold ornaments in the below mentioned loan accounts will be auctioned publicly at the respective branches, at the cost of borrowers on 23.05.2025 at 4.00 pm. Auction will be conducted on 'as is what is' condition and the Branch Managers reserve their rights to cancel / postpone the auction without assigning any reason. The bid amount secured through the said auction will be adjusted to the respective loan accounts and if there are any dues pending even after the adjustment of the bid amount, the same shall be recovered from the respective borrowers through suitable legal action. This notice shall be binding upon all the borrowers who did not receive notices, borrowers staying abroad and the legal heirs of deceased borrowers.

| Sl.No | Date | Account No. | Borrowers Name | Gross Wt. (Gms) |
|-------|------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 05-03-2024 | 10214518142 | Kalaishelvam Aridass | 11.200 |
| 2 | 04-03-2024 | 10214417609 | Narash Nagappan | 40.000 |

| Sl.No | Date | Account No. | Borrowers Name | Gross Wt. (Gms) |
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| 1 | 18-03-2024 | 10215749791 | Ramraj R | 14.900 |
| 2 | 18-03-2024 | 10215746949 | Ramraj R | 9.000 |
| 3 | 12-03-2024 | 10215098259 | Jothi M | 14.000 |
| 4 | 11-03-2024 | 10214928501 | Talapaneedi Jayaram | 8.200 |

| Sl.No | Date | Account No. | Borrowers Name | Gross Wt. (Gms) |
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| 1 | 26-03-2024 | 10216394949 | Saravanan S | 10.300 |
| 2 | 14-03-2024 | 10215410205 | Gurusamy V | 72.500 |

| Sl.No | Date | Account No. | Borrowers Name | Gross Wt. (Gms) |
|-------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 27-03-2024 | 10216474053 | Parvathipriya Sathishkumar | 32.400 |
| 2 | 26-03-2024 | 10216398310 | S Shafudeen | 106.500 |

| Sl.No | Date | Account No. | Borrowers Name | Gross Wt. (Gms) |
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| 3 | 26-03-2024 | 10216401812 | S Shafudeen | 121.800 |
| 4 | 26-03-2024 | 10216399652 | S Shafudeen | 136.200 |
| 5 | 22-03-2024 | 10216142823 | Babu Raja | 33.500 |
| 6 | 14-03-2024 | 10215359439 | Vijayathilagam A S | 40.600 |
| 7 | 14-03-2024 | 10215386939 | Sangeetha Subramani | 36.000 |
| 8 | 14-03-2024 | 10215337142 | Kamalakkannan Chinnappa | 10.000 |
| 9 | 07-03-2024 | 10214745798 | Selvi Sundaram | 23.500 |
| 10 | 06-03-2024 | 10214674167 | Devasi Mani | 16.000 |

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| 1 | 28-03-2024 | 10216551472 | Ravikumar Narasimma | 8.000 |

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| 1 | 28-03-2024 | 10216606988 | Muthulakshmi S | 45.000 |
| 2 | 28-03-2024 | 10216604743 | Muthulakshmi S | 46.500 |
| 3 | 20-03-2024 | 10215905683 | Arumugam R | 15.100 |

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| 1 | 25-03-2024 | 10216270616 | Pramila R | 66.600 |
| 2 | 22-03-2024 | 10216142696 | Balaji N | 40.000 |
| 3 | 13-03-2024 | 10215271735 | Saraswathi S | 77.000 |
| 4 | 02-03-2024 | 10214235331 | A Saravanan | 34.100 |
| 5 | 02-03-2024 | 10214235040 | A Saravanan | 41.800 |

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| 1 | 21-03-2024 | 10216012984 | Krishnamoorthy D | 16.600 |
| 2 | 13-03-2024 | 10215271236 | Sumathi K | 36.400 |

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| 1 | 05-03-2024 | 10214486323 | Chitra T | 28.700 |

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| 1 | 30-03-2024 | 10216674303 | Ezhilarasi V | 31.500 |
| 2 | 27-03-2024 | 10216458791 | Lageshwari V | 16.000 |
| 3 | 25-03-2024 | 10216231622 | Somasundaram S | 79.000 |
| 4 | 22-03-2024 | 10216123730 | K Sathish | 46.000 |
| 5 | 21-03-2024 | 10216082168 | Pearson John Hendry J | 8.500 |
| 6 | 11-03-2024 | 10215030584 | Ashok D | 8.000 |

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| 1 | 08-03-2024 | 10214867079 | G Gopi S/o S Ganesan | 85.300 |
| 2 | 08-03-2024 | 10214868562 | G Gopi S/o S Ganesan | 60.200 |
| 3 | 07-03-2024 | 10214733236 | Shyamala | 40.600 |

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| 1 | 28-03-2024 | 10216571624 | R Meena | 20.000 |
| 2 | 28-03-2024 | 10216619625 | Tamilselvan S | 12.200 |
| 3 | 19-03-2024 | 10215774397 | Balaraman R | 18.500 |
| 4 | 14-03-2024 | 10215409630 | Parthiban D | 62.000 |
| 5 | 11-03-2024 | 10214963089 | Selvi Thangaraj | 15.800 |
| 6 | 05-03-2024 | 10214491990 | Selvi Thangaraj | 58.700 |
| 7 | 05-03-2024 | 10214489856 | Selvi Thangaraj | 74.500 |
| 8 | 05-03-2024 | 10214494684 | G Gunasekhar | 57.600 |

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| 1 | 28-03-2024 | 10216529898 | Dinesh Kumar R | 15.500 |
| 2 | 18-03-2024 | 10215681185 | Suresh Kumar B | 43.300 |
| 3 | 13-03-2024 | 10215250942 | Santhosh Kumar T | 72.500 |
| 4 | 06-03-2024 | 10214591177 | Solaiappan Kp | 12.700 |
| 5 | 06-03-2024 | 10214594418 | Solaiappan Kp | 25.200 |

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| 1 | 25-03-2024 | 10216258703 | M Vimala | 20.000 |
| 2 | 20-03-2024 | 1021585780 | Vanitha J | 17.000 |
| 3 | 20-03-2024 | 10215967935 | M S Dhanapal | 103.700 |
| 4 | 18-03-2024 | 10215740630 | C Ragu | 23.000 |
| 5 | 06-03-2024 | 10214653680 | Kalaivani S | 23.000 |

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| 1 | 20-03-2024 | 10215964548 | Geetha Jayakumar | 33.500 |
| 2 | 12-03-2024 | 10215177663 | Vadivel M | 62.400 |
| 3 | 11-03-2024 | 10214944759 | Sundaravadhu Saravananumar | 28.800 |
| 4 | 08-03-2024 | 10214867115 | Venkatesan K | 115.000 |

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| 1 | 11-03-2024 | 10214936373 | Kalpana Rajasekaran | 50.300 |

FTA: 'No adverse effect on auto, liquor sectors'

Govt sources dismiss fear raised by the Industry players that proposed reduction in tariff would hurt the 2 sectors

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

DISMISSING the concern raised by the alcoholic beverages and auto industries over proposed import tariff reduction, the government sources have said that resistance from these two sectors had been holding up a very progressive free trade agreement (FTA) with the UK for a long time.

A top government official told this newspaper that the UK free trade agreement would not affect the two sectors adversely. Citing the example of the liquor industry, the government official said that more scotch whiskey is sold in India than it is produced in Scotland.

"Scotch whiskey being a GI (Geographical Indication) product, it is anyways produced in a limited quantity and most of it is imported to developed world, therefore, to expect lower tariffs would lead to flooding of Indian market is wrong," said the government official, who was closely associated with the trade negotiations.



India imports less than \$500 million alcoholic beverages, of which around \$350 million comes from the UK.

The official told this newspaper that domestic brands of liquors are also getting popular globally and as a result of the trade deal, they will have access to the UK market.

Under the UK trade agreement, whisky tariffs will fall from 150% to 40%, while automotive tariffs will decline to

10% under a quota system. Currently, auto imports into India attract a 100% tariff.

The Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC), in a statement has said the government has not fully heeded to the pleas of the Indian alcoholic beverage industry.

It fears that if the same template of duty reduction is followed for the trade deals with the European Union (EU), the US and other nations, then the Indian Alcobev industry, including the wine sector, could get adversely impacted. On the auto sector, commerce ministry officials said that the duty reduction would happen over 10-15 years, and

that low-cost futuristic cars have been protected from the impact of tariff reduction under the treaty.

Though the commerce ministry has not given out the details of the quota to be followed with respect to auto tariff reduction, a ministry government official said that the quota would be based on engine capacity and prices.

Meanwhile, the ministry officials have said that the text of the agreement would be released in three months, while the implementation could take another year. "The free trade agreement would now go for ratification in the UK parliament, which may take a year," said an official.

CIABC raises concerns over tariff reduction

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Starlink needs to submit docs within 21 days for licence

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ELON MUSK-led Starlink must submit all required documents, including applicable fees, to obtain a Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) licence in India within the next 21 days. Starlink, the satellite internet service developed by SpaceX, received a letter of intent (LoI) to provide satellite broadband services in India on Thursday. Musk's company becomes the third such operator in the country after Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio Satellite Communications.

"After receiving the LoI, the company must complete all documentation and submit it to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). Once all formalities are fulfilled, the GMPCS license will be issued, allowing the company to start its services," said a DoT official.

This marks the formal entry of Elon Musk, the world's richest man, into India's communication services sector. Starlink has been attempting to enter India's satellite communications market since 2021 but has yet to receive the required GMPCS license. In fact, the company had started accepting orders before receiving formal approval to operate in India. Subsequently, the government instructed the company to refund customers. Starlink currently operates in over 125 countries.

It must now obtain approval from the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe). After this, the DoT will allocate test spec-



trum for service demonstrations. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is expected to make recommendations on pricing for administrative allocation of satellite spectrum, after which it can begin offering services.

However, the application from Jeff Bezos-owned Amazon Kuiper is yet to be approved. As per reports, Apple's satcom partner Globalstar is among the global players interested in offering broadband-from-space services in India.

"Amazon Kuiper's application is still pending with the DoT. Once it fulfills and accepts all the required norms like Starlink, the government will issue it a letter of intent as well," the official added.

Satellite communication (Satcom) uses satellites to transmit data and voice across areas where traditional fiber-optic cables are impractical. Satcom is mainly valuable in rural, mountainous, and disaster-prone regions where terrestrial networks are either too expensive or impossible to deploy.

INDO-PAK

Mid, small-cap stocks fall amid border tension

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity markets fell sharply in the final twenty minutes of Thursday's trading session amid renewed escalation between India and Pakistan. The Ministry of Defence said Indian forces neutralized air defense radars and related systems at several locations in Lahore early Thursday.

India described the action, part of "Operation Sindoor", as a measured military response to Pakistan's attempted drone and missile attacks on multiple Indian military installations the previous night.

While Indian equities had shown resilience on Wednesday—with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closing in the green after India conducted missile strikes on Pakistani territory under "Operation Sindoor," fresh retaliatory actions and Pakistan's aggressive response began weighing on market sentiment.

The BSE Sensex closed at 80,334.81, down 411.97 points (0.51%), while the NSE Nifty50 fell 140.60 points (0.58%) to 24,273.80. The volatility index, India VIX, surged 10.21%, signaling heightened market uncertainty.



Gold loans surge 87% in first 11 months of FY25

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

BANKS' incremental gold loan disbursements soared 87.4% to ₹1.91 lakh crore till the first 11 months of fiscal 2025 from ₹1.02 lakh crore in FY24 and from ₹1.72 lakh crore in December 2024. The industry is expecting see 100% rise by the end of the current financial year.

With March numbers yet to be added, the full-year gold loan growth could be about 104%, making it the fastest-growing secured loan segments in the country's formal credit market, said an analyst. FY25 saw gold

loans doubling and emerged as the fastest-growing consumer credit segment, outpacing all retail advances like housing and vehicles, and even unsecured products such as credit cards and personal loans.

In the past five years alone, the gold loan books of banks have more than doubled—from ₹60,724 crore in FY21 to ₹1.91 lakh crore till February of FY25. Between January 2024 when the outstanding stood at ₹1,01,552 crore, banks added ₹89,500

crore to the AUM.

SBI leads the gold rush chart, adding over ₹50,011 crore to the portfolio in the past fiscal, 25% of the market pie. Federal Bank's gold loan book rose

24% to ₹30,505 crore in the March quarter. Large private sector lenders like HDFC Bank and ICIC Bank do not offer a breakup of their retail book, in which gold loan is a part. As per the latest RBI data, banks' incremental gold loan disbursements soared 71.3% to ₹1.72 lakh crore during the first three quarter of FY25



Tesla's country head resigns ahead of co's India entry

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TESLA country head for India - Prashanth Menon - has resigned ahead of the US electric carmaker's planned entry into the world's third-largest car market. As per a Bloomberg report, Tesla's China teams will oversee the Tesla's India operations, with no immediate successor named.

Menon is also stepping down as the chairman of Tesla India's board, added the report citing sources. Tesla is yet to issue a statement on Menon's departure and his successor.

The Elon Musk firm has been trying to enter the Indian market for years. The brand has already secured showroom locations in Delhi and Mumbai to begin selling imported cars here. It has also posted close to two dozen mid-level jobs here this year, signaling progress in its plans to launch

in the country. The company CFO Vaibhav Taneja had last month said Tesla is cautiously navigating an entry into the Indian market. Tesla stated that high taxes remain a concern as this makes Tesla cars in India twice as expensive as it is in the US.

Taneja, however, called India a "very hot market" owing to its growing middle class.

The CFO's statement on the long-awaited India's entry came soon after Tesla CEO Musk spoke with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi on topics including collaboration on technology and innovation. Musk is expected to visit India later this year.

Separately, India and the USA have been working on a bilateral trade deal. The ongoing trade talks between the two countries, which could lower tariffs on imported EVs, are seen as a critical factor in Tesla's market entry.



Reliance withdraws 'Operation Sindoor' trademark application a day after filing

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

A day after applying for Operation Sindoor as its trademark, Reliance Industries (RIL) stated that it has no intention of doing so. Three private persons had also applied for the same.

In a statement on Thursday, RIL said, "We have no intention of trademarking Operation Sindoor, a phrase which is a part of the national consciousness as an evocative symbol of Indian bravery. Jio Studios, a unit of RIL, has withdrawn its trademark application, which was filed inadvertently by a junior person without authorisation."

The statement further said RIL and its stakeholders are proud of the military action on Pakistan code named 'Operation Sindoor'. "Operation Sindoor is the proud achievement of our brave armed forces in the nation's uncompromising fight against the evil of terrorism," it said.



Later in another statement issued on behalf of group chairman Mukesh Ambani, the company quoted him as saying, "We are proud of our armed forces for Operation Sindoor. India stands united, fierce in resolve and unshakable in purpose, against the scourge of all forms of terrorism. Our armed forces have responded with precision and power to every provocation from across the border. The last few days have shown that every threat to our peace will be met with firm and decisive action." Ambani said his group is ready to support any

measure in protecting the nation's unity and integrity. "Together, we will stand. We will fight. And we will prevail!"

In fact, many companies had applied for trademarking Following Operation Sindoor.

The applicants included RIL and three private individuals - Mukesh Chetram Agrawal, retired group captain Kamal Singh Oberh, and one Alok Kohari. Each had independently filed for trademark of Operation Sindoor under Class 41, encompassing educational and entertainment services, according to media reports.

'OUR TARGET IS TO ACHIEVE 40% CASA BY FY26'

PUNJAB National Bank, the third-largest PSU bank, has posted very healthy fourth quarter financial numbers. Managing Director and CEO Ashok Chandra spoke with Dipak Mondal about the bank's Q4 result and its key focus areas in the new financial year.

Profits are up, net interest margin has improved, cost of funds is down and asset quality has strengthened. Do you still see any pain points? One area we are focusing on is RAM (retail, agriculture, MSME) and CASA (current account savings account) segments. This year, our main theme is better customer service, supported by improved branch and ATM ambience. We've launched initiatives to strengthen these segments, and you'll see visible changes in two to three months.

Could you elaborate on the CASA initiatives? On April 12, we launched 34 ini-



tatives to revamp CASA products. These offerings are competitive, not just among public sector banks, but across the industry. We've designed products for salaried individuals across income levels, non-salaried customers, women, youth, farmers, senior citizens, and prisoners. We've opened 1.8 lakh accounts under these segments, mobilising ₹300 crore.

CASA currently stands 38%. Do you have a target for the next financial year? While our public projection remains at 38%, our internal target is to cross 40%.

With interest rates coming down, will it be harder to mobilise deposits? Despite rate changes, deposit growth remains strong. Last year, deposit growth was 14%, exceeding our credit growth of 13.6%. From April 2025, we've seen continued growth in retail term and individual savings deposits. CASA has seen pressure due to institutional current accounts, but overall, deposit mobilisation remains robust.

Are you still seeing inflows after lowering deposit rates? Yes. After discontinuing a 400-day, 7.25% scheme in April, we

launched a 390-day scheme at 7.1%, under which we mobilised ₹8,000 crore this month alone.

Net interest income (NII) growth has been somewhat muted. What's the reason? This is due to increased cost of deposits, as we had to mobilise more funds to support growing advances. We've utilised these deposits wisely, including building a strong Treasury book. In FY26, you'll see a healthy uptick in other income from Treasury gains.

RBI has expressed concern about growth in unsecured loans. What's the status at PNB? Our unsecured book is quite contained and focused. It includes personal loans (₹18,666 cr), primarily to salaried individuals with accounts at PNB, education loans (₹2,500 cr), and credit cards (₹1,100 cr). We don't foresee issues.

You're not aggressive in the credit card space. Are there plans to scale up?

No, we're not planning aggressive expansion. We want to enhance our systems before ramping up credit card issuance.

What's the size of your gold loan book, and do you plan to scale it up? Our gold loan book stands at ₹13,777 crore, including ₹11,500 crore in agri and ₹2,244 crore in retail. Compared to peers, it's modest. We have no immediate plans to expand.



What's the impact of the recent Supreme Court order on Bhushan Power & Steel? PNB has about ₹6,000 crore exposure. There will be no long-term impact. We'll meet with other Committee of Creditors (CoC) members — 32 lenders in total—and consult legal counsel. The unit remains a going concern, and any resolution will benefit our bottom line.

Do you think the ruling surprised the industry? I wouldn't like to comment on that.

Biocon net profit rises 154% to ₹344 cr; revenue at ₹4,454 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BIOCON on Thursday posted a 154% increase in its consolidated net profit at ₹344.5 crore for the quarter ended March 2025 compared to ₹135.5 crore in the year-ago period.

Consolidated revenue stood at ₹4,454 crore and EBITDA was up 16% at ₹1,115 crore. EBITDA margin stood at 25%. "The Bio-

con Group ended the year with a strong performance across its businesses. The launch of L1-raglutide in the UK market heralded our entry into GLP-1 therapy segment. Our Biosimilars continue to build impressive shares in global markets with four biosimilars recording sales of \$200 million each in FY25," said Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Chairperson, Biocon Group.

Canara Bank profit soars 33% to ₹5,003 cr on better asset quality

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE fourth-largest public sector lender, Canara Bank, on Thursday reported 33.2% jump in net income at ₹5,002.7 crore for the March quarter on improved asset quality and other income as its core income slipped marginally during the reporting period.

Apart from improvement in

asset quality, other key metrics that helped bottom line surge are a 20% jump in fee income at ₹2,335 crore, a 4bps fall in credit cost at 0.92% and a 38bps fall in the slippage ratio at 0.90. The Bengaluru-based bank said its total income rose 9.8% to ₹37,352.8 crore in Q4FY25, of which net interest income fell 1.44% to ₹9,442 crore as against ₹9,580 crore in Q4FY24.

BLACKOUT, EVACUATION AS IPL FUTURE UNCERTAIN

In an unprecedented move, PBKS vs DC match was called off mid-way due to security concerns in Dharamsala on Thursday; teams, spectators evacuated safely

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE Indian Premier League (IPL) match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals at Dharamsala was called off midway as a result of the rising tension between India and Pakistan following Operation Sindoor which was launched after last month's terror attacks in Pahalgam.

With the neighbouring country reportedly launching a series of projectiles on Thursday evening, the local administration began an evacuation process shortly after 9.00 PM. With the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium also witnessing a situation with floodlights, the organisers had no choice but to arrive at the conclusion. From a broader perspective, nobody really knows if the 18th edition of the league will continue on Friday as the situation is very fluid, dynamic and is changing on a hourly basis. "It will depend on how the situation devel-



Fans being evacuated from the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala on Thursday | PH

ops," BCCI vice-president, Rajiv Shukla, told this daily. "Today there were security concerns in Jammu and Pathankot, which were close to Dharamsala, that is why we called off the match. Tomorrow we don't know what will happen, based on that we will take a decision," Shukla said. Arun Dhimal, IPL Governing Council chairman, said that "we called off this match as a precautionary measure".

"We will see what to do next," Dhimal, who was at the venue, informed this daily. Even if the call for cancellation only came after 9.00 PM, the district administration had prepared for this eventuality hours ago. Around 10.45 PM, the Government's Ministry of Defence confirmed the attempted attack on Pathankot. "Military stations in Jammu, Pathankot & Udhampur were targeted by Pakistani-origin drones and

Evening after 4.00 PM: Both teams leave for stadium from hotel.
Post 7.00 PM: Toss delayed with some rain in the air. Meanwhile, initial reports break on news channels about Pakistan launching an attack in Jammu and Rajasthan.
After 8.00 PM: News begins filtering in to the public about the situation in areas like Pathankot and Jammu.
Post 8.30 PM: Ready for this exact scenario in the afternoon itself, district administration prepares to evacuate crowd. Punjab are batting but match is seemingly headed towards an early conclusion.

missiles along the International Border in J&K today," they posted on X. "The threats were swiftly neutralised using kinetic and non-kinetic capabilities in line with established Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). No casualties or mate-

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

After 9.00 PM:
• Even before crowd is asked to evacuate, people begin leaving the stadium. One of them exits the premises after being asked to do so by an employee associated with one of the two teams.
• Floodlights begin to fail but there's no official explanation, at least not immediately.
• In the background, an operations team asks support staff to leave. The crowd is also asked to leave. However, there's no announcement on the public address system as they want to avoid panic and chaos.
• Match is officially called off more than 10 minutes after the teams leave the field and both teams are escorted back to the hotel on road.

Special trains for teams, broadcast crew on Friday

With the PBKS vs DC match called off midway on Thursday, teams, broadcasting crew and everyone were evacuated from the HPCA Stadium. It is learnt that the Indian cricket board (BCCI) will arrange a special train on Friday for the players, support staff and broadcasting crew to leave the place safely.

empty the capacity crowd but as per Parmar, it all went off smoothly.

"We have five main gates and 13 inner gates. As I said, the district administration was well prepared for any eventuality. The teams and others at the venue were evacuated simultaneously. The district administration had already formed teams to deal with the situation and we played the roles we have been assigned," he said.

Even if the evacuation process commenced shortly before Punjab's innings came to a halt, fans had started leaving the Stadium from just after 9.00 PM. "I got a message about the situation in the surrounding areas so I decided to leave," a fan who regularly attends IPL games in Dharamsala told this daily. Multiple people who were at the ground have since confirmed to this newspaper that the ground's public address system wasn't used so as to avoid panic. Instead, members from the operations team executed the evacuation plan.

After Rohit exit, who'll take over?

GOMESH S @ Chennai

IT has been a topic of debate since Jasprit Bumrah walked off the field in the fifth Test between India and Australia earlier this year. Back then, there were question marks over whether Rohit Sharma will continue, and if he doesn't, who will be considered as the next in line for Test captaincy. One aspect of it is now settled.

Rohit is no longer an international Test cricketer. The Indian captain has called it a day and now, the ball is in the court of the senior men's selection committee headed by Ajit Agarkar to name a new captain and vice-captain for the five-Test series beginning on June 20. Among the names floated, India's No 3 Shubman Gill seems to be the front-runner. The 25-year-old has been groomed as a future captain by the BCCI and selectors for at least a year now. He was named the T20I skipper for the tour of Zimbabwe shortly after the T20 World Cup last year. Earlier in February, he was named Rohit's deputy in the 50-over format as he is groomed to take over from the former in the future. So, there is little doubt that he will be captaining India in all formats down the line.

Which is why, his name is being floated as a front-runner to take charge, especially with the concerns over Bumrah's workload and injury worries over the course of five Tests. Former chief selector MSK Prasad feels if the BCCI is looking at a long-term option, Gill could be the one, but if they are looking at the upcoming World Test Championship cycle, Bumrah and KL Rahul could be alternate options.

"If you are looking at a long-term solution, Shubman Gill is definitely a long-term solution. Or, if you are looking at this cycle, Bumrah also could turn out to be a solution. The three people who must be in the race,



Shubman Gill (L), Jasprit Bumrah (C) and KL Rahul's names have been doing rounds to take up captaincy role in Test format | AFP



according to me, are Bumrah, Shubman Gill and KL Rahul," Prasad told this daily. While there is no doubt about Gill's credentials in ODIs, he is still finding his feet in Test cricket and is not a regular in the T20I side.

His numbers in red-ball cricket, especially away from home, are not glittering. From 42.03 at home, Gill's average drops to 29.5 away as the youngster has had trouble with lateral movement. Which makes one wonder whether captaincy will add additional pressure on the youngster especially in a long series such as England.

"There is a long way to go for Gill. It is a no-brainer that he is a player who will be playing all three formats going forward. So, definitely, you can ease him in as and when required. In the next 1-1.5 years, slowly, he will be the guy who will be leading across all three formats. So, Bumrah and KL Rahul could be alternate options.

give him that opportunity to be groomed nicely rather than hurrying him up."

Prasad believes Gill could be named vice-captain with Bumrah being his first-choice candidate for captaincy.

"I would say that if you see past the injuries, I think right now Bumrah is the right choice. You have seen how he has led the sides whenever he got an opportunity. He is the number one bowler in the world today. He is also one sort of a character who can gel with any generation. At least Bumrah is one guy whom we can look at in the next two-year cycle," he said, before adding, "I am 100 per cent sure that he knows his limitations. At times, what happens is, someone who is the number one bowler in the world, leading from the front, I think it brings a lot of

positive energy to the side. If you can make Bumrah as captain and make Gill as his deputy, as and when required, in case of any other series where Bumrah is rested, then Gill can be slowly groomed into that particular role."

Meanwhile, Prasad also felt that if the selectors do not want to risk Bumrah's fitness, Rahul could be the other option. He has captained India in the past, and has come to his own at the top of the order during the Australia tour.

"He is cool, he is calm and he also thrives well under pressure situations. He is in a good mental space right now. He is a personality who can easily adjust and adapt to any other guy. The people can revolve around him nicely because he is that sort of a personality," said Prasad. "I would say that both Bumrah and KL Rahul are very, very successful players in English conditions. Remember, KL got a couple of hundreds in England. So, either of them, I am okay to start off with." Who will get the final nod, we will know in the coming weeks.

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— MSK Prasad, former chief selector



Swiatek makes fast start at Italian Open

AGENCIES @ Rome

IGA Swiatek dismissed Elisabetta Cocciaretto in just 52 minutes as she opened her account at the Italian Open on Thursday.

World No 2 Swiatek came to Italy on the back of a demoralising straight-sets defeat to Coco Gauff in the semi-finals of the Madrid Open. But the 23-year-old Pole dropped just a single game in winning 6-1, 6-0 against Italian Cocciaretto to move onto a third-round meeting with either American Danielle Collins or Elena-Gabriela Ruse of Romania. "I felt like the ball was kind of lis-



tening to me today and I had full control over the match, so it's always pretty comfortable to play a match like that," Swiatek said. "You just need to continue the work you've been doing and not expect that it's going to happen more often."

Swiatek is a three-time winner of the Italian Open and is using the claycourt tournament as a key step towards her defence of her French Open title, but she is yet to win a tournament this season.

In another second-round match, former World No 1 Naomi Osaka came from behind to overcome lucky loser Viktorija Golubic 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

AGENCIES @ Paris

PARIS Saint-Germain's achievement in reaching the Champions League final is vindication for the club's decision to abandon its policy of amassing superstars and instead put faith in a hungry young team led by Luis Enrique.

If PSG in past years under their Qatari owners have consistently stumbled on big occasions, the Spaniard's thrilling side has taken Europe by storm this season. The 2-1 win over Arsenal at a rocking Parc des Princes on Wednesday, secured thanks to goals by Fabian Ruiz and Achraf Hakimi, clinched a 3-1 aggregate semifinal triumph and set up a meeting



PSG players rejoice soon after the final whistle on Wednesday | AP

with Inter Milan in the final in Munich on May 31.

PSG, the perennial French champions, have defeated four clubs from the mighty Premier

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

French toast: Thrilling PSG edge closer to elusive CL trophy

it with a youthful side in which six starters against Arsenal were 24 or under, and the oldest player is captain Marquinhos, at 30 — compare that to Inter who had two 36-year-olds and one 37-year-old playing against Barcelona a day earlier.

Wednesday's win sparked wild celebrations around the French capital, with fans partying on the Champs-Elysees in scenes unimaginable late last year, although the party descended into sporadic violence as the night wore on. PSG lost three of their first five Champions League games this season and appeared in real

danger of early elimination. That was off the back of the departure of Kylian Mbappe, their all-time top scorer, following last season's semi-final exit to Borussia Dortmund.

Mbappe must have thought he had a better chance of winning the Champions League with Real Madrid and at that point PSG seemed further away than ever from getting their hands on the prize. But Luis Enrique, appointed in 2023 just as Lionel Messi and Neymar left the club, has completely transformed the side, and PSG have hit new heights in the second half.

Wednesday's result: Semifinal, second leg: PSG (FRA) 2 (Ruiz 27, Hakimi 72) Arsenal (ENG) 1 (Saka 76). PSG win 3-1 on aggregate

Apple Smartwatch shipments decline 19% in 2024

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE experienced a sharp 19% year-over-year (YoY) decline in global smartwatch shipments in 2024, according to Counterpoint Research's Global Smartwatch Shipment Tracker, Q4 2024.

This marks the second consecutive year of YoY shipment contraction for Apple's smartwatch business.

Notably, India was the only region where Apple recorded shipment growth, underscoring a broader global downturn led by a significant decline in the North American market—Apple's largest, accounting for more than half of its smartwatch shipments.

In the advanced smartwatch



segment, Apple's market share fell by 8 percentage points YoY in 2024. Q4 2024 also marked the fifth straight quarter of declining shipments for the tech giant, a period during which major competitors in the advanced smartwatch category posted steady growth.

Lack of New Models

Several factors contributed to Apple's decline. Chief among them was a tepid reception to the Watch Series 10, which offered limited feature upgrades. Compounding the issue was the absence of new versions of

the Watch Ultra and Watch SE. The Watch Ultra—Apple's flagship smartwatch—saw its shipment share drop from over 10% to below 8% in Q4 2024. Meanwhile, the Watch SE, typically a strong performer post-launch, was notably missing from the 2024 product cycle. As

a result, Q3 2024 became the first quarter in which Apple recorded a YoY decline despite launching a new smartwatch model. The last Watch SE model was released in Q3 2022. Reports suggest that Apple is exploring a design shift for the SE line—potentially replacing

its aluminum body with a plastic base—a change believed to have contributed to production delays.

Strategic Focus Required for Recovery in 2025

Looking ahead, Counterpoint analysts emphasize the need for Apple to recalibrate its smartwatch strategy in 2025. Key priorities include the introduction of compelling new features, the timely release of updated Watch SE and Watch Ultra models, and potential design innovations across the product line. With market competition intensifying, the coming year will be pivotal for Apple to reverse its current downward trajectory and regain its leadership in the global smartwatch market.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Xiaomi India unveils Smart TV with premium audio-visuals

Xiaomi India has launched its new Xiaomi QLED TV FX Pro and Xiaomi 4K TV FX series, both featuring Integrated Fire TV. The TVs aim to enhance home entertainment with a blend of premium audio-visuals and intelligent smart features for a seamless user experience. The flagship Xiaomi QLED TV FX Pro boasts a 55-inch QLED display with HDR10+ support for vibrant colors and deep contrast, complemented by 34W box speakers with Dolby Audio and DTS:X for immersive sound. Anuj Sharma, CMO of

Xiaomi India, emphasized the focus on a connected, intelligent system, highlighting features like Fire TV Built-In and Alexa voice control. Dillip R. S. from Amazon Devices India expressed excitement about the expanded partnership, promising a premium entertainment experience with easy access to streaming apps and smart home integration. The new lineup brings big-screen cinematic experiences and theater-like soundstages to Indian homes.

Bud Ecosystem introduces new product 'Runtime'

India-based GenAI research lab Bud Ecosystem has introduced Bud Runtime, which is designed to streamline the deployment of generative AI applications. Bud Runtime enables deployment on CPU-based infrastructure, offering a more scalable and sustainable option for organisations looking to harness the power of generative AI, it said. Since late 2023, Bud Ecosystem has been collaborating with companies like Intel, Microsoft, and Infosys to commoditise generative AI and make it easily accessible to organisations worldwide. Bud Runtime significantly

reduces both capital and operational expenditures for organisations adopting generative AI. In addition to supporting CPU-based inference, it also supports a broad range of hardware—including GPUs, HPUs, TPUs, and NPUs—from major vendors like Nvidia, Intel, AMD, and Huawei. It focuses on fundamental AI research, particularly in efficient transformer architectures for low-resource scenarios, hybrid inference, and AI inference optimisation.

NetApp and Intel partner to redefine Artificial Intelligence for enterprises

NetApp, the intelligent data infrastructure company, has announced the release of NetApp AI Pod Mini with Intel, a joint solution designed to streamline enterprise adoption of AI inferencing. This collaboration addresses the challenges businesses face when deploying AI, such as cost and complexity, at the department and team level. NetApp and Intel have partnered to provide businesses with an integrated AI inferencing solution built on an intelligent data infrastructure framework that allows specific business functions to leverage their distinct data to create outcomes that support their needs. NetApp AI Pod Mini streamlines the deployment and use of AI for specific applications such as automating aspects of document drafting and research for legal teams, implementing personalised shopping experiences and dynamic pricing for retail teams, and optimising predictive maintenance and supply chains for manufacturing units.



UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

VIBE CODING: NOW, CODING IS MORE ACCESSIBLE

times referred to as vibe coding, he added.

Vibe coding helps developers focus on prompting, reviewing and iterating the code, essentially letting the process be driven by "vibes." This involves embracing more intuitive, high-level conceptualization and iterative refinement guided by prompts, explained Praveen Ojha, Chief Technol-

ogist, EPAM Systems, India.

How useful is it for clients?

This would mean that the time lag from feature idea to production is going to reduce significantly. Hence, the pace at which clients can experiment and create business impact is going to move faster. "As we move into the future, developers will need to be more skilled at participating in conversations that help shape features. This will require a deeper understanding of business requirements and, as a result, the development of a product manager-like mindset. However, it is also important that the auto-generated code is well understood by the developer and, if needed, properly debugged. Therefore, strong coding skills will still be essential," Sahai added.

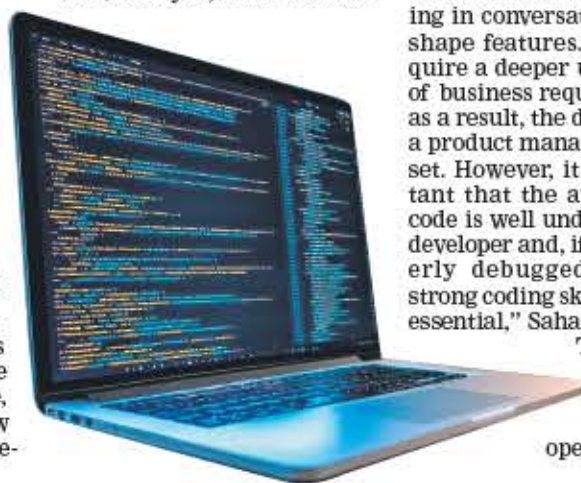
The roles of product manager and developer may begin to

merge. "In fact, the essence of various conversations among team members may increasingly be fed directly into AI tools to develop features and push them to production. This will unleash cross-functional collaboration to the next level, as has long been envisioned in an ideal agile team. In a way, these AI tools are evolving into fellow developers—engaging in meaningful conversations and taking over the grunt work," he further added.

Praveen Ojha said from an efficiency standpoint, vibe coding can result in faster turnaround cycles for developers, reduced manual work and increased focus on strategic thinking. However, the idea of letting an AI write production-grade code can stir both fascination and doubt.

According to him, some see the promise of near-instant productivity, while others worry about unleashing legions of unmaintainable scripts into our codebases.

"Being the frontliners of modern engineering practices, we see this trend as an opportunity using a lens mixed with curiosity and caution. While traditional copilots can provide effective code suggestions and auto-completions, vibe coding focuses on a more collaborative and context-aware approach. It involves the use of AI tools through natural language prompts to modify and manage code, introducing a symbiotic relationship between developers and AI," he explained.



Gen Z leads the charge in technology adoption and innovation

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

OUR in ten Gen Z (youths born roughly between the mid-1990s and the early 2010s) individuals are quick to adopt new technologies as soon as they hit the market, according to a recent survey by CyberMedia Research (CMR). The study underscores Gen Z's strong interest in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI, as well as their awareness of technology's critical role in shaping the future of smart mobility. Their enthusiasm for experimentation is evident in viral trends like the Ghibli filter, powered by Generative AI, which has captivated millions

on social media. This early adoption trend is influencing the wider consumer landscape: nearly half of all consumers are now familiar with AI, and about one in three have already incorporated Generative AI into their daily routines.

"Gen Z is at a remarkable inflection point in history. They are the first globally connected generation, united by a shared fluency in technology. For them, smartphones are not just devices—they are expressions of identity and tools for exploration. They demand high performance, whether it's for gaming, content creation, or even in their expectations from cars,

which they increasingly view as infotainment hubs. Powering all these seamless experiences are the next-generation chipsets," said Prabhu Ram, VP—Industry Research Group (IRG), CyberMedia Research (CMR).

Smartphone Gaming and Smart Mobility on the Rise

According to the survey, 74% of Gen Z gamers spend up to six hours per week playing games on their smartphones. Most discover new games through friends (66%) and social media (55%). Notably, nearly 30% of these gamers prioritize quality over cost, opting for premium gaming experiences.

Competitive gaming is also gaining momentum, with 57% participating in eSports. In



the area of smart mobility, 72% of Gen Z respondents recognize the transformative potential of connected vehicles. They expect smart cars to de-

liver advanced safety features (59%), energy efficiency and sustainability (56%), and fast charging with extended battery life (52%).

Chipsets: The Engine Behind Seamless Experiences

Performance and brand trust are key factors for Gen Z when selecting smartphones, with many willing to invest in devices powered by reliable chipsets such as MediaTek Dimensity and Qualcomm Snapdragon. Brand awareness among Gen Z and Gen Alpha is closely matched for both MediaTek and Qualcomm. MediaTek leads in customer satisfaction at 46%, while Qualcomm maintains a premium brand image, with 40% of its users willing to pay a premium for devices with its chipsets. MediaTek also enjoys greater brand loyalty (50%) and advocacy, with a Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 60, compared to Qualcomm's NPS of 56.

AI-DRIVEN MALWARE AND DATA EXTORTION

ENS @ Bengaluru

FROM traditional file encryption, ransomware attacks have now been shifted to pure data extortion and estimating the true scale of ransomware attacks has become increasingly difficult. This reflects both the declining willingness of victims to pay for decryption keys and the operational complexity associated with maintaining and deploying encryption infrastructure, says Check Point Research's latest State of Ransomware report.

Victims first learn of an incident not through system disruption, but when stolen data samples appear on Data Leak Sites.

"This tactic has also created opportunities for abuse. Now that the mere publication of stolen—or seemingly stolen—data is sufficient to claim a successful attack, some ransomware actors have begun fabricating victim disclosures. In many cases, this involves posting previously leaked or publicly available material, either to coerce payment from uninvolved companies or to artificially inflate their reputation and attract new affiliates. This behaviour has been particularly evident with Babuk-Bjorka and was adopted by LockBit after its takedown in early 2024," the report states.

It reveals that ransomware attacks have reached a record high in the first quarter of 2025. India is one among the top 5 countries hit by Ransomware, following the US, Germany, Canada and the UK.

Ransomware remains one of the most persistent and damaging cyber threats facing organisations globally. The first quarter of 2025 marked an unprecedented surge in activity, with 74 distinct ransomware groups publicly claiming victims on Data Leak Sites (DLS). These groups collectively reported 2,289 victims—more than double the number disclosed in the same period last year, which saw 1,011 published cases—a year-over-year increase of 126%.

This sharp rise may partially reflect a growing trend among threat actors to exaggerate their impact, including the fabrication of victim data to project greater reach and intimidate targets.

At the same time, it is worth noting that organisations which pay ransoms swiftly are typically excluded from public disclosure on leak sites, suggesting that historically, published figures may have significantly underrepresented the true scale of ransomware incidents, the report adds.

FunkSec is a ransomware group that emerged in December 2024. Its malware was likely developed with the assistance of AI tools—an approach that enabled rapid iteration and refinement even in the absence of advanced technical skills. This use of AI significantly lowered the barrier to entry for threat actors, allowing for the deployment of sophisticated ransomware by relatively inexperienced individuals.



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Ahead of Mother's Day, the star for all seasons, Simran talks about navigating fame, embracing her role as a mother, and the challenges of juggling fame with family
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a mother
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear readers,

Mothers are always special, and they play a major role in defining our personalities. So this time round, ahead of Mother's Day, actress Simran, speaks to *Indulge* about her three-decade journey in cinema, her recent cameo in *Good Bad Ugly* that set the internet on fire, her favourite role as a mother, her parenting mantra, and life beyond the spotlight.

Our food choices this time are quite eclectic. So while you have the newly opened Up North at the Pullman hotel, you also have the Nibble Nest café offering comfort food with a healthy twist. Alternatively, you could visit the Dou café if Spanish food is your thing or maybe even check out some Oriental comfort food with Mapo.

To match your style, this time we feature Indo-French designers Didier Lecoanet and Hemant Sagar, who draw inspiration for their SS25 collection, *Dreams*, from Akira Kurosawa's 1990 film of the same name. We also feature *The Versatile Edit* by Unrush, a thoughtful response to the evolving relationship we have with our clothes. Of course, there is much more to explore and a curated 'Buy' section as well.

In culture, singer-songwriter Akshath Acharya discusses the emotional journey behind his latest release *Rozaana*, the unexpected success of *Naadaaniyan*, and his dreams of collaborating with global music icons while Sublashini and MS Krsna discuss their latest release, *Yethetho*, a track soaked in longing and their upcoming projects. In another story, French artists Elsa Mroziwicz and Cécile Palusinski with Chennai-based artist Kalyani Pramod talk about their artworks for the upcoming exhibition *Festival of Ideas: We Are The Ocean*. Meanwhile, Armenian artist Mari Poghosyan takes us through her cross-cultural artworks.

As usual, a packed issue with the regulars as well: future predictions for the week ahead, healthy eating tips and, of course, the latest in automobiles, gadgets and tech.

Enjoy!

Edison Thomas
Editor, Indulge

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Crowning glory

May 15 | Chetpet

Tamil Nadu's most dazzling celebration of beauty, talent, and purpose is here. Miss Universe Tamil Nadu 2025 promises a grand showcase of exceptional women from across the state. Held under the guidance of Dr Hemamalini Rajinikanth, this year's event is themed on Met Gala. ₹500 onwards. From 3.30 pm. At Sir Mutha Venkata Subbarao Concert Hall.

Laugh out loud

May 11 | Egmore

After a heartfelt run of laughter and music, Nesan David brings *Happy NDi* to the stage one final time. A spirited blend of standup comedy and live music, this farewell show promises not just punchlines but also two big surprises waiting in the wings. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind musical comedy experience. ₹499 onwards. 4 to 7 pm. Museum Theatre.



Movie night

May 9 | PVR

Catch *Shadow Force* in theatres near you. It focusses on an estranged couple who finds themselves hunted by their past when a covert ops unit is sent to eliminate them. With a bounty on their heads, they must go on the run with their son, fighting to outsmart the deadly force they once belonged to. In theatres.



Swiftie dance night

May 10 | T Nagar

Step into your favourite Taylor Swift era and dance the night away at this glitter-soaked celebration of the Swiftie universe! From friendship bracelets to fearless anthems, join fellow fans for an unforgettable night of sparkle, nostalgia, and nonstop Taylor tunes—hosted by Loser TV Official. Till June 29. ₹499. 4 pm. At Sin & Tonic.



Scent of summer

May 9 | Nungambakkam

Step into a sensory world where memory meets aroma at *The Trace That Stays*, a workshop dedicated to bottling the invisible. From twilight jasmine to sea-swept skin, discover the art of fragrance blending as you craft your own signature summer perfume—evocative, mindful, and entirely your own. ₹2,360, 3 pm to 5 pm. At Apparao Galleries.



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May 10 | Kodambakkam

Step into a vibrant hour of storytelling that journeys across Tamil Nadu—from Kanyakumari to Madurai—through tales rooted in the region's folklore. Told in English and Tamil by Vikram Sridhar, these narratives weave together folk myths, lullabies, songs, and riddles, touching on themes from royal sagas to the deeply personal. ₹249. 4 pm. At IDAM.



Documentary screening

May 10 | Kottur

Koopukkadushines a stark light on the environmental and human cost of tea production in Valparai. Based on ARA's novel and brought to screen by filmmaker Gita Hudson, this 60-minute documentary explores deforestation and the harsh realities faced by tea estate workers. 5:30 pm. Tamil Virtual Academy, Anna University Campus.



Weave it out

May 9 | Adyar

Explore the fundamentals of rigid heddle weaving in this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. From understanding the loom to experimenting with textures, this three-day session offers a tactile deep dive into the world of woven fabric. Come away with new skills—and a beautiful piece made by you. On till May 10. ₹6,800++ . 11 am to 5 pm. Shuttles & Needles.

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MUSICAL MAJESTY: AMAAN AND AYAAN ALI BANGASH AT THE LEELA CHENNAI



IN A CAPTIVATING tribute to India's artistic spirit and cultural grandeur, The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts hosted an exclusive evening with globally acclaimed sarod maestros Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash at the magnificent Leela Palace Chennai—an immersive experience that paid homage to India's enduring legacy through the language of music.

Part of a series of curated experiences with the *Icons of India by The Leela*, the evening celebrated living legends whose work transcends boundaries and embodies the essence of Indian excellence. The initiative first graced Chennai's cultural calendar in 2023 with the same illustrious duo, and this return engagement brought guests yet

another soul-stirring performance—an intimate journey into the depth and beauty of classical Indian music.

Nishant Agarwal, Vice President and General Manager, The Leela Palace Chennai, shares, "At The Leela, we endeavour not just to offer a luxurious stay, but to create moments that reflect the richness and resonance of India's heritage. Welcoming Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash back to our palace was a true honour. Their artistry is deeply moving, and their music captures the poetic soul of Indian tradition. It was a privilege to present this sublime experience for our distinguished guests."

Heirs to a musical lineage that spans over seven generations, Amaan and Ayaan Ali Bangash—sons and disciples of the legendary Ustad Amjad Ali Khan—are custodians of a sound that bridges classical purity with contemporary sensibility. Their performance offered a transcendent experience, where technical mastery met lyrical expression in a powerful celebration of Indian musical tradition.

The duo also curate *Melodies by The Leela*—a series of original compositions that form the sonic signature of The Leela's properties.

These bespoke melodies, inspired by the spirit and setting of each destination, flow through the lobbies and public spaces, creating an immersive ambience rooted in cultural luxury.

Icons of India by The Leela celebrates some of the most remarkable individuals shaping India's cultural and creative narrative. From Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and former Miss World Manushi Chhillar to cricketer Smriti Mandhana and HH Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, the icons embody excellence, heritage, and vision. Through experiences like these, The Leela continues to craft soulful journeys that go beyond hospitality and leave an enduring impact.



Nishant Agarwal, Vice President & General Manager

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Nalini



Shilpa



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Tania

Damodaran following his recognition by the Government of India with the Padma Shri award for his contribution to the culinary arts. With over 50 years in the industry, Chef Damu is an author, Guinness World Record holder and well-known face of television. And keeping with the theme, the MaiStree Awards at Fortune Beach Resort honoured four exceptional women who are reshaping the future of the construction and building trade industries. The event welcomed diplomats, industry leaders, and changemakers for an evening celebrating leadership, innovation, and impact. It included the launch of the *MaiStree Kaapi Book - Women (Re)defining Spaces*, a compilation that chronicles the stories of women in construction.

Closing out the week was fashion choreographer Karun Raman's birthday celebration on the coast. Friends and family gathered to celebrate, beating the heat with the perfect beachside venue. 'Summer colours' was the dress code, and everyone complied, as they sipped on fruity drinks and toasted the birthday boy. Complementing the vibe perfectly was the live singing by Sami, which had everyone singing along throughout.



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PALOMA RAO

TV Host and Lifestyle Influencer, Paloma Rao gives you a ringside view to the biggest parties in town.

KICKSTARTING THE WEEK with a whole lotta buzz was Bio Revive opening its doors at Poes Garden. One of the main reasons is the guest of honour, Malaika Arora, beauty and wellness icon, and all-round diva. Which millennial didn't grow up idolising her? Dr Aishwarya Selvaraj played host as Chennai's popular faces poured in to say congrats, check out the new space, and, of course, meet the star of the evening. Malaika spoke about the importance of health and wellness when it comes to beauty, her favourite treatments, along with answering various questions from the beauty and lifestyle bloggers. The advice she would've given her younger self? "Sunscreens and eat better!" As for her secret to confidence, "No secret", she says, as she signs off, "either you have it or you don't."

We saw a few of the same faces as the glitz at glamour continued at

Phoenix Palladium with a special preview at Breitling. The intimate gathering offered guests a look at the B31 collection, showcasing Breitling's signature blend of precision and luxury. We saw a mix of actors, entertainment industry faces and entrepreneurs.

Radisson Resort Pondicherry Bay hosted a special Green Press Conference at Radisson Blu Hotel & Suites GRT Chennai to celebrate Pondicherry's inclusion in *Lonely Planet's* Top Destinations to Travel in 2025. Besides earning this prestigious spot, it's the only Indian destination featured this year. GRT Hotels also announced the launch of GReAT Green Meetings across its properties, which will include initiatives like carbon footprint tracking, tree planting offsets, reduced plastic use, low-carbon menus, and other green practices. And speaking of honours, this week saw The South India Chefs Association hosting a ceremony for Chef K

A NORTH STAR

An Indian fine dine that specialises in robust North Indian flavours has just been inaugurated at this rooftop restaurant in a newly opened hotel

THE CULINARY SCENE in Chennai is great, but more culinary gems are always welcome. Up North is the latest entrant in the North Indian food scenario, with a signature restaurant opening at the terrace of the Pullman hotel, which has just been launched here. The insides of the restaurant have been done in a neo-modernist way, with warm colours and a latticed frame theme throughout. Stepped seating on both sides gives a feel of spaciousness and warm cubbybs give a sense of intimacy, along with the diffused lighting.

We started off with in-house Sangrias, very well made punches with lots of oranges and other fruits, that did not make it too sweet. Cold and refreshingly perfect for a hot summer day. The first item in our food menu was the Mutton *shorba*. A nice soup in itself, the broth did taste quite good, though we did not find much traces of mutton. This was followed by *Malai Lukhmi*, little pastry fillos filled with cheese. The crispy outer shell tasted good in combination with the soft cheese inside, giving a very harmonious feel to the palate. A *Burrata chaat*, though unconventional, delighted with its unusual combination of the creamy cheese with lotus *papdi*, tomato relish and tamarind jam—a feast, indeed, for the senses.

The Lamb *galouti* was just perfect. Finely minced mutton, in combination with saffron and rose water, gave a lovely meaty taste while the ultra *tawa parantha* provided a fine, firm backdrop to these melt-in-the-mouth treats. At this point we tried the *Aam picante*, a combination of raw mango with tequila. This is again a very refreshing cocktail, perfect for nice summer evenings. The garnish of red chilli on the side of the glasses gives a nice spicy touch. Our next drink was a *Gulabo martini*, which

can be ordered with or without egg. This uses *Roohafza* with vodka, a nice combination on its own.

The main course that followed was surely the highlight of the evening. The aptly named Up North *Nalli gosht* was a finely cooked mutton curry smooth and creamy with meat that was literally falling off the bone. Even the marrow inside tasted awesome and combined with *laccha parantha* and chilli garlic *naan* was a match made in heaven. Our taste buds had never been treated to a mutton curry this fine in a long time. We also had a *Lehsuni jhinga masala*, a garlicky prawn curry that too excelled in itself—though the mutton was in a league by itself.

Honourable mentions would go to the *Dal makhani* and the *Pindi chole*, which tasted good as well. But what is a good meal without dessert, and the Old Delhi *kulfi* was really nice, with lovely chopped nuts. Another highlight was the *Mango shrikhand*, which came with waffle crisps and tasted quite nice.

If you are looking for strong flavours of North Indian food, look no further than Up North, the new fine-dine place at the Pullman Hotel. You are sure to come away with a lot of food yummy in your tummy.

Meal for two: ₹3,000++ (approx).
7–10:30 pm.

At Up North, Pullman,
Anna Salai.

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Taste of Spain

A popular bakery-cum-café, this place now introduces a Mediterranean food festival for a limited time

ADMITTEDLY, SPANISH FOOD has not been on the top of our lists for quite some time. Although it looks like an easy enough cuisine to work on, Spanish food can get a little tricky if not worked on properly. However, Dou the café is now holding a Spanish food festival at both its outlets at Nungambakkam and Alwarpet and this is what we went to taste.

Dou has always had a relaxed atmosphere, and their Alwarpet outlet oozes a chilled out vibe. We were first served a white *Sangria*. Now you may like to note that all *Sangrias* served here are non-alcoholic, so this one had Granny Smith apples, some orange juice and was topped off with star anise. Quite refreshing and a nice summer drink, though, of course, lacking the taste and punch of white wine.

Our first dish of the afternoon

was *Lagrimitas De Pollo*, chicken infused with smoked paprika and garlic and deep fried with *Panko* crumbs. The outer shell had a definitive crispy bite, and the chicken inside was quite tender. Served with black olives and tomatoes, it was a bit dry for our taste. We followed this up with *Pimiento tartlets*, basically hard pastry shells filled with

strips of roasted sweet peppers and a creamy cheesy custard. This one has all the elements of comfort food and was quickly polished off, leaving notes of creaminess and just the right amount of tanginess from bell peppers on our palate.

The interestingly named *Croquetas De Manchego* is basically potatoes and *Bechamel* *Manchego* cheese, all coated with breadcrumbs and deep-fried. This was served with a spiced tomato sauce, which again gave a nice

sharp bite to the humble *croquette*. In fact, this can serve as a dipping sauce for many items on the menu, but more on that later. By this time we were pretty thirsty, so next came the Red *Sangria*—or its equivalent. Like its white counterpart, real wine is missing but what you get instead is a concoction of mixed berries, rosemary and other tropical fruits. We felt the white *sangria* mocktail was better though, of course, the punch is missing without alcohol.

Our next was the mushroom polenta and tomato *Tapas*, with grilled polenta, roasted tomato and mushrooms with Feta cheese and sundried tomatoes. The *Polenta* balances out the tomato with its slightly corny flavour whilst the mushroom adds its own unique taste to the dish. Quite interesting if you like many flavour profiles within the dish. Our lunch came to an end with the *Gambas ajillo*. This dish comprises of shrimps cooked in garlic olive oil and white wine, garnished with parsley. A portion of garlic bread toast is served with this dish and being fans of seafood, we found the taste to be quite

interesting, especially with the included garlic toast.

The Spanish food festival is a nice tribute to the cuisine of Spain and if you are fond of a Mediterranean food, then do not miss this festival.

Meal for two: ₹1,500++
On till May 25, 8 am – 11.30 pm.

At Dou, Alwarpet &
Nungambakkam

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comfort

HEALTHY BITES

We explored a new cosy nook in Saidapet that promises comfort food with a mindful twist

AFTER A BUSY day of hustling, sometimes all you need is some comforting meal in a relaxed setting. The newly launched Nibble Nest Café promises to be one such place, offering comfort food with a healthy twist.

Blue and yellow being the two prime colours inside the café, the walls were adorned by hand-drawn illustrations by Bhavya Desai, a local artist, adding to the aesthetics of the café.

The menu here may be rooted in comfort, but it doesn't shy away from taking the healthy route. We were told that many of the ingredients used here have been carefully selected for their nutritional value—right from the oil to the salts and even the sauces, many of which are made in-house without additives or excessive sugar.

Our meal began with the Christophene soup, a velvety blend made from *chow chow*. Subtle in flavour and light on the stomach, it was the perfect way to ease into the evening.

Next up was the Shredded chicken sandwich, generously filled with tender chicken and vegetables. It's best enjoyed after a good dunk in the accompanying sauce, which brings out its flavour more fully. A notable point: it contains little to no mayo, making it a lighter option than most versions out there.

Leaning into the café's commitment to wellness, we went for the Proteinicious burger. Skipping the conventional bun, this one comes wrapped in crisp lettuce, holding together a mix of veg patty, avocado, tomato, and other trimmings. A clever alternative for those steering clear of gluten, and far more



Green and mean smoothie



Interiors

satisfying than one might expect.

The Vietnamese rice rolls were next—soft, chewy wraps packed with veggies and rice, made complete with a flavourful sauce that really brought the dish together.

We had it along with the Green and mean smoothie. This one doesn't have the clichéd, deterring taste the green smoothies have, but is rather mellow and subtle.

The Marina bites arrived in a burst of nostalgia. This peanut *chaat*-style snack was topped with a piece of mango dusted in chilli powder—a playful throwback to beachside treats, yet far cleaner in preparation and ingredients.

Their I lost my waist salad, a colourful chicken salad, which arrived at our table next, was a refreshing break. Free from heavy dressings, it cleverly uses a

healthier alternative to mayo, incorporating extra protein and calcium without compromising on taste.

Though the Mac and cheese is among their popular offerings, we found it to be on the thicker side and felt it could have been better.

We ended the meal with a duo of desserts—the Blueberry cheesecake and *Tiramisu*. While indulgent, neither were overly sweet, in line with the café's preference for moderation over excess.

Meal for one: ₹850+
8 am to 8 pm.

At Nibble Nest Cafe, Saidapet.

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Proteinicious burger

Shredded chicken sandwich

Marina bites

I lost my waist salad

indo-chinese

Second time's the charm

From a rollercoaster ride to smooth sailing, this sequel delivers more flavours and punch

MAPO IS BACK on our radar for all the right reasons. Mapo reeled us back in with their new outlet in Kathipara, which doesn't shout for attention. It lets the food do all the talking. And for the most part, it speaks fluently in spice, texture, and well-judged portions.

We started strong with the Chilli chicken *momos*. Just like last time, they came in hot and held their crown. Fiery, juicy, and balanced with just the right heat. Then came the Dragon prawns. They looked as good as they tasted, cooked to perfection and dressed in a glossy, addictive sauce. We did miss the sharper spice kick from last time, but this dish still holds the spotlight with ease.

The Honey chilli potatoes were a surprise star. French-fry style cuts tossed in a sticky sweet-spicy glaze that clung to

each bite. Crisp, flavourful, and borderline addictive.

The Chicken & chilli cream cheese spring rolls featured a velvety, warm cheese filling, complemented by a delicately balanced flavour profile that was both rich and satisfying.

We then dug into the Burnt garlic veg fried rice and the Mapo signature chicken fried rice and as expected, no surprises, no complaints. They play their part well as a neutral base that let the stronger dishes shine.

Now for the Chicken lollipops. They looked temptingly good and didn't disappoint. Not too spicy, but the seasoning worked its magic. These paired like a dream with the Butter gar-



Chicken & chilli cream cheese spring rolls

Burnt garlic veg fried rice

Dragon prawns

lic noodles, which easily became one of our top picks. Light, buttery, and just garlicky enough, they're proof that Mapo knows how to handle noodles right.

The *Kung pao paneer* delivered mellow comfort. Soft *paneer* cubes in a cosy, mildly spiced gravy with bell peppers and onions. Nothing dramatic here, just a reliable side that brings harmony to the plate.

The Mongolian fish, lightly battered and tossed in sauce, was pleasant, though still not a standout. A decent choice if you're after variety.

Mapo's new outlet has got bold flavours, thoughtful textures, and crowd favourites done right. It's comfort food with flair, perfect for casual indulgence or a spicy fix for those binge-watching nights that doesn't compromise on quality.

Meal for two: ₹500.
From 12 pm to 3 am.

At Mapo, Kathipara
Urban Square.

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Brunch & bond

Make this Mother's Day truly unforgettable with a heartfelt celebration at Spectra. Savour a lavish themed buffet, sway to the sounds of live music, and create cherished memories with a sketch artist and instant picture booth. This elegant brunch promises warmth, flavour, and a dash of magic—just like your mother herself. With curated drinks and an experience designed to delight, this can be the perfect tribute to the women who make life beautiful.
₹4,500++ (with alcohol). ₹3,750++ (without alcohol).
May 11. From 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm. The Leela Palace Chennai.



Sugar & sentiment

Make this Mother's Day a sweet celebration with Delish—The Dessert Studio's specially curated confections. From luscious Eggless cheesecakes to delicate Strawberry petit gateaux, each dessert is a tribute to mom's unwavering love. Surprise her with handcrafted treats made from the finest ingredients, thoughtfully designed to delight. These desserts promise to turn your gratitude into something truly delicious.
₹500++ onwards.
May 11. 11 am - 12 am. Kotturpuram & Anna Nagar.



SPOONFUL OF LOVE

There's no perfect return gift for a mother's love—but this Mother's Day, we have curated a list of special delights from the city's best diners

Whether she's a brunch lover, a dessert connoisseur, or someone who simply deserves a day off, this is the perfect excuse to spoil her silly. Here's our curated guide to the most delightful ways to celebrate your mother this weekend.

Flavourful festivities

Celebrate your mom in style with an indulgent brunch at Six 'O' One, The Park Chennai—a heartfelt tribute to the women who shaped our lives. With soulful live music, a special giveaway for mothers, and a menu that spans global delights, this is a feast worth lingering over. Relish exquisite dishes like Zucchini roulade, Smoked salmon with sour cream, and Korean bingsoo, or opt for comforting classics like Penne smoked chicken and Red velvet Swiss roll. Brunch: ₹3,099+ (with alcohol). ₹2,299+ (without alcohol).
May 11, 12.30 pm to 4 pm



Treat of taste

Treat the most important woman in your life to a luxurious experience at Taj Coromandel, Chennai. Begin with handcrafted indulgences at La Patisserie—think Raspberry chocolate praline, "World's Best Mom" cupcakes, and rose-infused delights. Then, elevate the day with a grand brunch at Anise, where global flavours meet soulful Indian classics. From refreshing Nannari sharbat to live ramen, Hyderabad biriyani to Lemon meringue cake, every bite is a celebration of mom. End on a sweet note by decorating a cupcake just for her. ₹3,250 (all-inclusive). Till May 11, 9 am to 9 pm, ₹1,600+ Anise Brunch: May 11, 12.30 to 3.30 pm.



A toast to mother

Celebrate the woman who raised you with warmth, wisdom, and endless love at GRT Hotels & Resorts with 25 per cent off on food and beverages across their properties, along with delightful extras like complimentary desserts and surprise gifts. Whether it's a lavish family meal or a quiet moment of appreciation, this can be your chance to make her day extra special.
May 11.
Check timings for particular restaurants



Moments that matter

Celebrate the leading lady in your life with a heartfelt brunch at Paprika, Courtyard by Marriott Chennai. Indulge in a global spread while your mother can enjoy a complimentary makeover session and a generous 50 per cent off on spa vouchers, because she deserves nothing less. Looking for weekend indulgence? ₹2,199++, May 11. 6.30 am to 11 pm.

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STAR POWER

Translating to heavenly light, *Celeste Lume* is a dance of dichotomies—bold yet graceful, timeless yet unexpected

Handcrafted in pure gold

THIS YEAR'S JEWELLERY trends have taken a celestial turn—one that fuses sentimentality with contemporary sensibilities. The era of modern heirlooms is here, where each piece is designed not just for the now, but to evolve with time—growing more meaningful with every wear, like memories cast in gold. In this spirit, *Celeste Lume*, the latest collection from jewellery designer Archana Aggarwal, offers a poetic tribute to the modern woman and her luminous journey.

"Consumers today are seeking more than just embellishment. They're looking for emotion, for connection. *Celeste Lume* was born from that desire—to wear something beautiful that also tells your story," says Archana.

Translating to heavenly light, *Celeste Lume* is a dance of dichotomies—bold yet graceful, timeless yet unexpected. "The name came to me during a quiet midnight moment. I was staring at the stars and saw in their soft brilliance a mirror of every woman's strength—quiet but unyielding," reveals Archana. The collection's mood board included

Duality drop earrings

Celestial Arc

everything from vintage astronomy charts to the raw glow of uncut *polki* diamonds, forming a constellation of influences that bridge the ethereal and the earthly.

This collection is not just about adornment—it's about evolution. "Early in my career, I was drawn to symmetry and structure. But *Celeste Lume* marks a shift. I've embraced asymmetry, reflecting the unpredictable beauty of the stars. There's rebellion in the softness—an elegance that resists confinement," explains Archana.

Each piece in the collection feels almost otherworldly, handcrafted in pure gold and featuring a blend of uncut *polki* diamonds, rubies, and pink sapphires. The textures mimic lunar landscapes,

and colours evoke the dreamlike hues of distant nebulae. "We used rose-cut sapphires layered over emeralds for an iridescent effect—like light passing through mist. The idea was to make jewellery that feels like it was born in the stars," shares Archana.

But even in its celestial abstraction, the collection stays rooted in Indian heritage. Traditional *polki* settings are reimagined as cosmic swirls, while rubies and sapphires orbit each other like celestial bodies. "It's heritage refracted through a modern lens. The soul of Indian craftsmanship remains, but it speaks in a universal language," she says.

Versatility is key to *Celeste Lume's* allure. Whether it's the Astral Bloom Earrings accenting a silk *sari*, the Infinite Grace Ring adding edge to eveningwear, or the delicate Stellar Harmony Bracelet worn daily, the collection adapts to every phase of life. "Like the moon, these pieces shine differently depending on the moment," Archana notes.

Price starts at ₹1 lakh. Available online.

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The sky's the limit

Rooted in celestial inspiration, the *Sky High Collection* turns stargazing into style statements

WHAT'S GOLD IS old... Okay, we're not giving up on gold entirely—but make no mistake; silver is stealing the spotlight in 2025. Sleek, cool-toned, and effortlessly versatile, silver jewellery is experiencing a serious glow-up, and no one's doing it quite like GIVA. Their latest drop, *Sky High*, isn't just another silver collection—it's a shimmering celebration of ambition, resilience, and the quiet power of dreaming big.

Rooted in celestial inspiration, the *Sky High Collection* turns stargazing into style statements. Think dazzling moonstone accents, constellations in silver, and delicate motifs that feel both modern and magical. "All things celestial are magnificent. Our design team drew inspiration from the infinite sky to convey boundless aspirations. We wanted

every piece to feel impactful but weightless—like wearing a piece of your dreams," says Nikita Prasad, co-founder and

Sleek and cool-toned silver jewellery

creative head at GIVA.

From crescent moons symbolising growth to shooting stars and swans reflecting transformation, every piece is thoughtfully created to represent a personal journey. "Jewellery has the ability to convey a tale. *Sky High* was designed to connect with stories of determination and aspiration. It's more than just an accessory—it's a reminder to chase your dreams," shares Nikita.

The collection's pieces range from ethereal rings and pendants to delicate bracelets, all handcrafted in 925 sterling silver. The focus is on timeless silhouettes with intricate detailing—pieces that feel just as right with a breezy resort look as they do with a crisp white shirt. "*Sky High* is about versatility. It's trendy yet minimalist, elegant but expressive. These pieces transition seamlessly from milestone celebrations to everyday wear," she adds.

What makes *Sky High* resonate even more is its deep emotional core. It's jewellery for the woman on the rise—for the moments when she takes flight, reaches a new summit, or simply needs a reminder that the sky isn't the limit, it's only the beginning. "We designed this collection to be a companion through life's

defining moments. Whether it's a career milestone, a new chapter, or a gift to oneself—it's about embracing every step of your journey with grace and confidence," Nikita explains.

So go ahead—reach for the stars. With *Sky High*, your dreams have never looked this good.

Price starts at ₹1,499. Available online.

—MV



The Versatile Edit is a thoughtful response to the evolving relationship we have with our clothes

WEAR EVER YOU GO

IN TODAY'S WORLD of shifting schedules and multi-purpose spaces, effortless dressing isn't just a preference—it's become a way of life. We gravitate toward pieces that work as hard as we do—styles that can take us from Zoom meetings to coffee runs, dinner parties to downtime, without skipping a beat. This new era of style isn't dictated by seasonal trends but by real-world flexibility—and Unrush is leading the charge with its latest release, *The Versatile Edit*.

More than just a fashion collection, *The Versatile Edit* is a thoughtful response to the evolving relationship we have with our clothes. "At Unrush, we believe that true style isn't about fleeting trends—it's about pieces that seamlessly adapt to your life. This collection was inspired by the idea of clothing that moves with you—from work to a dinner date, from travel to lounging at home," says Ragya Priyali, co-founder and creative director at Unrush.

Crafted from breathable, locally sourced fabrics like cotton blends, linen, and soft hand-woven textiles, each garment is designed to offer both comfort and longevity. The pieces feel as good as they look, ageing beautifully over time while remaining relevant regardless of the season. "Sustainability isn't just about fabric. It's also about making pieces that people will want to wear for years," Ragya notes.

And wear them they will. The col-

lection's silhouettes are intentionally designed to flatter various body types and adapt to different settings. Subtle tailoring, soft drapes, and wrap styles allow wearers to dress each piece up or down. Whether belted for structure or worn loose for ease, every look in *The Versatile Edit* brings a sense of relaxed sophistication. "We test every piece for styling flexibility. It's about how people actually wear their clothes in everyday life," explains Ragya.

One standout is the Cora Set in earth violet, which Ragya describes as "effortless elegance with a modern edge." Featuring a raised neckline, razor sleeves, pin-tuck detailing, and elasticated pants, the set embodies the balance of form and function. "It transitions seamlessly from casual to semi-formal—just like the women who wear it."

Tonal choices reflect the brand's aesthetic of subtlety and warmth—earthy neutrals, soft whites, and dusky hues that can be easily mixed, matched, and layered. It's this commitment to quiet, wearable luxury that makes *The Versatile Edit* feel like a collection for real lives—not runways.

Price starts at ₹3,500.
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Pragya Priyali

Organza origami dress

Blue pleated skirt set

Paz brown stripes co-ord set

TSO skirt and top

grace

Sun-kissed style

The Summer House takes inspiration from sunlit verandahs, haldi ceremonies, and intimate mehendis

WITH THE GOLDEN season of weddings and open-air festivities in full swing, Kalki introduces its much-awaited Summer House collection—an ethereal ode to breezy sophistication and effortless celebration. Crafted with contemporary Indian revelry in mind, this luxurious line brings together lightness, heritage, and heartfelt charm, perfect for summer weddings, cultural getaways, and everything in between.

"The Summer House collection draws its inspiration from the effortless grace of the season itself—sunlit verandahs, garden haldi ceremonies, intimate mehendis, and golden-hour pheras," says Saurabh Gupta, the founder of Kalki. The collection effortlessly channels the serenity and vibrance of warm-weather rituals with silhouettes that are fluid, flattering, and festival-ready.

From airy lehengas and flowy

saris to twinning-ready bandhgalas and soft-hued kurtas, the line serves both brides and grooms with equal finesse. "It's a romantic ode to serenity in celebration, offering garments that feel as free and open as the rituals they're made for," says Saurabh.

The fabric story further elevates the collection's comfort and elegance. Chiffon lends a dreamy translucence; georgette brings gentle structure without weight; and mul, linens, and chanderi ensure breathability without compromising richness. "Each fabric was chosen to enhance movement

and keep the body cool—even during the most humid summer days. Whether it's a resort wedding or a heritage city stroll, Summer House is built to travel with grace," he explains.

Visually, the collection is anchored in soft pastels, sun-washed brights, and delicate floral accents.

"The palette was designed to evoke calm and joy. Pastels bring elegance, sun-bright hues reflect festivity, and florals tie everything back to garden-style or destination weddings," says Saurabh.

For couples seeking coordination without cliché, Summer House offers smart twinning looks—harmonised through colour or texture, not repetition. Think a blush lehenga paired with a pink-on-

white kurta jacket, subtly syncing without overwhelming.

From beachside pheras to palace mehendis, Summer House is a tribute to modern celebration style—easy, expressive, and exquisite. For day weddings, pair lehengas with floral jewellery; for haldi, opt for co-ord sets and oxidised silver; and for grooms, tinted sunglasses and printed jackets seal the suave summer vibe.

Price starts at ₹7,500.
Available online.
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Silhouettes that are fluid, flattering, and festival-ready

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Brighten her day

Clarins takes brightening beyond a single benefit to a multi-faceted skin status. The Bright Plus (Advanced) Serum and Serum-in-Lotion offer an upgraded level of brightness as well as a beautifully managed complexion: dullness, sallowness and dark spots are kept at bay, radiance is encouraged and more than ever before, an even skin tone takes centre stage.

Priced at ₹6,800. Available online.



Blush of radiance

Cheeks are having a major moment... and everyone wants to go for the glow. And The Strobe Beam Liquid Blush by MAC will put you in control of the intensity so you can lean in with a cheeky pop of iridescent colour or go bold with layers for a rush of flush.

Priced at ₹2,900. Available online.

Ultimate glow

Introducing a revolutionary skincare innovation from Lancôme—the New Génifique Ultimate, a next-generation serum designed to visibly reverse skin damage in just one week. With 27 years of research and 10 ground-breaking patents, this advanced serum marks a revolution in skincare science. Enriched with Beta-Glucan-CM, a cutting-edge active proven to enhance the skin's self-repair capabilities, this powerful formula visibly reverses skin damage in just one week.

Priced at ₹6,000. Available online.



Celebrate the woman who's been your first teacher, best friend, and personal cheerleader. This Mother's Day, let's pamper her with gifts that say, you're loved, you're cherished, and you're fabulous!



Nutty for you

The Oh-So-Pistachio Eau De Parfum by Plum BodyLovin' has a dreamy, oriental gourmand fragrance with a nutty twist that's sure to become her signature scent. This long-lasting fragrance offers a rich and indulgent experience, beginning with top notes of pistachio, hazelnut, and rum that immediately captivate with their sweet, creamy warmth. As the fragrance evolves, the heart unveils a blend of peony and cardamom, adding a soft floral and spicy contrast that deepens the allure. Finally, the base notes of sandalwood, tonka, and cocoa create a supremely luxurious and warm finish, leaving you enveloped in a scent that's both comforting and sophisticated.

Priced at ₹899. Available online.

Lip service

One swipe is all it takes to restore, hydrate, and transform your lips overnight. Foxtale, the homegrown skincare brand celebrated for its science-backed formulas and skin-first philosophy, is redefining lip care with its latest innovation: the Night Shift Lip Sleeping Mask. A first-of-its-kind in India, this indulgent watermelon-flavoured overnight treatment is infused with Maracujá Oil—an antioxidant-rich powerhouse known to deeply nourish, repair, and revive even the driest lips while you sleep.

Priced at ₹445. Available online.



Shielded in love

From the first scraped knee to every life milestone, she's been your shield. This Mother's Day, it's her turn to be protected—and pampered with the Sun + Skin Shield Duo by Purple Pompa.

Priced at ₹1,248. Available online.

Brush up

The Halo Supersonic Toothbrush by Salt Oral Care will elevate your mom's daily dental routine with cutting-edge technology. Powered by advanced Sonic Technology, the Halo delivers up to 44,000 vibrations per minute for a deep, thorough clean that's both gentle and effective—no compromise necessary.

Priced at ₹6,250. Available online.



Cloud nine shine

Raise On Cloud 9, the latest breakthrough from Jean-Claude Biguine Salons, is redefining hair care with its revolutionary formula that provides a flawless, Korean-glass-like shine and up to 100 hours of hydration in just nine seconds. This cutting-edge product has quickly gone viral, captivating beauty enthusiasts with its transformative power and effortless application.

Priced at ₹3,500. Available online.



Hydrated hair

Rica's Opuntia Oil Treatment by Esskay Beauty is a unique, multipurpose serum extracted from the seeds of prickly pear. The serum has regenerating, soothing, anti-inflammatory and antioxidants properties, which makes the hair more hydrated, and shinier. This treatment helps repair split ends, protect against heat styling, and speed up the drying and styling process.

Priced at ₹2,280. Available online.



Truffle-icious tresses

Indulge in the luxury of Black Truffle Shampoo by TruffLuv—a gentle, paraben and sulfate-free formula crafted to nourish and revitalise. Enriched with antioxidant-rich black truffle extract, it helps protect against environmental stressors while supporting healthy hair growth. This shampoo restores moisture and essential nutrients, leaving hair softer, stronger, and more manageable.

Priced at ₹2,099. Available online.



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'I'M NOT A STRICT MOM'

From reigning over box-office charts to running a household with grace, actress Simran opens up about her evolving journey as an actor, wife, and mother ahead of Mother's Day
By P Sangeetha

My mother is such a strong lady. Her never-give-up spirit is something I've always admired. I've passed that on to my children

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EVERY ERA IN cinema witnesses a sensation—a force who doesn't just face the arc lights but goes on to rule the industry. In '90s Tamil cinema, one name that shimmered bright was Simran! With blockbusters like *Once More* and *VIP*, Simran didn't just arrive—she conquered Kollywood and how. Not only did she have the audience glued to their seats with her remarkable screen presence and power-packed characters, but she also danced like a dream, all of which eventually sealed her a permanent spot among the superstars of Tamil cinema. The icing on the cake was her ability to straddle glamour and gravitas, which made her filmmakers' favourite.

Despite all the stardom, speak to Simran today and you'll find her disarmingly grounded. There's a quiet poise in her words and a dignified calm that speaks of someone who has lived her life to the fullest in both fame and family. She's proud of her cinematic empire—but her heart beats loudest for her role as a mother to two charming boys, Aadheep and Aadit. She may have lit up the screen with stardust, but it's her gentle spirit off-screen that truly defines her.

Ahead of Mother's Day, the darling diva speaks to *Indulge* about her three-decade journey on the silver screen, her recent appearance in *Good Bad Ugly* that set the internet on fire, her favourite role as a mother, and the person behind her onscreen persona. Excerpts from the interview.

You're all over the internet after your cameo in *Good, Bad, Ugly*. Did you expect such a response?

I was quite surprised by the overwhelming response and the fact that *Vaalee* and *Thottu Thottu Pesum Sultana* from the '90s struck a chord with this generation. When director Adhik (Ravichandran) told me the story and about my cameo, we could already feel that energy when the scene would play out in theatres. But this was really big!

Your recent role in *Tandav* Family, how does it resonate with you?

It's an interesting character—a housewife who migrates from Sri Lanka to Chennai, and the way the family comes together in those tough times. The film is full of humour, emotions, love, and laughter.

You've been in the industry for over three decades. Do you think actresses today have more variety in roles to choose from?

It doesn't feel like 30 years at all. But when I look back, I feel proud of the legacy of work I've built. So yes, I do put myself on the back for that. The roles being offered today are definitely more varied. As society and the audience evolve in their thinking, so do the opportunities for women in cinema. Audiences today are more open-minded, and technology has helped break many boundaries. In Tamil Nadu, I feel our cinema remains deeply rooted in culture and avoids being overly cliché. Moreover, age is just a number, and I'm genuinely happy to see roles being written for all age groups—both for men and women.

Do you think OTT platforms have contributed to this shift?

Absolutely! There's no real desire to specifically work in Bollywood or Hollywood. Talent is universal, and language is no longer a barrier. OTT platforms have proven that.

You're often referred to as the 'OG superstar' of the '90s. How do you feel about these labels?

Everyone is an original version of themselves. Yes, there have been recreations of old songs and scenes in recent times, but it's all part of entertainment. As long as we entertain, that's what matters. I take it in a positive way. After all, a lot of hard work has gone into being original!

Do you ever wish you had ventured more into Hindi films, especially considering the success of *Gully Boy* and *Rocky*?

I have no regrets at all. That word holds a lot of weight for me. I'm truly blessed that *Rocky* and *Gully Boy* came my way. Both projects had incredible teams and were creatively fulfilling. I believe in working with like-minded people. I can't manipulate—I'm just not that kind of person. I prefer to work in an environment where I feel comfortable with the people around me. There's nothing for me to prove, and money isn't the driving factor.



Simran with her family

Have you become more selective with your roles?

Yes... As a mother, my priorities have naturally changed. I can't dedicate all of my time to work anymore. But if I do find the time, I'd love to create something of my own—build a team and bring it to life. Let's hope the right time comes. Maybe once the kids are a bit older.

You took a break during the peak of your career to focus on family. Could you tell us about that phase?

I had achieved enough name and fame by 27, and I felt it was time to embrace family life. When you meet the right person, everything falls into place. It was more of a natural transition. It was a break for a short period, and it shaped very well. And when I returned to work, it was on my terms.

Despite being a superstar, you've always kept your family life private. How did you manage that?

No one has ever asked me this before, so I'm not sure how to answer. But I'll tell you, it's tough saying no to the kids. Keeping them away from social media and constant attention isn't easy. I just tackle the challenges as they come, try to limit their exposure as much as I can, but you can't be on 24/7 watch. Living the life of a celebrity isn't easy.

Your children would have grown up watching your movies. Do they have a favourite of yours?

Yes, yes... We are all movie buffs. We enjoy going to the theatre or having movie nights together, whether it's a horror or comedy film. They love movies like *Kannathil Muthamittal* and *Priyamanavale*, and they're big fans of Ajith and Vijay. They often watch their films. They also enjoyed *Vidaamuyarchi*, *Good Bad Ugly*, and *The GOAT*.

If your kids wanted to pursue a career in films, what advice would you give them?

Being in films is a tough job. It's all about hard work—there's simply no substitute for it. People often say that luck plays a big role, and I believe that too. But I think luck comes to those with good character. Being a good human being attracts that kind of luck. When you do good deeds in life, they eventually pay off.

Is there any life lesson from your mother that you've passed on to your children?

Oh, my mother is such a strong lady. Her never-give-up spirit is something I've always admired. I've definitely passed that on to my children.

How would you describe your parenting style?

I'm not a strict parent. I prefer not to nag, like saying, 'get up, go to sleep,' but if something isn't getting done, I let them figure it out on their own. I don't think there's anything special about parenting. All mothers love their kids and want them to do their best, no matter what they do or where they come from—it's all about that one relationship—being a mother.

How have you kept things going so smoothly?

I couldn't do it without my partner. My husband, Deepak, and I work together to make sure the family runs smoothly. When I am away at work, he ensures that he keeps the kids comfortable. So, I take up work during the holidays or weekends, so it's all very well planned. But if I need to be away, he steps in. We both share the responsibility of raising the kids equally.

When you're not taking the camera, how do you unwind?

I love a simple life—just a cup of tea and a good movie! I also enjoy shopping, especially street shopping. I go shopping with my sister or friends. I'm a fan of the temple jewellery in Pondy Bazaar.

Have you worn any of that in your films?

Of course! In movies, award functions, and shows...

You've always looked great. What's your fitness and beauty regime?

Diet plays a huge role. It has sort of become my life, *yaar!* Sometimes, I don't get time to exercise; the routine is such, and you are exhausted by the end of the day. For me, wellness means going for massages at least four times a week, hitting the gym, and doing yoga twice a week. It's a mix of everything, but food plays a major part. And these massages are such bliss after you hit 45. And I am going to be 50 next year. Oh God!

What does it feel like?

Time flies, but I feel good. When I look back, I think I have done a really good job with my face and my body! The maturity that comes with age is something I enjoy. My mind is focused and you are not scared to share anything with anyone. The maturity is really cool!

What's the biggest change you've noticed in yourself over the years?

I think maturity naturally seeps in over time. As you grow older, you become clearer about your boundaries, and people are less likely to take advantage of you. When you're younger, people often feel free to say anything to you—it sinks into your subconscious and can sometimes lead to overconfidence. It doesn't always motivate you to follow your own path. But that's where your inner strength comes in, and the support of those close to you—like my mom, husband, and friends—really helps. Life can be very challenging, but with maturity, you learn to handle things on your own. That's when you start making your loved ones proud. Confidence and clarity truly come with age.

Your recent speech at a awards function went viral. How do you usually respond to such comments, whether they come from stars or the audience?

I think you have to be mindful of your own conduct first. If you're being kind to people, but someone is constantly trying to put you down and you keep trying to ignore it, at some point, it can be mistaken as a sign of weakness. So, when someone crosses a line, it's important to address it calmly. You do need to stand up for yourself and put a gentle stop to it. Just be brave.

Was it easier when you started your career when there was no social media?

No... Nothing was easier then. We had a different set of challenges. There were fewer distractions, no social media to deal with, and everything was more physical. We had to prove ourselves with photographs and printed and handwritten material. There were no digital cameras, monitors, or caravans.

If you weren't an actor, what would you have been?

I think I would have been a homemaker only! If you had asked me in my 20s, I would have given you a list of at least 10 professions. But lately I feel as I grow older that all I want to do is sit back, relax, and balance work and home.

So when you were in your 20s, what were the options?

I had so many... Fashion designing, this and that. Work is just part of your life, you know. I think whatever you do, you should just enjoy your life.

And what's your secret to a happy life? Live and let live!

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Rapidfire

Favourite dance number of yours...
Thottu Thottu Pesum Sultana and Aal Thottu Boppathy.

Biggest strength?
Willingness to take risks.

Your weakness?

Food, *yaar!*

You are a good cook, we are told...

Yes, I can cook Indian food. My specialty is mutton curry.

One habit you could be a millionaire or Gen Z with?

Cleaning! I'm obsessed with keeping things clean and tidy. People say I have OCD, but I call it common sense. How can you sit on a couch that is dirty?

One thing you want to tick off in 2025?

I don't have a idea of this right now, as I never plan things like that. Maybe take a road trip to Greenland, something I've never done before.

If a movie were made about your life, who would you want to play you?

Please don't make a movie about my life! (laughs)



GUT, THE UNSUNG HERO

Your gut is a quiet powerhouse that holds the key to your overall wellness

YOUR GUT IS the unsung hero of your body—a key factor responsible for your overall wellness. Imagine it as the roots of a tree: if the roots are weak, the entire tree suffers—leaves yellow, branches droop, and fruit withers. Think of your gut as the control center for your entire body. When it's out of balance (dysbiosis), it's like a domino effect: one piece falls, and the rest follow. That premature greying you've noticed? It's not just ageing—it could be your gut struggling to absorb nutrients.

Autoimmune conditions, like Hashimoto's, psoriasis, or rheumatoid arthritis, etc., often flare because an inflamed gut triggers immune overreactions. Memory fog or brain issues? The gut-brain axis means poor gut health can cloud your thinking. Even your mouth isn't spared—microbiome imbalances lead to dental decay or ulcers. Thyroid problems, heart strain, liver overload, lung issues, and skin woes like acne or eczema—all trace back to the gut.

Ever wondered why that belly fat won't budge, no matter how much you exercise? Or why you feel puffy and inflamed, with joints that ache and a body that feels sluggish? Your gut is the master regulator here. When it's inflamed, it sends out signals that store fat—especially around your belly—because it thinks you're in survival mode. Hormones go haywire too; an imbalanced gut messes with estrogen, cortisol, and insulin, leaving you moody, tired, or battling weight gain. This is where nutrients like vitamins C and B step in as your gut's best friends. They act like fertiliser, rebuilding the gut lining and repopulating good bacteria.

Your gut has an incredible ability to clean itself, but only if you give it a break. Picture it as a hardworking housekeeper: if you keep piling on chores (constant eating), it never

gets to rest and tidy up. When you eat a meal, your gut starts digesting—then you grab a snack and another, even if it's healthy. This constant eating keeps your digestive system on overdrive, leading to acidity, bloating, and energy crashes. Digestion needs to move from action (feasting) to rest (fasting). When you stop eating between meals, your body's intelligence kicks in—it digests fully, cleans out waste, and preps for the next meal. You'll notice less bloating, steady energy, and no more mid-day slumps.

You don't need a fancy plan to start healing—just a few mindful changes can make a world of difference:

▪ **Fast between meals:** Give your gut a 3-4 hour break between meals. Eat only when you're truly hungry—trust your body's signals, not your cravings. This helps sort out acidity and bloating by letting your gut rest and reset.

▪ **Intermittent fasting:** Find your rhythm—maybe 12-14 hours—starting with an early dinner (around 7 pm) and breaking your fast in the morning with lemon water when you feel hungry, follow it up with some fruits and 4-5 soaked nuts. This repopulates your gut microbiome naturally, and your sleep hours count toward fasting, giving rest to your digestive system will further enhance the healing of the body.

▪ **Stick to fixed meal times:** Eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner at consistent times aligns with your natural clock (circadian rhythm), so your gut knows when to expect food. Eat when you're physically hungry, not just because it's time.

▪ **Manage constant snacking:** When you constantly snack, even on healthy stuff, you override your body's natu-

ral intelligence. It's like interrupting a musician mid-song—they lose their flow! Fasting between meals and overnight lets your gut finish digestion, clean itself, and heal. This reduces inflammation, balances hormones, and even helps with weight loss by stopping fat storage. Plus, your energy stays steady—no more crashes that make you reach for coffee or sweets.



HEALTHY LIVING DEEPIKA RATHOD

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ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Love and blessings will fill your life. Harmonious relationships with family members are going to be the highlight of this week. An outing with your loved ones will empower and enrich your body, mind, and soul. On the work front, stand up for what you believe in. Have a compatible relationship with the people who share your vision. Lucky colour: **Orange**



TAURUS

(Apr 20 - May 20)

This is a week of staying alert and dealing with relationships in a tactful manner. There is something better waiting for you on the other side of the bridge, so do what you know is right for you. This is the time for your spiritual quest rather than materialistic games. Take action for a good cause. Your instincts will guide you at the right time. Lucky colours: **Black, grey, and beige**



GEMINI

(May 21 - June 20)

This is the time for you to improvise your plans and listen to your intuition for accurate guidance. Face your fears and grow stronger. Be aware of those who are in your life only to misguide you and keep you away from your life missions. A great deal of activity will unfold with immediate results. It is important to maintain your communication skills. Lucky colours: **Sky blue, steel gray.**

Angel Calendar

This weekly column is based on angel oracle guidance and numbers



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LIBRA

(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

It is time to cut your ties from the past. Release your attachment to the outcome. A challenge will arise, and you have all it takes to resolve provided you withdraw from the drama of others. Have patience with yourself and those around you. This is an excellent time for you to enhance your knowledge and skills, as an opportunity will be offered to you during this time. Lucky colour: **Lavender**



SCORPIO

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A week full of high energy and drama. Your karmic cycle of this lifetime is coming to a completion. Spiritual growth and your spiritual insights are going to amplify this week. Listen to your heart, as the love for home and family will keep you grounded. With your trustworthy psychic information, you will be on a spiritual quest and socially feel overwhelmed and powerful. Lucky colours: **Royal blue, brown**



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Compromise is the only way forward. It will be better if you just make a decision and do not overanalyse a problem. This is going to be your lucky week, as new resources of money, time, or support are on the cards. A change in job or a promotion is foreseen. Do what you love, as this is a great time for personal growth in your career or artistic endeavours. Lucky colours: **Bright yellow, fluorescent green**



CANCER

(June 21 - July 22)

Wisdom and objectivity are important right now. The joy that comes from spiritual growth is the ultimate source of happiness. You have the power to be the light to others, so impress. All the answers to your queries will come through meditation. Consider getting an additional education or training. Lucky colours: **Light pink, midnight blue**



LEO

(July 23 - Aug 22)

All your materialistic needs will get fulfilled this week. An act of kindness will amplify your blessings tenfold. You can manifest the life you want; what you need will magically appear. Those you love, as you have the ability to make anything more beautiful. Your advice is something that is going to bring you a lot of brownie points. Lucky colour: **Golden, red**



VIRGO

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

New opportunities for excitement and adventure will come to the forefront. All your materialistic needs will get fulfilled. An act of kindness will amplify your blessings. A great week for self-inspection and completing the detoxification of your body, mind, and soul. It's time to make plans for your next endeavour. Lucky colour: **Purple**



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

On a professional note, you are on a high. A great deal of activity with sudden and immediate results will keep you in high spirits. It is important to maintain a cordial and two-way communication during this time. Your strength is your grace through kindness. Your growth might intimidate many around you; so stay grounded and move on. Lucky colour: **White**



AQUARIUS

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

The shackles of the past troubles are beyond you now. Due to overwhelming emotions, you might not be able to see things clearly. However, in the coming days, you will be in a better position to make some important decisions. The universe will give you the opportunity to start a new life while finding your life purpose. Lucky colours: **White, copper, and magenta**



PISCES

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Lady luck favours you now, as your materialistic needs are going to get fulfilled. However, this is also the time to seek other possibilities of happiness. Look for the magic in life and be aware of your own emotions. A strong willpower and a clear conscience will take you to the right path of happiness. Lucky colours: **Sea green, olive green**

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heritage

WOOD YOU BELIEVE?

The Naga collection features intricately carved chairs, side tables, and decorative panels, each salvaged from old structures



Carved chairs

AMID A CULTURE of mass-produced design and fleeting décor trends, the Traditional Handicrafts Centre (THC) offers a refreshing return to authenticity and artisanal legacy. Nestled in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, this family-run enterprise has dedicated over four decades to reviving and showcasing India's rich artisanal legacy, particularly the centuries-old tradition of naga wood carving.

For the uninitiated, *naga* woodwork is more than decorative—it is storytelling through sculpture. Once integral to the identity of tribal communities in Nagaland, these carvings adorned village gates, homes, and communal spaces, symbolising strength, protection, and reverence for nature. THC's *Naga* collection brings these evocative relics into the modern home, seamlessly blending heritage with contemporary design sensibilities.

"These pieces carry centuries of history within their grains. They were never created just to look beautiful—they were expressions of identity, power, and belief. What we're doing now is giving them a second life in homes that value both aesthetic and meaning," says Vrinda Agarwal, head designer at THC.

The *Naga* collection features intricately carved chairs, side tables, and decorative panels, each salvaged from old structures like traditional houses or auctioned government properties. By repurposing these elements, THC ensures not only the preservation of heritage but also a low environmental footprint.

"We believe sustainability is not just a buzzword—it's a responsibility," adds Palak Gupta, creative head at THC. "We use only reclaimed teakwood and work with craftsmen who understand the cultural

value of what they're restoring. The aim is to honour the original intent of the piece while making it relevant for today's homes."

Among the standout pieces is a hand-carved Naga high-back chair, once a symbol of leadership. Now, it brings rustic luxury into modern living rooms, becoming a conversation starter as well as a functional seat. Similarly, robust side tables with raw edges and intricate tribal motifs serve both as decor and storytellers. Each groove and notch bears the patina of time, a tactile connection to a long-standing tradition.

Restoration at THC is a careful process. Only necessary repairs are made, using period-appropriate techniques and reclaimed materials to maintain authenticity. "We don't over-restore. Every nick and texture has its place—it's part of the story," says Vrinda.

Clients can also co-create bespoke furniture, accessing THC's vast inventory of over 1,200 tonnes of sustainably sourced timber.

Price on request. Available online.

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expressive

These abstract wall coverings invite homeowners to reimagine their interiors as living works of art

WALLS ARE NO longer just backdrops—they're becoming bold, expressive statements of personality and feeling. With *Resonance*, its latest collection of abstract wall coverings, UDC Homes invites homeowners to reimagine their interiors as living works of art.

"Walls are often overlooked, but they hold incredible potential to set the emotional tone of a room," says Neha Jain, founder of UDC Homes. "With *Resonance*, we wanted to go beyond patterns and textures—we wanted to create moments on the wall."

This new collection embraces abstraction with eight distinctive designs, each a free-flowing visual journey. Unlike traditional wallpapers that follow floral or geometric patterns, these wall coverings celebrate spontaneity and mood. From layered brush strokes

to swirling blends of colour, each design leaves room for personal interpretation. It's art meant not only to be seen, but felt.

"Abstraction is powerful because it gives people space to feel something unique. What looks like a sunset to one person might feel like an ocean to another. That emotional connection is what sets this collection apart," Neha explains.

Colour takes centre stage in *Resonance*, with a palette curated to evoke specific moods. Deep

Where walls speak



Bold accents



oceanic blues bring tranquility, sunlit yellows radiate warmth and optimism, and rich reds infuse rooms with passion. Soft whites and earthy greens offer calm and connection to nature.

"Colour isn't just a visual choice—it's emotional architecture. Every shade in this collection is intentional. It's about creating an atmosphere that speaks to the soul of the space," Neha adds.

Beyond aesthetics, these designs are crafted with versatility in mind. Whether featured as a bold accent wall in a living room or a subtle, textured backdrop in a bedroom, the coverings adapt effortlessly to a range of design styles—from minimalist to eclectic.

"Today's homeowners want more than decoration—they want expression. Our wall coverings don't tell one story—they invite yours," says Neha.

With *Resonance*, UDC Homes redefines what walls can be—not just structural, but soulful. In every swirl, stroke, and hue lies an opportunity for personal storytelling. So feel, reflect, and live with art that evolves alongside you.

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RHYTHMS REIMAGINED

The band, Carnatic 2.0, blends classical music with rap and electronic beats

WHEN FRIENDS MAHESH Raghvan, Sharanya Srinivas, Shravan Sridhar, and Akshay Anantapadmanabhan, who have been collaborating on music for the past eight years, formed the band Carnatic 2.0, they decided to take the path less trodden with their unique fusion of Carnatic music with modern electronic and rap elements. The band, which recently performed at the *Kasauli Rhythm and Blues Festival*, says that this will be a performance that the band will remember for a long time. "The audience was great; we thoroughly enjoyed performing for them and watching them groove to our music," says Mahesh.

The band had recently called *Bho Shambo* one of their heaviest productions. The song, which took three years to perfect, underwent several iterations before they felt it was ready for release. "It's an incredibly powerful composition that we've wanted to do full justice to while adding our unique touch. The production is rich with interesting layers and

unique rhythmic ideas," says Mahesh.

Another popular track of theirs that continues to resonate with fans is *Mylapore Rap*. Mahesh explains, "Mylapore Rap is our unique tribute to hip-hop. Instead of rhythmic spoken words, we've used *Konnakol*, which creates a repetitive hook and powerful arrangement that blends the worlds of Carnatic music and hip-hop in a way that feels both familiar and distinct."

The band has also reimagined themes from popular shows like *Game of Thrones* and *Harry Potter*. The band emphasises

that it's essential to step out of their comfort zone for growth in today's musical landscape. "For us, blending the traditional with the unexpected—like *Mylapore Rap* or reimagining themes from *Game of Thrones* and *Harry Potter*—is a way to keep the art form evolving while making it accessible to new listeners. Experimentation challenges us creatively and keeps the journey exciting—not just for us, but for our audience too."

Despite the genre-blending nature of their work, the band believes that young

audiences are increasingly connecting with traditional Carnatic music. Mahesh shares, "There's a lot of interest in Indian music and arts among the younger generation. Many kids want to learn Indian instruments, and there are passionate teachers helping propagate the art form."

When it comes to their creative process, the band begins with the question, "What if...," always striving to create something fresh. "There's a lot of trial and error before we're happy to release or perform a piece. We usually have multiple versions of each piece in different styles before we decide what feels right. I believe that only when we truly love and believe in what we create can we expect our audience to connect with it."

As for upcoming projects, the band is ready with a new repertoire that blends Carnatic music with pop. "We're working on Carnatic versions of pop songs and modern renditions of iconic Carnatic pieces," says Mahesh. Looking ahead, the band is optimistic about the future of Carnatic music. "More musicians are able to publish their music, and there's a growing number of students learning Indian classical music. Plus, there's an increasing interest in Indian classical and regional art forms," he sums it up.

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Mahesh Raghvan, Sharanya Srinivas, Shravan Sridhar and Akshay Anantapadmanabhan

percussion

Ancient beats, modern pulse

The North Axis Project fuses timeless sounds with contemporary rhythms

SIDDHARTH BHAYANI, THE architect-turned-electronic music producer, continues to explore new creative frontiers with his North Axis Project, which is known for seamlessly combining traditional instruments with contemporary electronic music.

When asked what made him pay tribute to the *mridangam* in his latest work, Siddharth recounts a fond memory: "I had a powerful encounter with the *mridangam* during a visit to Kerala in the late 2010s. I had this raw, earthy vibration that instantly felt different—the energy was unlike any other percussion instrument I had explored. That unique resonance stayed with me. Years later, while searching for a distinctive percussive soundscape, that memory resurfaced. It felt only natural to

dedicate the track *Mridanga* to this heavenly instrument and let its essence guide the rhythm of the composition."

Going back in memory lane about how the North Axis Project began its journey, Siddharth tells us, "It began around 2014 with a strong inclination toward psytrance, and our debut, *Sungod*, reflected that phase. As time passed, the sound matured with a deeper understanding of percussion-driven beat-making, heavily inspired by the AR Rahman-Sivamani synergy. I also started dissecting various global electronic music genres—from drum and bass to EDM and techno to trance—which opened up a whole new world of possibilities. This exploration sparked a series of experiments, always with a vast and diverse audience

in mind. Throughout this journey, live percussion has remained a constant."

It's not often that we see architects turning into musicians. So we quiz Siddharth on what made him embark on this journey, and pat comes the reply. "During my bachelor days we formed a band, even though my understanding of drums was quite basic back then. That early curiosity pulled me into rock-driven genres like alternative rock, nu metal, and grunge. Over time, the journey evolved, and music became a core part of my creative identity."

However, he adds that he no longer practices architecture in the traditional sense. "But the connection to architecture still runs deep. The North Axis Project continues to draw heavily from architectural inspirations—translating the essence of spaces into sound. Tracks like *Minar* and *Haveli* are examples of how built environments have influenced my compositions, turning spatial narratives into musical experiences."

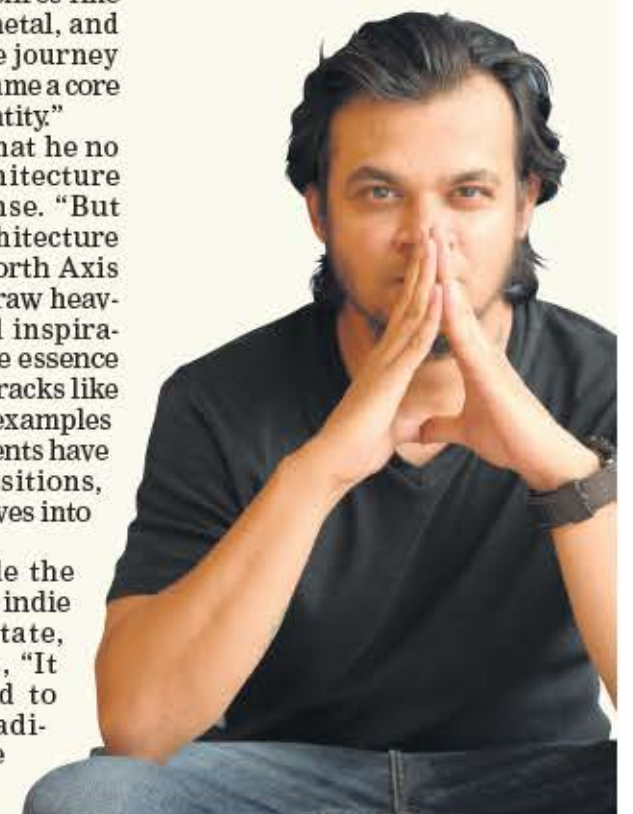
Before we conclude the chat, we ask about the indie scene in his home state, Gujarat, and he says, "It remains deeply tied to folk and classical traditions. Festivals like

Abhivyakti, the *White Desert Festival*, the *Satpak Music Festival*, and the *Water Festival* are pushing Hindustani classical music acts as a source of inspiration. These events also create valuable opportunities for younger audiences to engage with maestros and experience traditional music in modern contexts."

—PS



Siddharth Bhayani



Notes of nostalgia

Singer-songwriter Akshath Acharya discusses his latest release *Rozaana*

SINGER AKSHATH ACHARYA, whose latest work in Shauna Gautam's *Nadaaniyan* grabbed the limelight, has just dropped his latest single, *Rozaana*. Talking about the song, Akshath tells *Indulge*, "I think with *Rozaana*, there was a sort of domino effect. I first came up with this guitar riff, and the homeliness and warmth of the riff inspired the meaning of the song. Once I had a basic idea of what the song would be about—the emotion of missing somebody—I dove deeper into who that person was. I realised that I wanted a song that could act like a warm hug for me or be the pillow that I cuddle with. And that's how *Rozaana* came about."

When asked if he expected his work in *Nadaaniyan* to become such a huge hit, Akshath admits, "No, you never really know going into these things what's going to work and what's not. I'm really glad and grateful that it turned out the way it did, and people seem to love it as much as they do."

Ask him if he would consider *Nadaaniyan* a milestone in his career, and Akshath says, "I would call all my songs milestones because each song has a profound impact on me, beyond just the song itself. It's a beautiful experience, and the feeling on the day of releasing any song is always really special. That said, *Nadaaniyan* has had an impact larger than most of my other releases, so, yes, it has definitely been a special release for me."

As for his inspirations in music, Akshath shares, "I don't think there's a constant source of inspiration. Sometimes it's my life, sometimes it's something I'm thinking about, and sometimes it's a storyline I've seen play out in someone else's life—maybe my friends, a movie, or a TV show. A lot of times, though, it comes from the music itself. I'll like a particular sound, chord progression,

beat, or production, and that will inspire the meaning and lyrics."

Talking about his songwriting process, he explains, "There's no one-size-fits-all approach to making a song. Everything has its own journey, its own path. There's no set method—I think that's the beauty of being involved in every aspect of the song-making process, from lyrics to composition to production and performance. I can start anywhere, depending on how I feel that day, and just hope it works out."

And finally, ask him about his dream collaborations, and he draws a long list: "Anyone from John Mayer to AR Rahman, Shreya Ghoshal, Arijit Singh, and Pink Floyd. It's a vast and varied list."

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Akshath Acharya

MELANCHOLIC BLUES

Singers MS Krsna and Sublahshini on their latest release, *Yethetho*

YETHETHO, A NEW single released by MS Krsna and Sublahshini, is what it sounds like when two souls collide. This one isn't for the charts, it's for the hearts.

When composer and producer MS Krsna began working on the song, he wasn't chasing trends. "It's based on personal experiences I went through over the last six months," he says. The result? A track soaked in longing, shaped by late-night thoughts, analogue instincts, and an intuitive collaboration with singer Sublahshini, whose voice he had admired since 2022. "In a couple of sessions, the track was done. She brought in not just her voice but also a shared emotional understanding," he shares.

Sublahshini calls *Yethetho* "a very honest song", one that wasn't constructed for social media virality. "We didn't think about fitting into a trend or 'making it for the gram'. It just came from a raw place." Her recording process for the track was itself unconventional. Rather than singing whole lines, she recorded word by word to create the impression that the voice was coming from multiple places at once. "That was new for me, but it sounded great in the end."

The track was built without a click track, using a single guitar take as its backbone, which all the musicians, including violinist Ritu Vysakh and flautist Lalit Talluri, responded to live. "It was almost like how music was made in the old days, with everyone playing together," Krsna says. The sonic choices were deliberate.



There's a lot of push and pull in the narrative. Two people trying to find light but never reaching it. They're drawn to each other but pulled apart, and that melancholy is the emotional undertone of the track

—Sublahshini

"We wanted the vocals to blend into the overall texture, creating an immersive, unified sound rather than having any element stand out. It was inspired by AR Rahman sir's approach, where each listen reveals something new depending on the system or setting."

If the song were a painting, they both imagine something dark and melancholic. "There's a lot of push and pull in the narrative," says Sublahshini. "Two people trying to find light but never quite reaching it. They're drawn to each other but ultimately pulled apart, and that melan-

choly is the emotional undertone of the track." Krsna experiences music through synaesthesia, a sensory condition where sounds manifest as colours. "For me, this song was always red, black, and night. I surrounded myself with those colours while producing this."

That melancholic tone isn't a burden. It's a timestamp. "Whatever I was going through at the time, you can hear it in how the song is sung and written," says Krsna. "It's like a diary entry. When I listen to this 10 years later, I'll know exactly what I was feeling."

This release marks a turning point in both artistes' trajectories. For Sublahshini, it's her first independent release in years. "I had a few songs in 2022 and 2023, but nothing last year. So *Yethetho* feels like a return, or maybe a new beginning." Krsna shares, "I'm branching into larger arrangements and new sonic palettes. It feels like an evolution."

Both artistes have more projects coming up. Sublahshini is re-entering the indie space with this song and is currently working on an independent English EP, set to release track by track in the coming months, and MS Krsna is also gearing up for the release of the movie, *Kaagangal*, which he has worked in. But for now, they're quietly proud of a song that feels like a new chapter in an old diary.

Yethetho out on all streaming platforms.

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French artists
Elsa Mroziewicz
and Cécile
Palusinski open
up about their
artistic journeys

ART



WITH ACTIVISM

AT FIRST GLANCE, the works of French artists Elsa Mroziewicz and Cécile Palusinski might appear rooted in whimsy—with their vivid pop-ups, poetic imagery and immersive digital layers. Yet behind this sensory-rich artistry lies a deep, enduring commitment to environmental storytelling. The duo, who first met 15 years ago while collaborating on a CD album project *L'épopée de Noé*, have since carved a shared path that blends visual art, augmented reality, and ecological reflection.

"My artistic career has taken shape at the crossroads of the visual arts, animated books and animation," says Elsa.



Elsa Mroziewicz and Cécile Palusinski

"I'm driven by the desire to create sensitive, immersive worlds, where traditional and digital techniques come together to tell stories in a new way." Cécile, originally a writer, found herself gradually drawn into multimedia expression: "Over the last seven years I've broadened my work to include sound writing and projects in augmented, virtual or mixed reality, exploring new narrative formats."

Together, they founded Studio Under the Starry Vault, a space where their mutual interests in ecology, storytelling, and technology converge. Their collaborative journey

has led them across continents—from Kerala's floating gardens to the mangroves of Brazil—fueling projects like *Arbres-Mondes*, *Le Baobab*, and *La Forêt universelle*. The pair's latest offering, *Villes Flottantes*, is a multisensory reflection on the climate crisis, where imaginary floating cities symbolise hope amidst environmental collapse. These imagined worlds, "both real and poetic spaces," are built on a foundation of field research, community engagement, and storytelling. "Our experiences in Taiwan, India, Tunisia, Brazil and the US nourished the work," they explain, "each place bringing its own vision of ecological issues."

Villes Flottantes, born after much research, encounters with scientists, communities, and ocean protection associations, is a large-scale sound tableaux in augmented reality that allow you to discover innovations, with the underlying idea of creating bridges between art and science.

Their creative process balances art with activism—though not in the conventional sense. "We see art as a form of poetic activism," they affirm. "Rather than asserting a message, we prefer to open up sensitive spaces, arousing curiosity, provoking emotion and reflection." For them, art is not a blunt instrument, but a gentle provocation—one that lingers, transforms, and perhaps nudges its viewers toward action.

Villes Flottantes will be on display at the exhibition *Festival of Ideas: We Are The Ocean*.

Open to all. From May 10 to May 25. 10 am to 6 pm.

At Alliance Française of Madras, Nungambakkam.

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spotlight



Woven warnings

Artist Kalyani Pramod converts her love for environment into art

AT A TIME when the world is increasingly threatened by environmental degradation, Chennai-based artist Kalyani Pramod has found a way to make discarded materials speak. Kalyani's artistic roots lie in textile design. Yet, after decades in a collaborative industry, she began to crave a more introspective path. In 2008, she began working independently, embarking on what she calls "the beginning of a new journey".

That journey soon merged with a growing concern for the environment—particularly the overwhelming problem of waste. "I began experimenting with waste fabrics, plastics, used tea bags, paper, and other discarded items to create new forms and products," she says. What started as artistic experimentation evolved into a body of work that speaks directly to climate change and its devastating impact on the planet.

Living in Chennai, Kalyani draws deeply from her surroundings. "Standing on the beach, I'm always struck by the vastness of the ocean. It makes me feel small, humbled by the mysteries it holds. A lot of what I see, hear, and feel around me influences my work," she notes, citing real-life experiences, films, and photographs as sources of inspiration.

The ocean, in particular, became a focal point. Kalyani was moved by the sight of "bleached, dying corals" and began using waste-based sculptures to document their slow decline. "I hoped that such a visual, tactile experience would have a deeper impact on viewers, especially the younger generation," she says. This blend of art, craft, and activism now defines her practice. "My work combines craft—transforming waste into art—with storytelling about environmental degradation," Kalyani explains. The work invites engagement, encouraging both adults and children to "connect more deeply with the realities of climate change".

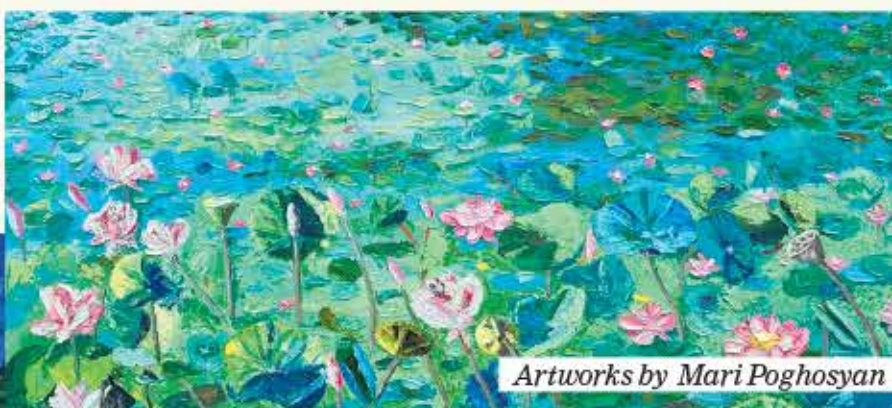
Her work can be seen in exhibition, *Festival of Ideas: We Are The Ocean*, happening in the city this month.

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showcase

Beyond the borders

This art exhibition acts as a cultural bridge between the countries



Artworks by Mari Poghosyan



know more about the show and her artistic journey.

Can you walk us through the exhibition? This exhibition is a cultural bridge and an invitation to reflect, pause, and remember. It features over 35 original impressionist

works—including monument renditions, landscape paintings, portraits, and symbolic compositions—each exploring themes of memory, resistance, exile, beauty, and identity. The artworks reflect the intertwined legacies of Armenia, India, and France—three civilisations that, despite their distances, share profound spiritual and artistic kinships.

What was your inspiration behind the theme?

My inspiration was born from a

deep yearning for cultural preservation through emotion and art. I began working on this body of art during a time of war—a time when many Armenian monasteries, artefacts, and symbols of identity were being lost or destroyed. As an Armenian, I carry within me the memory of a nation marked by profound silence and repeated attempts at cultural erasure.

But I believe that art is our greatest form of resistance. This theme emerged from that very impulse—to turn memory into colour, and resistance into beauty. To create a space where civilisations don't just coexist, but converse—across time, geography, and pain.

How do you want viewers to engage with your works?

I hope the viewer walks away with a sense of quiet remembrance—not sadness, but presence. My paintings are not created to be decoded or explained. They are meant to be felt slowly, like distant music or the warmth of a memory long buried.

Open to all. Till May 17. 11 am to 7 pm. At Lalit Kala Akademi.

—AP

telewatch



Drama: Gram Chikitsalay

A young doctor named Prabhat is sent from the city to a quiet village called Bhatkandi to restart an old, almost-forgotten health centre. As he tries to help the villagers, he deals with tricky government rules, mistrust from the locals and life in a new place. Through these struggles, he learns to connect with the people and make a real difference. *Language: Hindi. May 9. On Amazon Prime Video.*



Comedy: Overcompensating

The series follows Benny, a closeted former football player and homecoming king, as he navigates college life. Struggling with his identity, Benny befriends Carmen, an outsider eager to fit in. Together, they face humorous challenges involving relationships, flavoured vodka and fake IDs, exploring the lengths people go to overcompensate while seeking self-discovery. *May 15. On Amazon Prime Video.*



Drama: Nonnas

The film follows Joe Scaravella (Vince Vaughn), who, after losing his mother, opens an Italian restaurant in her memory. He hires local grandmothers, known as 'nonnas,' to cook traditional recipes. Together, they create a community centred around food, love and healing. *May 9. On Netflix.*

Comedy: Bad Thoughts

This dark-comedy series by Tom Segura features six episodes, each filled with twisted humour and strange situations. It explores the darker side of human behaviour through absurd and edgy stories. With a diverse cast, it challenges societal norms and offers a unique and bold viewing experience. *May 13. On Netflix.*



Documentary: Long Way Home

This 10-part documentary series follows Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman as they ride vintage motorbikes from Scotland to England. Over nine weeks, they travel through 17 countries, facing tough weather, beautiful landscapes and cultural surprises. The show highlights their strong friendship, love for adventure and the challenges and joys of exploring Europe on two wheels. *May 9. On Apple TV+.*



Comedy: Poker Face (Season 2)

Charlie Cale travels across America, hiding from dangerous enemies while solving strange murder cases. Gifted with the ability to tell when someone is lying, she takes odd jobs in small towns and meets unusual people. Each episode brings a new mystery with clever twists, mixing humour, suspense and surprising guest stars in a fun and thrilling journey. *May 9. On JioHotstar.*

Horror: Nosferatu

In 1838, a woman named Ellen tries to save her town from a strange and deadly vampire. Her husband, Thomas, visits a creepy castle to sell a house but meets Count Orlok, who brings danger back with him. As people fall sick and die, Ellen faces the vampire herself, risking everything to stop the evil and protect her home. *May 10. On JioHotstar.*



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Gadget Review

ASUS Vivobook 14

ASUS' new Vivobook 14 (X1407CA) is a lightweight, AI-powered laptop with brilliant innards, like an Intel Core Ultra 5 processor, 16Gb/512Gb RAM/ROM, a 14" WUXGA IPS ultra-sharp screen, and Windows 11 onboard. The Vivobook 14 is also built with military-grade toughness and advanced security built in. On usage I found the device lightweight, easy to carry and operate, with a fantastic battery life (10-12 hrs mixed usage). The 16:10 display is also wider, offering more space, while a full suite of I/O ports lets me connect multiple devices (HDMI, 2x USB-A, C and 3.5mm) as well as BT 5.2 and wifi 6. To top it all, an in-built Intel AI Boost NPU (up to 13) lets you work with AI activities seamlessly. in.store.asus.com



₹69,990

Ultraprolink Juice-Up Pronto

The Juice-Up Pronto (UM1115BLK) is a 10000mAh powerbank that's slim, light, and essentially, for me, has a good grip on its surface to hold. The 22.5W QC-PD-PPS power bank lets you charge various devices (iPhones, Android phones, smart gadgets) at good speeds. Most devices charge up to 50 per cent in around 30 mins (iPhones, pixels, Samsung devices). Pass-Thru charging also lets you charge the powerbank while it's charging your device (saves time). Overall, the powerbank charges in about two hours with a high-output wall charger. 2x USB-A outputs, 1x USB-C and 1x Micro USB allow for multiple devices to be charged in case of emergency. The device also comes with multilayer protection against overcharging, heat, and excess voltage. Good value and well priced. ultraprolink.com/amazon.in



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Primebook 4G

Primebook 4G is an Android-based laptop (11.6inch) with 64Gb in-built storage and 4GB RAM. It also runs on lightweight Prime OS and is ideal for students and youngsters looking for an inexpensive device that lets them work with MS Office apps (eg Word, PowerPoint) and other daily essentials (WhatsApp, Gmail, browser). The nifty device also provides an option to make calls (4G sim enabled internet built in). Powered by an MT8788 processor and proprietary Prime OS, one can study, learn, play games, and create documents and presentations easily. Battery life on usage lasted me about 4.5 hrs on a charge. If you're looking for an affordable laptop for basic yet regular usage and productivity, the Primebook 4G works well. shop.primebook.com/flipkart.com

CMF Phone 2 Pro

CMF's Phone 2 Pro is possibly the most unique-looking phone of 2025. The 7.8mm smartphone weighs 185g and comes in an elegant body (in a choice of eye-popping shades). The Phone 2 Pro is also equipped with an advanced 4-camera system for vivid natural images and 4K video. Powered by a MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Pro SOC and with up to 16GB RAM* plus a 5000mAh battery, you get good performance and longevity. The 6.77" FHD+ AMOLED display is crisp with 120Hz adaptive refresh rate and provides peak brightness up to 3000 nits along with super high PWM dimming for protecting your eyes. CMF Phone 2 Pro also runs on Nothing OS 3.2 (android 15 based), which is minimal, modular, and great to use. nothing.tech



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We are rewind

My favourite gadget discovery of this week is the 'we are rewind' cassette player (some of you may need to google cassette player... I completely understand :)). The we are rewind player lets you listen to your existing cassettes/tapes in stereo sound and comes in multiple retro colours, it even has ff/rewind buttons, a headphone output, volume control, and audio input for true bliss. Modern additions include a rechargeable Lithium battery (12hrs playback) and BT 5.1 connection for headphones and speakers. Outstanding device. Now let me go search for those cassettes! wearerewind.com



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Gabit Smart Ring

The Gabit Smart Ring is crafted from titanium and weighs only 3.1g, letting you wear it seamlessly through the day. Gabit provides highly accurate heart rate measurements and lasts up to seven days on a charge. The device is water resistant and can also measure essential metrics, including sleep duration/stages, VO2 Max, steps, period tracking, skin temperature and oxygen levels. Thanks to its size and form, the Gabit Ring is easier to wear compared to smartwatches and can also be worn continually. gabit.com



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Sennheiser Profile Streaming set

Sennheiser's Profile USB is a top choice microphone for podcasting, streaming, recording, and gaming. The compact capsule-shaped mic comes in a metal body and provides distortion-free sound and ultra-low self-noise, which is ideal for professional studio-quality podcasting, streaming, and broadcasting. It has an inbuilt mute button, 3.5mm jack, gain-pickup dial, and headphone volume control knob. The Profile USB connects with smartphones, laptops, desktops, etc via USB-C and comes with a flexible Boom Arm with a table-edge clamp for support. amazon.in

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THE NAME DUCATI and Scrambler have been going hand in hand for a long time now, and hence, this motorcycle needs no introduction. This particular model is an entry-level unit that has helped a lot of South Asian countries get into the premium motorcycling space, with India, of course, being the biggest market. This is one bike that comes with a lot of pizzazz.

One look at the second generation, and there can be no doubt as to the bike's iconic design—it is still a Scrambler at first glance. The slimmer tank design and the same round shape for the headlamp, which now has a large LED DRL along with the X element on it, make the bike look more premium and part of the Ducati family. The minimalist tail with a cool LED stop lamp along with a brand new side panel makes it look fresh and also stand out from the crowd of

ON THE RUN

Italians are synonymous with dashing machines and this latest incarnation of Italy's finest sets your pulse racing



other bikes in the segment—in fact, the new machine is quite a head-turner, and attracted some serious attention from all ages. The instrument cluster is now a 4.3-inch screen, and the new fuel gauge display has a twin toggle that gives you a choice between level or range. There are other functions as well, but the learning curve is not that steep, and you can master it pretty quickly. No complaint over the switch-gear either; it has a good tactile feel even with gloves on. Ergonomics are top-notch, and the improved design of the handlebar has been worth it, as steering now

has become so much easier. The seat has also been improved and now is good enough for all types of riding—whether it is weekend rides, touring, or even the daily commute.

Riding an air-cooled 830cc engine with an output of 70 bhp and 65 Nm of torque in heat has never been a good idea, especially at traffic light stops. Refinement now is, however, top-notch, and the performance sends adrenaline levels racing. The engine has gained a lot in terms of smoothness, and the power delivery is much more linear. Ducati's excellent mid-range and top-end make things exciting as you work your way through the smooth gearbox. The exhaust and intake notes will make you feel very much like a Ducatista, the familiar notes sending your senses tingling. Also, let's not forget that the service interval has grown too!

The handling is much better, as riding over bad roads don't need you to slow down earlier, though part of the credit should go to the knobby tyres that do a fine job of gripping the road. Cornering ABS reduces the risk of crashing under emergency braking when the bike is leaning. Ducati Traction Control is adjustable to four intervention levels that are already calibrated but can be deactivated.

The Ducati Scrambler Gen 2 is a little expensive, but then the engineering behind this bike never ceases to impress you. In fact, this bike gives you a taste of the superbike riding experience, yet without its intimidation.

Priced at ₹10.91 lakh, ex-showroom for the ICON model.
— Mohit Soni

The week that was



Jeep India launches Wrangler Willys '41 Special Edition

In a powerful nod to its storied past, Jeep India recently introduced the Wrangler Willys '41 Special Edition, a limited-run collector's edition that blends the unmistakable spirit of the original 1941 Willys with the rugged capability and premium innovation of today's Wrangler. With only 30 units available across India, this exclusive edition is designed for true off-roaders and Jeep purists who value heritage, individuality, and performance.



Exclusive Edition of Innova HyCross

Toyota recently introduced an Exclusive Edition of the HyCross, based on the ZX(O) grade with some new features like dual-tone exteriors and interiors, and features like an air purifier, wireless charger and leg room lamps. Minor exterior details too set it apart from the regular HyCross. Available only in two colours—super white and pearl white with a black roof, this version is available only from May to June and costs ₹32.58 lakh, ex-showroom.

hypercar

Bullish Charge

The Lamborghini Temerario roars into India – with 906 bhp of electrifying performance!



THIS IS THE new "Fuoriclasse", the launch of the Temerario in India. Equipped with a revolutionary twin-turbo V8 hybrid powertrain, the Temerario delivers 906 bhp and is the first production super sports car to achieve 10,000 rpm. Its performance is extraordinary: a top speed of 343 km/h and a 0-100 km/h in just 2.7 seconds.

The new engine with the internal designation L411 is one of the most powerful engines in the segment. The twin-turbo V8 delivers its peak power of 780 bhp from 9,000 to 9,750 rpm and 730 Nm of torque between 4,000 and 7,000 rpm. The electric motor, in the P1 position (between the V8 engine and the gearbox), ensures immediate response starting from low engine speed and continues consistently through gear transitions, working as a "torque gap filler" and improving the transient response, giving the sensation of linear and limitless progression up to 10,000 rpm. Thanks to the two large turbochargers, efficiency and performance are increased at top speeds. The maximum boost pressure of the turbochargers



is 2.5 bar (abs). The new drivetrain incorporates three electric motors. Two oil-cooled axial flow electric motors with a total peak output of 220 kW and up to 2,150 Nm of torque drive the front axle when required to achieve all-wheel drive. Furthermore, the two electric motors on the front axle also improve the power output and can transform the new Temerario into a fully electric super sports car.

The Lamborghini Temerario is equipped with a lithium-ion battery pack situated within the central tunnel, ensuring optimal weight distribution. The battery pack has an overall capacity of 3.8 kWh. It can be recharged using a wall charger up to 7 kWh, in just 30 minutes. It can also be recharged under regenerative braking from the front wheels or

directly from the V8 engine.

The design is characterised by well-formed athletic surfaces and a cabin that tapers towards the hexagonal tailpipes. The tip of the hood dominates the entire front end in a strong and striking shark's nose design: a symbol of bravery and speed. The sharp, elegant headlights are slightly overlapped by the hood, drawing inspiration from the sports motorcycle world.

Lamborghini's 'Feel like a pilot' philosophy comes to life in a new way in the Temerario, through a low-seat position; the slim and lightweight dashboard, and a perfect inclination of the steering wheel, allowing the driver to feel part of the typical fun-to-drive approach. The combination of digital screens and mechanical and physical buttons, such as the iconic start button or the racing car-inspired steering wheel, results in the unique experience of 'pilot interaction.'

Price start at ₹6 crore, ex-showroom.

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Beira Lake in Colombo, Sri Lanka

experiential

French restaurant *Bistro des Marées*

Kurundu spa



Kurundu spa - massage/therapy rooms

COLOMBO BECKONS

Luxury and entertainment converge in Sri Lanka's most ambitious hospitality project to date

MOST VISITORS TO Sri Lanka pick Colombo as the first port of call but they tend to immediately set off for the west coast and other scenic spots to soak in the island's breathtaking natural beauty. It just so happens that not many get to stay back in the capital city to explore its offerings. But the trend may soon break as Colombo is undergoing radical transformation in the way the city looks and feels. As part of this process, several hospitality and entertainment options have come up in recent times and some more are in the pipeline. A large, sprawling 'port city' is also being built on reclaimed land that, once complete, will boast world-class infrastructure and sustainable living options.

The latest addition to the vibrant city's five-star lineup is Cinnamon Life at City of Dreams, Sri Lanka's first integrated resort developed by multinational conglomerate John Keells Group. Designed by renowned Sri Lankan-British architect Cecil Balmond, Cinnamon Life is a 4.5-million sq ft sprawling property with 12 restaurants and bars, each offering its distinct fine-dining experience. A shopping mall and an entertainment zone, including gaming facilities and a casino, are also set to open in the coming months, leaving guests spoilt for choice.

The flagship Cinnamon Life hotel has 687 luxurious rooms. Another 113-key ultra-luxury hotel, Nuwa,



Quizine

It's roughly a 40-minute drive from the Bandaranaike International Airport to the hotel. The Mercedes Benz coupe that takes guests to the hotel is stocked with welcome drinks and refreshments. Wifi connection is also available for high-speed internet.

Art all around

Perhaps the first thing that strikes a visitor to Cinnamon Life is the importance it gives to art. The hotel features over 1,000 commissioned artworks by local artists. This has literally transformed the property into a living gallery, with the paintings on display adding unique experience to guests. The artworks convey a nuanced narrative of Sri Lanka's cultural and artistic heritage.

Besides the permanent artworks, the hotel also organises exhibitions by talented Sri Lankan artists to encourage and promote local artisans by giving them the best possible platform to showcase their creative works and sell them to art collectors from around the world.

Luxury in the air

Positioned on the waterfront of Beira Lake, Cinnamon Life overlooks the Indian Ocean. The rooms at Cinnamon Life are luxurious and come with magnificent views of either the majestic Indian Ocean or the bustling cityscape. All standard amenities and services are available in the room.

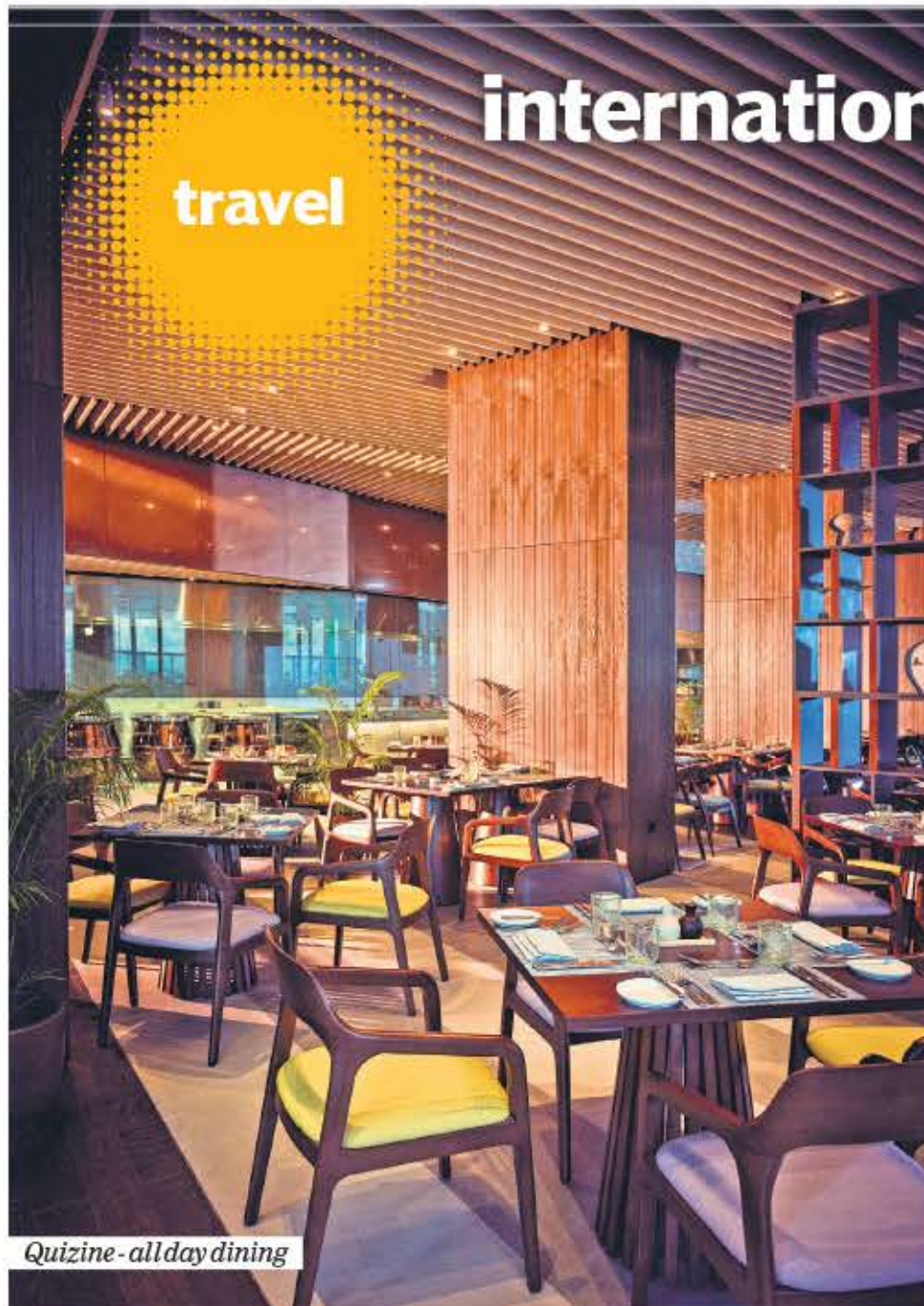
There are three outdoor

is set to open soon, making the property the largest entertainment hub in South Asia with luxury hotels, gaming and casino zones, and an assortment of fine-dining options.

John Keells group has so far released \$1.2 billion for the project, according to Radiesha Daluwatte, director (marketing) at Cinnamon Life. For context, this is touted to be the largest private investment in Sri Lanka's history.

5-star reception

Guests get to experience Cinnamon Life's five-star hospitality right from the airport. Guests are received at the arrival gate by the hotel's concierge.



Quizine - all day dining

swimming pools, including an infinity pool from where you can watch the sunset over the Indian Ocean.

Cinnamon Life guests also have access to the inhouse spa, Kurundu Wellness by Choice, which goes by the concept 'choose your wellness' rather than a fixed menu. Here, guests are asked a set of questions to determine their constitution as well as personality and character. The wellness treatment is decided based on the response, in a way allowing guests to co-create their wellness experience based on their needs and choice.

Dining and wining

In all, there are 12 restaurants and bars, including pool bars, that offer French, Japanese, Chinese, and Indian cuisines, among others. While these serve authentic cuisine, the 24-hour all-day dining restaurant, Quizine, leaves a lasting impression with the sheer variety of dishes. Quizine is also the place to have breakfast. The 600-seat facility's breakfast buffet spread is said to be the largest in Sri Lanka. On offer are Sri Lankan, Indian, Chinese, and English breakfast. Among Sri Lankan dishes, we found hoppers to be among the most popular breakfast items.

Checking out all restaurants and bars at Cinnamon Life would take a few days. Our group was hosted at French luxury dining restaurant Bistro des Marees, American steakhouse Staten Bar & Grill, Japanese restaurant Yoroko, open bar Flux, and Cloud Wine.

For lunch, we were hosted at Bistro des Marees, whose highlight is a seafood bar offering oysters, lobsters, crabs, and mussels. The restaurant also offers some vegetarian options, and a rich variety of French wine collection.

The centre of attraction of Staten Bar & Grill is an open parrilla grill, which sets the stage for a culinary journey.

Among the sundowner options

is Flux, an open bar nestled atop the 24th floor. Its luxurious cocktail lounge offers scintillating views of the Indian Ocean.

Cloud Wine is a good option for wine connoisseurs, as it offers a curated selection of fine wines from around the world. To go with it is a plethora of cheese & charcuterie items.

We were treated to Japanese cuisine for dinner at Yoroko, which offers both traditional and customised offerings, including a vegetarian version of *sushi* rolls.

Gatz, the two-tiered champagne and cocktail bar on the 23rd floor, offers live music and jazz.

It will be tough to feel bored while at Cinnamon Life as each of these offers a different dining experience.

Exploring the city

Colombo is divided into 15 areas. Colombo 7 is said to be the poshest area. Cinnamon Life arranged a guided food tour as well as a city tour for us. The tours took us through the Old Dutch Hospital, which is now a vibrant shopping and dining precinct, the famed gift and specialty shop Paradise Road, House of Cotton, Asian restaurant The Fab, and Spar supermarket. We also had a drive-in through the upcoming Port City.

How to reach

Travelling to Sri Lanka from India is a breeze. No visa is required and there are no charges for Indian citizens. The electronic travel authorisation comes to your inbox within minutes of filling up the online form. As for the flight duration, it's short and sweet. You won't feel the distance especially if you are flying non-stop from a south Indian city. For example, it's just an hour's flight from Kochi to Colombo.

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