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MILESTONE UNLOCKED: SHRIVATRI BECOMES INDIA'S 100TH GM

The 22-year-old earned his third and final GM norm by winning the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open, becoming the 100th GM from the country

FIRST GM TO COME FROM MADHYA PRADESH

Anuj Shrivatri, who had earned the title of an International Master just before the Covid pandemic, has taken a circuitous route to becoming GM. A self-taught player, he had opportunities to go abroad for work but had eschewed that in favour of completing his GM norms. On Sunday, he achieved that while also becoming the first from Madhya Pradesh to do so

FROM ANAND TO ANUJ: INDIA'S JOURNEY

- When Viswanathan Anand became the country's first GM in 1988, it was held as a dream for many chess players
- India's GM growth curve was turbocharged around the time of the pandemic. The country has produced an average of five grandmasters per year in the last six years | P13

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GRANDMASTERS INDIA HAVE PRODUCED SINCE 2025

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UCC should be pan-India, no reason to restrict its rollout: Law minister

Arjun Ram Meghwal says it has a constitutional basis; cites SC observations on the matter

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

UNION Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal has said the government is committed to implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) across the country and asserted that its "constitutional basis" makes it difficult to justify restricting the legislation to a few states.

Asked whether the Uniform Civil Code would remain confined to BJP-ruled states or eventually be implemented across the country, Meghwal said: "The Uniform Civil Code was discussed in the Constituent Assembly, and the makers of the Constitution incorporated a provision for it under Article 44. The Supreme Court has also made observations on the subject on several occasions. It is encouraging that some states have come forward to implement the UCC. Goa has had a common civil code for a long time, even when the BJP was not in power there," he said in an exclusive interview with *The New Indian Express*.



Shah: NDA-ruled states to implement it by 2029

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had earlier described a common civil law for every citizen as a commitment of the BJP "since its inception". He has also expressed confidence that the UCC would be implemented in all 21 BJP- and NDA-ruled states before 2029

He added: "We believe that the UCC should be implemented across the country, and our government is committed to this objective. It has a constitutional basis, and there is no reason why its implementation should remain restricted to a few states. The issue is also increasingly finding a place in the election manifestos of political parties."

Uttarakhand became the first state to enact a UCC law in February 2024 and remains the only state to have fully implemented the legislation. Gujarat subsequently passed it while Assam became the first north-eastern state to pass such legislation in May 2026. Madhya Pradesh has also moved towards adopting the code, approving it unanimously at a special Cabinet meeting in Bhopal in August.

The UCC remains one of the BJP's longstanding ideological objectives, alongside the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya and the abrogation of Article 370, both of which have been achieved. Q&A: P9

DHAKA JUNKS REQUEST

Hasina stirs the pot, seeks fresh B'desh passport

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

IN an apparent bid to corner the Bangladesh government amid its continued insistence on her extradition, former prime minister Sheikh Hasina has sought a fresh passport and national identity card (NID) from the Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi.

Hasina, 79, has been living in India since her government was ousted in a student-led uprising in August 2024.

Her legal representatives at London-based Matrix Chambers have approached the Bangladeshi mission seeking fresh documents. "Our request is made on the basis of her Bangladeshi nationality in accordance with any obligations arising under the laws of Bangladesh as well as any applicable obligations arising under international human rights instruments," her lawyers wrote to Preeti Rahman, acting High Commissioner at the Bangladesh mission.

The request, confirmed by Hasina's Awami League party, was swiftly rejected by Dhaka. Bangladesh Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kobir said: "Bangladesh does not issue passports to terrorists. We have asked for them (terrorists) to be handed over," Kobir told journalists at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "She is a fugitive criminal. We have an active extradition treaty with India. We want her handed over," he said.

The Awami League said a fresh passport and national identity card are crucial towards fulfilling Hasina's stated intention of returning to Bangladesh in December.



'Political stunt'

Sheikh Hasina's request for a passport was a "political posturing" and she has no genuine intention of returning to the country, Dhaka's Chief Prosecutor Md Aminul Islam said

3 workers die of asphyxiation at Tata Electronics plant in K'giri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Krishnagiri

THREE contract workers died of suspected asphyxiation while carrying out maintenance and cleaning work inside a nano-filtration feed tank at Tata Electronics Private Limited near Uddanapalli in Krishnagiri district on Monday evening. The workers were allegedly exposed to toxic gas while checking the tank. The facility near Hosur manufactures components for Apple iPhones. The deceased were identified as B Akmal (28) of Thinnur village in Panchapalli, P Kaveri (32) of Hanumanthapuram and M Sarathikumar (25) of Belrampatti near Palacode, all in Dharmapuri district.

'No safety measure in place'

Speaking to *TNIE*, Krishnagiri Collector C Dinesh Kumar said the three workers were part of a team engaged in cleaning the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) at the facility in Vanniyapuram near Uddanapalli. "There were no proper safety measures in place while handling the ETP. The district administration is inquiring into the incident," he said.

According to the collector, Akmal first attempted to look inside the tank but fainted after inhaling gas. Kaveri then allegedly asked Sarathikumar to check on him. Sarathikumar too fainted inside the tank. Kaveri subsequently entered the tank to check on the two and also collapsed. The fourth member of the team, who witnessed the incident, sought help. All three workers were rescued and rushed to a private hospital in Hosur, where they were declared brought dead.

The collector said the workers were employed by another company that had been engaged by Nalco for maintenance work on the water filtration tank. P7

Man blames Dy Speaker of assault, forced retraction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tiruchy

DEPUTY Speaker of the legislative assembly and Thuraiyur MLA M Ravi Shankar landed in a controversy after a video purportedly showing him assaulting a man who approached him allegedly to raise a civic issue went viral on Sunday.

The incident took a complicated turn hours later when the complainant, Karthik Kumar, a photographer, released a clarification video sitting next to the deputy speaker, stating the incident was misrepresented and was merely a brief pushing and shoving in a crowded area. However, in a dramatic twist shortly after, Kumar released a third video alleging that the MLA had threatened to kill his family if he did not record the clarification. Kumar further claimed that a police officer intimidated him and forced him to film the retraction video at the MLA's residence. He also sought protection for his family, alleging threats from the MLA's supporters.



M Ravi Shankar

In a video on Sunday, Karthik Kumar, a resident of Ward 23 in Thuraiyur Municipality, is seen approaching Ravi Shankar, and getting slapped by him. Later, Karthik visited the Manachanallur GH for treatment. Police said Karthik was in an inebriated state, but he denied the charge. P7

Amid UP seat wrangling, Samajwadi Party surveys Gandhi family fiefdom

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

AMID seat-sharing talks between INDIA bloc partners, Samajwadi Party and Congress, Akhilesh Yadav's party has commissioned surveys in constitutiencies traditionally associated with the Nehru-Gandhi family. Informed sources said the SP is trying to gauge voter sentiment and assess Congress strength in these seats, including in Amethi and Rae Bareli, before finalising seat-sharing for the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Despite assertions by both parties that they are committed to fighting the ruling BJP together, there has been little progress in talks. SP insiders indicated the party is seeking micro feedback from voters in Congress bastions, particularly, in the Rae Bareli-Amethi belt and adjoining constituencies, including those in Sultanpur. Notably, Akhilesh launched his 'PDA Rath Yatra' from Rahul Gandhi's Rae Bareli seat in September. The objective of the surveys is two-fold — first, to estimate the Congress's ability to independently garner votes, and second, to determine whether conceding a large number of seats to the grand old party would be beneficial for the alliance. "This exercise is intended to provide empirical backing to SP's negotiating position," said Prof A K Mishra, a political scientist.



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The Congress state leadership has also indicated it is seeking a much larger share of seats than in the past. In 2017, SP spared it just 105 seats when they contested the Assembly polls together. UP Congress incharge Rajendra Pal Gautam has said the party should contest 180 to 200 seats this time. "We have given an initial list of 175 seats to the SP," he said. The demand reflects the Congress's renewed confidence following the recent Rahul-led protests and the party's relatively improved performance in some segments in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections when the party raised its tally from one MP to six.

EXPRESS READ

Late freedom fighter wins long battle for pension

Madurai: The HC has directed the centre to implement its 2015 order granting freedom fighters' pension to late A Pamblah Thevar, bringing an end to a decades-long legal battle pursued by his family even after his death. Thevar had participated in Quit India Movement in 1942 | P2

TN forms new corpn to handle major infra projects

Chennai: TN has established TN Infrastructure and Construction Corporation to execute major infrastructure and construction projects that are worth over ₹200 crore. The state PSU will also explore revenue generation through project management and consultancy services | P2



SKY IS THE CANVAS

Fireworks light up the sky above the St Lourdes Matha Shrine in Madurai as part of Deepavali celebrations on Sunday | K K SUNDAR

IOA chief Usha loses internal polls

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

FINALLY, amid allegations of interference and manipulation, the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs) election was over with current Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha losing. The result would have been shocking but after the last date of withdrawals, there were enough hints that pointed at change. This means that she will no longer be the president, at least, as of now.

On Saturday, as reported by this daily, four male candidates were elected unopposed – Olympic medallists Gagan Narang, Yogeshwar Dutt and Vijender Singh along with former TT champion Kamlesh Mehta. However, in the female category, despite hectic parley, Usha finished fifth behind Saina Nehwal who polled 43 against Usha's 40. Anju Bobby George managed to secure the highest number of 53 followed by Rani Rampal, Dola Banerjee and Nehwal. There were concerns about Saina and it is understood that a lot of negotiations were on to secure her victory.



With the way things panned out since Saturday, there were enough indications of her not making it. Yet, as an IOA president, her team was expecting to finish in the top four. With this, the focus would be on Gagan, who shifted his base from Hyderabad to Ahmedabad recently. Gagan is considered to be a front-runner in the IOA election to be held on December 5. Usha is technically out but can be proposed by NSFs. Since she is not a member, it needs to be seen how.

Cop killed for questioning youth bursting crackers on road in Theni, six held so far

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Theni

A 57-year-old Special Sub-Inspector (SSI) died after being allegedly assaulted by a group of youngsters for questioning them for bursting firecrackers in the middle of a public road and blocking traffic at Samatharmapuram in Theni on Sunday night. CM C Joseph Vijay on Monday announced a solatium of ₹40 lakh to the deceased officer's family. Police have arrested six persons in connection with the incident.

The killing of SSI Senthilkumar and nearly nine more murders, all unconnected, reported from various parts of TN on Sunday and Monday, drew sharp criticism from opposition parties who slammed the TVK government for poor law and order.



Senthilkumar

Officer Senthilkumar (57), attached to the Palanichettipatti police station and working with the Theni DSP's camp office on deputation, was returning to his home at Allinagaram in plainclothes after duty around 10.30 pm on Sunday when the tragedy happened, police sources said.

On his way, he noticed a group of youth, allegedly in an inebriated state, bursting crackers on a public road and causing inconvenience to road users. Citing public safety, Senthilkumar advised them to clear the road and attempted to record them on his mobile phone. P7

DEADLY DIP

Five, including 3 sisters, drown in T'malai lake

NIMISHA S PRADEEP @Tiruvannamalai

WHAT was meant to be a refreshing end to a festive holiday turned into a tragedy on Monday afternoon as five people, including three young sisters, drowned in Samuthiram lake in Tiruvannamalai.

The three sisters had only just returned to their government-aided girls' hostel after celebrating Deepavali with their family. Looking to wash away the travel exhaustion, the siblings, accompanied by a few friends, went to the lake for a bath. The sisters and their friend got trapped in a deep pit while bathing. Their hostel nurse also drowned when she attempted to rescue them.



(From left) Sisters Vijayalakshmi, Bhoomika and Alli | EXPRESS

The victims were identified as sisters Vijayalakshmi (15), Alli (14) and Bhoomika (13), their friend Valliammal (16), and hostel nurse Thenmozhi (23). The sisters had gone to their home at Karapattu village in Chengam, Tiruvannamalai, for the Deepavali holidays on November 6. They returned to the Children Home for Girls, run by TDH Core Trust at Anaipiranthan village, around noon on Monday.

According to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) officials in Tiruvannamalai, the incident occurred around 1.30 pm when the four girls, along with 10 other students and Thenmozhi, went to spend time near the lake.

The four girls entered the lake to bathe but got trapped in a deep pit and could not make their way out. Thenmozhi, who entered the water to rescue them, also got trapped and drowned. P7

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MIN 23°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Generally cloudy, light rain

Sunrise 06:09 am
Sunset 05:45 pm
Moonrise 05:58 am
Moonset 05:39 pm

TN to set up new PSU to execute mega infra projects worth over ₹200 crore

TNICC, modelled on NBCC, may also tap into project management & consultancy services

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government has issued orders to establish the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure and Construction Corporation (TNICC) as a wholly-owned State Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) to execute major infrastructure and construction projects worth more than ₹200 crore.

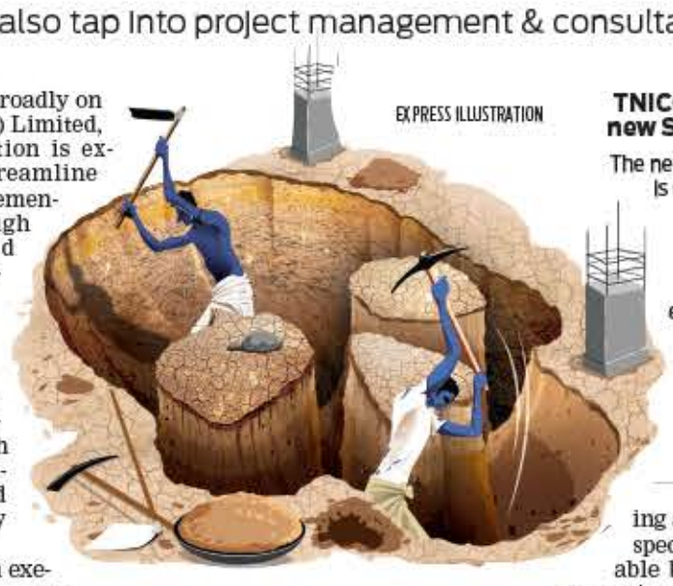
According to a Government Order (GO) issued by the public works department on November 6, the TNICC will undertake government construction projects assigned by various departments, besides providing project formulation, design, and quality control services. The move follows an announcement made by PWD Minister Aadhav Arjuna while moving the demand for grants for the department in the Legislative Assembly on August 18, 2026.

The GO said the rapid pace of urbanisation and the increasing scale and complexity of infrastructure requirements had necessitated the creation of a dedicated agency with professional expertise and operational flexibility to execute large-value projects.

Modelled broadly on NBCC (India) Limited, the corporation is expected to streamline project implementation through centralised project management and modern technology. It will also explore revenue generation through project management and consultancy services.

Apart from executing government projects, TNICC will construct buildings on unused government land to generate revenue for the state. It will also be eligible to participate in tenders floated by private companies, subject to following the prescribed procedures.

The corporation will also be entrusted with developing townships, industrial hubs, technology parks, IT cities and business parks, besides providing architectural designs and quality control services.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TNICC may get ₹1.2K cr new Secretariat project

The new Secretariat complex is estimated to be worth ₹1,200 crore. Against this backdrop, there is a possibility that the complex could also be entrusted to the newly formed corporation. However, PWD officials told *TNIE* that no decision has been taken in this regard.

It will float and manage tenders, while contractors will execute the projects. All works must be awarded through open competitive bidding on the e-procurement portal in accordance with the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act.

The corporation's scope may exclude commercial development of land parcels currently handled by Chennai Metro Asset Management Limited.

Each project assigned to TNICC must have separate funding arrangements and a specified agency fee payable by the user department. Any further increase in capital, expansion of operations or creation of manpower will be considered separately

The authorised share capital of the corporation has been fixed at ₹15 lakh, with an initial paid-up capital of ₹10 lakh. The government will consider administrative and financial sanction for a ₹1 crore corpus at a later stage, based on a board-approved business plan or Detailed Project Report and the availability of budgetary provision.

Customisation no excuse for flat handover delay: TNREAT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A real estate promoter cannot blame a homebuyer's request for customisation for delay in handing over a villa when the request was made well before the agreed completion date, the Tamil Nadu Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (TNREAT) has ruled.

Dismissing an appeal filed by a promoter, the tribunal directed the company to complete the construction of a villa at its residential project, 'S & P - The Address', in Mambakkam village within two months and intimate the buyers about the date of the handover. The case relates to a villa purchased by two buyers in the project. They entered into a construction agreement in September 2022, and registered the sale deed in November 2022.

The buyers had requested customisation on March, at an additional cost of ₹3.35 lakh, which they paid two days later. The promoter subsequently admitted to the delay in an email and promised to hand over possession by October 2024. This deadline was postponed repeatedly because, the promoter argued, of the customisation requests.

OFF THE CUFF

Applause on hold

While Vijay has continued his annual tradition of honouring Class 10 and 12 toppers, another event appears to have gone missing from the school education department's calendar. The function, usually held in August, honours students from government schools who secure admission to premier institutions. More than 1,300 students have made the cut this year, with their fees taken care of, but the celebration is yet to follow. Department sources blame a fund crunch, saying officials have been directed to approach the finance department for approval, which is yet to come through. TVK is now blaming the previous DMK government's Kalviyil Sirandha Tamil Nadu event, saying it had left little room for another celebration. **-Subashini Vijayakumar**

Back to square one


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Several BJP functionaries in the Coimbatore district, who had crossed over to former state chief K Annamalai's newly launched outfit, 'We the Leaders', after failing to secure posts in the BJP, appear to be having second thoughts. Having joined the new outfit in the hope of landing plum positions, they are now making their way back to their parent party. Sources said their new political home had little to offer beyond social welfare activities, with the promised posts proving elusive. Now, with hopes of striking a better deal in the place that previously displayed an "Error 404", the functionaries are apparently ready for a homecoming. **-R Kirubakaran**

Suspended in the air

What began as a flag-hoisting ceremony ended with a suspension order at Salem's Mahatma Gandhi Stadium. Ahead of a recent state-level athletic competition, Transport Minister A Vijay Tamilan Parthiban was hoisting the national flag when the rope snapped, leaving the Tricolour upside down. The mishap soon went viral, though not for the reasons organisers would have wanted. The Salem chief educational officer subsequently suspended a physical education teacher for negligence of duty. This made the sporting event end with an unexpected finish.

-Sneha Sivashanmugam

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HC favours late freedom fighter in decades-long legal battle for pension

JEGADEESWARI PANDIAN @ Madurai



IT will soon be 80 years since India attained Independence but for A Pambiah Thevar, a Madurai-based freedom fighter who organised protests against the British Raj for many years, it was the triumph in his decades-long legal battle against the union government that he was not alive to see. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs rejected Pambiah's application for freedom fighters' pension over a technical inconsistency. His 30 years of struggle in courts came to an end recently, with the Madurai bench of Madras high court directing the centre to pay his family within one month the pension owed to him since 1995.

Pambiah Thevar first approached the high court in 2014, against the order passed by the Freedom Fighters Division of the Union Home Ministry rejecting his application in 2013. According to him, he participated in the Quit India Movement and he took out a protest march at Goripalayam, Madurai, and issued pamphlets to the public condemning the colonisers. To evade arrest for these activities, he went 'underground' and continued to struggle for freedom from 1942 to 1943, he had told the court. Attesting to his participation, two well-known freedom fighters — I Mayandibharathi and A M Lakshmanan — had issued certificates as early as in 1985. Despite this, and the state government's recommendation in his favour in 1997, the union ministry rejected his application for technical reasons.

On October 13, a bench of justices P Velmurugan and KK Ramakrishnan observed that though the ministry claimed the state had not issued requisite documents and the records were not traceable, the judges said the inability of the state government to trace the relevant records cannot, by itself, lead to the conclusion that Pambiah had not participated in the freedom struggle.

Two Vijayanagara-era hero stones discovered in Nilgiris

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

A team of researchers has identified two hero stones that they have dated to the Vijayanagara period at Kollatti Patti Bhoothanatham village, near the Moyar River in the Segur region of Nilgiris district. The site is located about 10 km from Masinagudi.

The two structures, located side by side, are of the dolmen type, featuring upright stones supporting a flat stone slab that forms a roof-like top. The researchers have dated the hero stones to the 15th or 16th century.

Dr C Chandrasekar, a historian and professor in the department of history at the Government Arts College, Dharmapuri, who led the research team, said the study aimed to document and preserve the cultural heritage of indigenous tribal communities. One of the hero stones consists of three tiers depicting the warrior's death and his journey to the afterlife. The bottom tier portrays a warrior thrusting a spear into a horse. The warrior is depicted with a topknot tilted to the right, with long earlobes adorned with earrings and a short sword or dagger at his waist.


Historian Dr C Chandrasekar with a hero stone in Nilgiris | EXPRESS

The researchers described such memorials using the term 'Kuthirai Kuthi Pattan', referring to a warrior who died while attacking a horse. The spear is shown piercing the horse's neck and emerging on the other side, symbolising the warrior's exceptional strength.

The middle tier depicts two celestial maidens, known as deva kannis, escorting the warrior to Veera Swarga, or the hero's heaven. The top portion portrays the warrior being presented before the divine. The researchers interpreted a small, tower-like finial atop the memorial as suggesting that the individual commemorated may have been a tribal or clan leader of the region.

The other hero stone that the team had identified nearby depicts a warrior on horseback. Chandrasekar said the precise historical circumstances surrounding the memorials require further investigation.

Local residents said that a route used by the army of Tipu Sultan once passed through the vicinity, pointing to the possibility that the area witnessed military movements and conflicts at different points in history.

K Kirubakaran, assistant conservator of forests, Masinagudi division, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, who also took part in the expedition, stressed the importance of creating awareness among local communities about the historical and cultural value of such artefacts. The research team also included V Mathimaran of the Ooty Documentation Centre, C Elandhirayan of the Thonmam Historical Research Trust, P Tirupathi, V Seenan, and Ramesh.

1 dead, 160 hurt in Chennai after Deepavali mishaps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A 50-year-old man from Cuddalore district who suffered grievous burn injuries in a fire at a firecracker shop on Saturday succumbed to his injuries at the Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital (KMCH) on Monday. Over 160 people were being treated for firecracker-related burn injuries at various hospitals in Chennai on the eve and the day of Deepavali on Sunday.

The deceased, P Karunamoorthy, had suffered 97% burn injuries. According to police, he and four of his family members suffered injuries at the firecracker shop after a fire broke out on Saturday. They were shifted from Cuddalore GH to KMCH, and Karunamoorthy died at around 12.45 am on Monday.

According to data from government hospitals, seven people were treated as in-patients, including the patients from the Cuddalore firecracker shop fire accident, at at the KMCH, the apex hospital for burn injuries in Tamil Nadu. Eighteen people were treated as out-patients in the 24 hours from 7 am on Sunday. Among them, two required major wound management procedures, and 14 required ophthalmic procedures. The hospital allotted a total of 25 beds for intake of burn injury cases due to bursting crackers.

Emergency calls to 108 up

Calls related to assault, trauma and burns increase on Deepavali day this year when compared to last year. In 48 hours from 7 am on Saturday to 7 am on Monday, the 108 Call centre received as many as 39,634 calls, 462 were related to burns including firecracker-related cases, and 1,627 were related to assault injuries. A total of 1,283 ambulances were deployed on these three days, according to health department.

At the Government Royapettah Hospital, 17 were treated as out-patients and one as an in-patient. At the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, nine patients were treated as in-patients, and at the Government Omandurar Medical College Hospital, eight patients were treated as out-patients.

At the Government Ophthalmic Hospital in Egmore, 50 patients were treated as out-patients and five as in-patients.



Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

10th November: The Dream, the Plan and the Plot Twist Today features two lunar trines, first to visionary Neptune and then to structured Saturn. A lunar opposition to Uranus throws in a wild card. So go on and get lost in the fantasy of how things could be. You'll know when to switch to making lists and filling out your calendar. In the end, it's that plot twist that turns events into memories.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your confidence is unmistakable. Somehow, you're able to be simultaneously assertive and fun. The evening lets you relax into tenderness. There's nothing to prove and no one to defend, which is the perfect circumstance for connecting.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You know who you want to become, but you're still attached to the habits of the person you've been. One change puts you on the right track. Pretend you're already in your ideal future and make a choice from that mindset.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Focus exclusively on what is within your control. Deciding between all the things you could do is challenging enough. Start with the big stuff because the small stuff will take over if you give it too much room.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Maybe the rules have some wiggle room. Maybe the person enforcing them likes your style. Either way, you'll keep things interesting as you dance on the boundaries, testing the limits with charm and good humor.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You have little patience for cynics. Anyone can point out what's wrong with the world. You'll have more fun finding something to celebrate, even if it's your own ridiculous behavior. You're loved for your sense of humor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Some memories swagger to mind. Others are unwelcome party crashers. And some memories disappear altogether. For today's experiences to make the round trip, add a little extra drama, beauty or absurdity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You'll work within a diverse group -- the luckiest kind! You can all succeed together, and because you take the time to understand the strengths of everyone involved, you absolutely will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
It seems the entire universe is rooting for you, as even your unpreparedness will bring you success today. So say "yes" wherever you are, ready or not. What you come up with on the fly will not only impress, it will bring your wish to hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Some say a lot and don't act. You'll act without saying much. Your example has influence; soon more people pitch in. The work picks up. Everyone finds their rhythm, and you start to feel like a team.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Nature has no interest in accommodating your plans, and neither does it work against them. The wind blows where it blows, and the tide comes in on its own schedule. Work with the forces around you. Ride the current instead of fighting it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Your mood doesn't have to be stellar for you to do excellent work. You can feel a little discouraged and still make plans for the future. Today, you'll discover how much you can accomplish without waiting for your feelings to cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You've stood out and you've been outstanding, but today you're in a different position -- integrated with the group and yet still leading it. You may not consciously know where you're taking them yet, but they will definitely follow.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle ⬇

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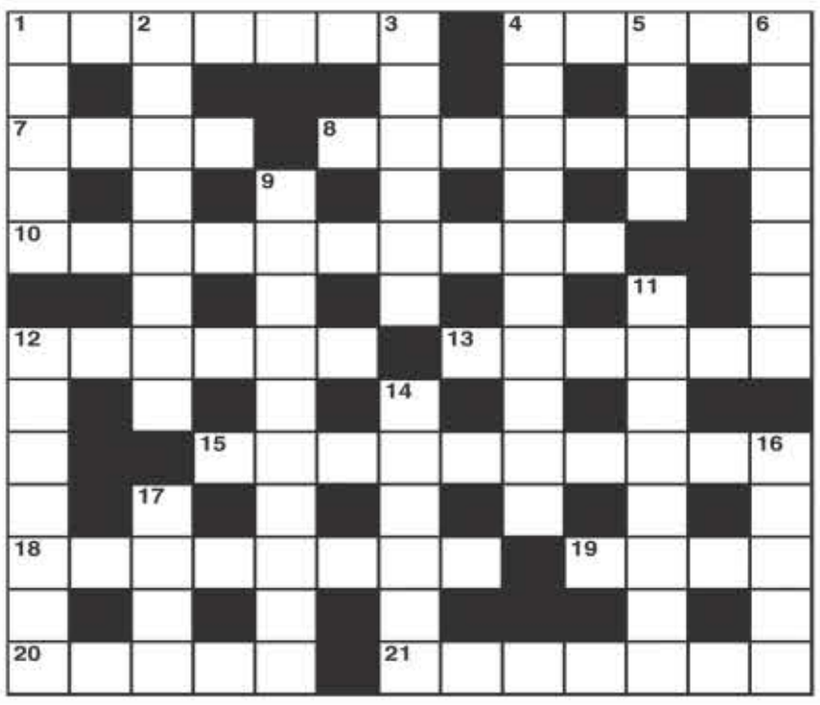
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Get out of a tight situation (5,2)
4 Flight leader? (5)
7 Out-and-out row (4)
8 They will keep on watch in the ship (8)
10 One without a car needs a trip out (10)
12 Spot the dog is in free from danger (6)
13 Fashion design made one's name (6)
15 Conjuring appears a fashionable career (10)
18 Story of the underground (8)
19 Wager about a pound (4)
20 One out of bed seen going upstairs (5)
21 They have set features when working (7)

DOWN

1 A bit of a punch-up (5)
2 Monk who founded an order on Scottish mountain (8)
3 Depart agitatedly. It may explode! (6)
4 Chalice man split unthinking (10)
5 Looks up and down (4)
6 We object during pay out to hold up (7)
9 Moon starer? Perhaps (10)
11 Ian to her may appear as a character lacking charisma (4-4)
12 The usual object of retirement (7)
14 Sort of suit or suite (6)
16 Records some music (5)
17 Gives us directions for Customs? (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Ashore, 4 Astonish, 9 Tussle, 10 Habitual, 12 Coin, 13 Evils, 14 Were, 17 Exaggerating, 20 Entomologist, 23 Inns, 24 Rival, 25 Etna, 28 Intimate, 29 Spring, 30 Deployed, 31 Extent.

Down: 1 Artides, 2 Hospital, 3 Rule, 5 Scarletwoman, 6 Odin, 7 Inures, 8 Holder, 11 Eversolittle, 15 Aging, 16 Annoy, 18 Diatribe, 19 Straight, 21 Pitied, 22 Instep, 26 Ammo, 27 Apse.

JUMBLE

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

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SALSA DECAY GALLEY BORDER
Answer: She thought her husband would make them late, but to her surprise, he was — READY ALREADY

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CHENNAI

105 µg/m3 — The PM 2.5 level recorded at Alandur on Monday. Nitrogen dioxide level was at 47 µg/m3 against the prescribed standard of 80 µg/m3

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AQ-high: Pollution post festival worst in 3 yrs

Valasaravakkam records 343 AQI, statewide average up 4.5%; flight diverted due to smog

S V KRISHNA CHAITANYA
@Chennai

THE city woke up to "very poor" air quality on the morning after Deepavali, with Valasaravakkam recording an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 343, followed by Nungambakkam (332), Sowcarpet (311), and T Nagar (306), according to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB). An AQI value between 301 and 400 falls under the very poor category, with prolonged exposure potentially causing respiratory illness.

The TNPCB, which conducted the Deepavali air quality survey during the 24 hours till 6 am on November 9, attributed the overall increase in air pollution and ambient noise levels to the bursting of crackers and the variations in meteorological conditions, including wind speed, wind direction and atmospheric stability.

Meanwhile, due to thick smog, an IndiGo flight from Raipur was diverted to Bengaluru because of difficulty landing. Also, a few other flights were delayed.

A comparative analysis of the TNPCB's monitoring data for the past three years indicated that 2026 recorded the highest average AQI during Deepavali across the 39 monitoring locations in 17 districts. The statewide average rose to 168.97 in 2026 from 161.69 in 2025 and 143.46 in 2024, marking a 4.5% increase over the previous year. Of the 39 locations monitored, 25 recorded an increase in AQI compared with 2025, while 14 registered a decline.

The deterioration was particularly pronounced in several Chennai neighbourhoods. In Nungambakkam, the AQI rose from 230 in 2024 to 326 in 2025 and to 332 this year. Valasaravakkam recorded 287 in 2024, 332 in 2025, and 343 in 2026. Sowcarpet witnessed a sharper increase, from 193 in 2024 to 260 in 2025 and 311 this year. T Nagar's AQI increased from 203 in 2024 to 273 in 2025 and 306 in 2026.

Triplicane also recorded a steady increase, with its AQI rising from 197 in 2024 to 227 in 2025 and 267 this year. Besant Nagar, however, saw its AQI rise to 230 this year after declining to 190 in 2025 from 220 in 2024. Thiruvottiyur recorded an AQI of 183 this year, lower than the 207 recorded in 2025, but higher than the 150 recorded in 2024.

Meanwhile, separate data from the Greater Chennai Corporation's (GCC's) network of 75 monitoring sensors showed a sharp deterioration in air quality following the festival. The average AQI across the available readings rose from 41.2 on November 6 to 94.6 on November 7 and 188.4 on November 8, before surging to 361.4 by around 10 am on November 9. The November 9 figure is a partial-day average and should not be treated as a full-day reading. The GCC analysis identified Kallikuppam as the location with the highest average AQI (275.6) on November 8, followed by Oragadam in Ambattur at 273.6, Valasaravakkam at 264.3, Triplicane at 261.8, and Ernavoor at 261.

Equally, the TNPCB has reported an increase in noise levels across 34 monitoring locations in the state. In GCC, the board recorded the highest noise level of 88.6 dB(A) at Valasaravakkam and the lowest of 77.4 dB(A) at Thiruvottiyur on Deepavali day between 6 pm and midnight. The comparative data also showed high noise levels at several other Chennai neighbourhoods. Besant Nagar recorded 85.5 dB(A), while Sowcarpet and Valasaravakkam recorded 84.6 dB(A) each, according to the location-wise table in the TNPCB report.



The deterioration in air quality was pronounced in several Chennai neighbourhoods, especially Valasaravakkam, Nungambakkam and Sowcarpet; (below) firecracker waste | P RAVIKUMAR

AQI LEVELS DURING DEEPAVALI

District	Area	AQI
Chennai	Valasaravakkam	343
Kanchi	Little Kancheepuram	250
Tiruchy	Gandhi Park	240
Tiruppur	Rayapuram	223
Thanjavur	Teachers Colony	210
Salem	Saradha Balamandhir School	183
Madurai	Birla Vishram	176
Coimbatore	Collector Office	173

AQI categories
- Very Poor: 301-400
- Poor: 201-300
- Moderate: 101-200

237 cases registered

The Greater Chennai Police (GCP) on Sunday registered 237 cases for violations of Deepavali firecracker regulations. A total of 148 cases were registered for bursting crackers outside the permitted two-hour time limit, 79 cases for bursting crackers exceeding the permissible noise levels, and 10 cases for selling firecrackers without a licence

House gutted, eight vehicles damaged

Chennai: A house in Sriperumbudur and eight vehicles across the Chennai region were gutted by fire in firecracker-related incidents over the two days till Monday. The occupants of the house escaped before the fire spread. In Kumananchavadi, a car and four two-wheelers were damaged in firecracker-related incidents. Meanwhile, in Adambakkam, a car and two two-wheelers were completely destroyed in fire triggered by the bursting of crackers. Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department received a total of 117 calls related to firecracker accidents across the state on Deepavali day (Sunday) and Monday (till 8 pm). ENS



GCC collects 406 tonnes of cracker waste in three days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE Greater Chennai Corporation collected 406.26 tonnes of firecracker waste from across the city in three days, with the total quantity of waste generated during the festival celebrations expected to reach nearly 600 tonnes. Though the civic body expects to collect around 450 tonnes by Tuesday, the clearance and safe disposal of the waste are likely to continue throughout the week.

According to GCC data, Alandur zone accounted for the highest quantity of waste generated at 69.94 tonnes, followed by Teynampet (41.31 tonnes), Thiruvottiyur (39.79), and Madhavaram (37.08). On Monday, the day after Deepavali, 256.34 tonnes of firecracker waste were collected, against the 145.87 tonnes and the 4.05 tonnes collected on Sunday and Saturday, respectively.

GCC Commissioner G S Sameeran said the waste would be segregated into two categories. Paper and cardboard would be sent to the Kodungaiyur incineration facility, while half-burnt and unused crackers would be sent to a facility at Gummidipoondi, where the chemicals would be segregated and processed.

While some residential associations handed over the waste, large quantities were dumped on roads and streets, with rain further delaying clearance.

The GCC deployed 19,000 sanitation workers along with 350 tipper lorries. Waste is being segregated at 36 decentralised material recovery facilities.

18-year-old youth hacked to death by gang in Vyasarpadi

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@Chennai

AN 18-year-old youngster from Vyasarpadi was hacked to death while his brother escaped with injuries after a five-member gang attacked the two at S M Nagar in Vyasarpadi around 11.30 pm on Sunday.

The siblings were identified as Dhanush (18) and his elder brother Silambarasan. Preliminary inquiries by the police suggested previous enmity between Silambarasan and one of the suspects, Surya, who is part of the gang.

The police said the gang, a few months ago, dropped a plan to assault Silambarasan after learning that he had sustained a fracture in an accident.

According to MKB Nagar police, the brothers were standing with their friends near Block 58 on Sunday night, when the gang, allegedly led by Surya and his father, arrived at the spot and hacked the two with machetes. While Silambarasan managed to flee, Dhanush sustained multiple injuries and died on the spot. His body was sent to Government Stanley Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

A police officer told *TNIE*, "Surya's father and brother are also part of the gang. We are analysing CCTV camera footage from the locality to trace the suspects." Further probe is under way.

EXPRESS READ

Partner murders woman over dispute in Tiruvallur

Chennai: A 25-year-old man from Andhra Pradesh was arrested on Sunday in connection with murdering his 24-year-old female co-worker by allegedly slitting her throat in a reserve forest area near Uthukkottai in Tiruvallur district. The man, the victim's paramour, allegedly suspected her of being in a relationship with other men. According to police, Manimegalai from Sengakarai and the suspect, Durga Prasad, worked at a factory in Soolaimedu. After her husband learnt about the alleged affair, Manimegalai returned to Sengakarai. Prasad, suspecting her of being close to factory supervisor, allegedly took Manimegalai to the Senrapalayam reserve forest area on Saturday, where an argument broke out between them over money. As the altercation escalated, Prasad allegedly slit her throat with a knife, leaving her dead on the spot. Pennalurpet police arrested the suspect on Sunday. ENS

Bodies of last two missing fishers washed ashore

Chennai: The bodies of two missing fishermen, who were among the nine aboard the trawler hit by Cyclone Murasu, washed ashore at Lakshmipuram near Juvvaladinne in Nellore district early on Sunday. With this, all the nine missing fishermen's bodies have been recovered. Sources said the bodies of the deceased — K Rajesh (52) and M Narayanan (57) — were spotted by a group of fishermen 10 km off the Nellore coast. They alerted the Marine police and fisheries department officials after returning to the shore on Sunday. The bodies were shifted to the Government GH in Ongole for postmortem. The mortal remains were handed over to their families and buried on Monday. Narayanan, a native of Cuddalore, had come to Kasimedu to stay with his son and help the family. His relatives said the family was financially struggling and Narayanan had been supporting them through fishing. Meanwhile, Rajesh from Tiruvottiyur had been engaged in fishing for years. ENS

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The Sale Notice published in this daily on 08.11.2026 for the loan account of **Mr. A. Murugaraj & Mrs. Selvi R**, with regard to the **Reserve Price and EMD for the Mortgaged Property may be read as Reserve Price : Rs.52.80 Lakhs and EMD : Rs.5.28 Lakhs.** The other references and Terms and Conditions remain the same.
Authorised Officer

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Baleshwar, Email id:sedcbls@yahoo.com
"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.-ACEDCBLS-13/2026-27
32001/1291/2627

1.	Name of Work	:	Drainage works (Under D.I.P. Scheme)
2.	Total No. of Project	:	07 No of Individual work.
3.	Estimated cost of individual works	:	Varies from Rs. 4,75,59,122/- to Rs. 6,94,69,922/- (Excluding G.S.T.)
4.	Period of completion	:	11 (Eleven) to 18(Eighteen) Calendar Months
5.	Bid Identification Number	:	ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 01 -13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 02-13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 03-13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 04-13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 05-13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 06-13/2026-27 ACEDCBLS/DDBLS - 07-13/2026-27
6.	Date & Time of availability of Bid document in the Portal	:	From Dt.11.11.2026 at 10.00 hours to Dt.25.11.2026 at 17.00 hours
7.	Date & Time for receipt of Bid document in the Portal	:	From Dt.11.11.2026 at 10.00 hours to Dt.25.11.2026 at 17.00 hours
8.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	:	Dt.26.11.2026 at 11.30 hours in the Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Baleshwar.
9.	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	:	To be uploaded in portal.
10.	Cost of Tender Paper	:	Rs.10,000.00
11.	Procurement Officer/ Name & address of the officer inviting Bids	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Baleshwar.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site www.tendersorissa.gov.in
Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer,
Drainage Circle, Baleshwar
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP
(DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES)
KAVARATTI-682555
F.NO.LD-09/3/2024-BUF-HEALTH SERVICES(3) DATED: 06.11.2026
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are invited for **procurement and supply of annual Procurement of Dressing items 2026-2027 and Re-e-tender Laboratory items 2025-2026 required for all Health Institutions under this department.** The tender notice can be downloaded from the web site **www.tendersutl.gov.in, www.lakshadweep.gov.in** further details can be seen from the same site.
(Dr.Vikram Singhal, DANICS)
Director of Health Services
Email: lk-dhs@utl.gov.in Phone. No. 04896262316

KFC SARB(TVM): VELLAYAMBALAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM–695033 Phone 0471-2737570,789, email:sarbsz@kfc.org, website:www.kfc.org
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVABLE 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 provision to Rule 8 (6), 6(2) 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/movable property mortgaged/charged to Kerala Financial Corporation (herein after called the Secured Creditor), the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken on 19.01.2026 by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 09.12.2026, for recovery of dues to Kerala Financial Corporation, Secured Creditor, from the below mentioned Borrowers/ Guarantors..

SlNo.	Borrowers/ Guarantors	Description of immovable properties	Reserve Price(Rs) EMD
1	M/s Pothen Wheels Private Limited, Registered Office: Flat No.26, Kowdiar Manor, Jawahar Nagar, Vellayambalam,TVM-03	**16.19 Ares** (39.98 cents) of land in Re Sy No. 112 in Kowdiar Village, TVPM Taluk, TVPM District in the name of Ashok Pothen, Ajay Harry and Asha Azad with building having area of 15,000/- sq.m located at Choozhampala, TVPM is obtained as per partition deed No.1331/1996 dated, 08.04.1996, will deed No.405/2014 dated 30.12.2014, Settlement deed No.113/1999 dated, 13.01.1999 all of Pattom SRO. **Boundaries**: North: Corporation Road, South: Property of Azad Harry, Ashok Pothen and Ajay Harry East: Private way, West: Property of Azad Harry,Ashok Pothen and Ajay Harry. **8.10 Ares** (20.00 cents) of land in Re-Survey No.111 in Kowdiar Village, TVPM Taluk, TVPM District in the name of Asok Pothen and Ajay Harry as per SD No. 3893/2005 dated 27.08.2005, SD No. 4423/2004 dated,16.10.2004 SD No.1685/2004 dated,19.04.2004 SD No. 1526/2004 dated,06.04.2004 SD No.2637/2004 dated,18.06.2004 and SD No.3616/2002 dated,15.11.2002 all of Pattom SRO. **Boundaries**: North: Property of Ashok Pothen, Ajay Harry and Asha Azad, South: Property of Varghese Alexander East: Private way, property of Smitha and Sooraj, West: Property of Azad Harry, Ashok Pothen and Ajay Harry.	Reserve Price: Rs 18,48,00,000/- EMD: 92,50,000/- . The bid increment amount is Rs.18,50,000/-
2	Sri.Ashok Harry Pothen, Flat No. 2A& 2B, Kowdiar Manor, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar, Vellayambalam,TVM-03		
3	Smt.Mary Pothen, Flat No. 2A& 2B, Kowdiar Manor, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar, Vellayambalam,TVM-03		
4	Smt. Solly Ajay ,Flat No.5A, Artech Lake View, Bypass Road ,Kadakampally,Anayara PO,TVPM-695029		
5	Sri. Ajay Harry, Flat No.5A, Artech Lake View,Bypass Road Kadakampally,Anayara PO, ,TVPM-695029		
6	Sri. Azad Harry,3B, Seasons Summer Breeze, Kuravankonam,Kowdiar,TVM-03		
7	Smt. Asha Azad,3B,Seasons Summer Breeze,Kuravankonam, Kowdiar TVM-03		
8	M/s Pothen Autos Private Limited, (Corporate Guarantor), Flat No.2B, Kowdiar Manor, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar, Vellayambalam, TVPM – 695003		
9	M/s Pothen Motors Private Limited, (Corporate Guarantor), Flat No.2B,Kowdiar Manor,Jawahar Nagar,Kowdiar, Vellayambalam, TVPM - 03		
10	M/s Pothen Cars Private Limited, (Corporate Guarantor), Flat No.2B, Kowdiar Manor, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar, Vellayambalam, TVPM - 03		

Description of movable properties: Nil
Encumbrances known to the Corporation: Nil.
Demand Notice Date 16.09.2023 & Due amount as on 01.10.2026 Rs.18,27,64,913/- (Eighteen crore twenty seven lakh sixty four thousand nine hundred & thirteen only).
Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 07.12.2026, 5 PM. Details of Bank Account:10300200060004, IFSC Code: FDRL0001030 Name of Beneficiary: Kerala Financial Corporation, Name of Bank: Federal Bank, Name of Branch: Statue, Thiruvananthapuram.
STATUTORY 30 DAYS NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002
The e-auction will be conducted online through the Corporation's website(www.kfc.org/www.kfcauction.org) on 09.12.2026 between 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes if bidding continues till the sale is concluded. For detailed terms and conditions on the sale please refer to the link "www.kfcauction.org" provided on the Corporation's Website (www.kfc.org) or contact the Branch Head, SARB, Thiruvananthapuram.(Tele No.0471-2737570) or Recovery Department, HO, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Ph: 0471- 2737567, during office hours on any working day
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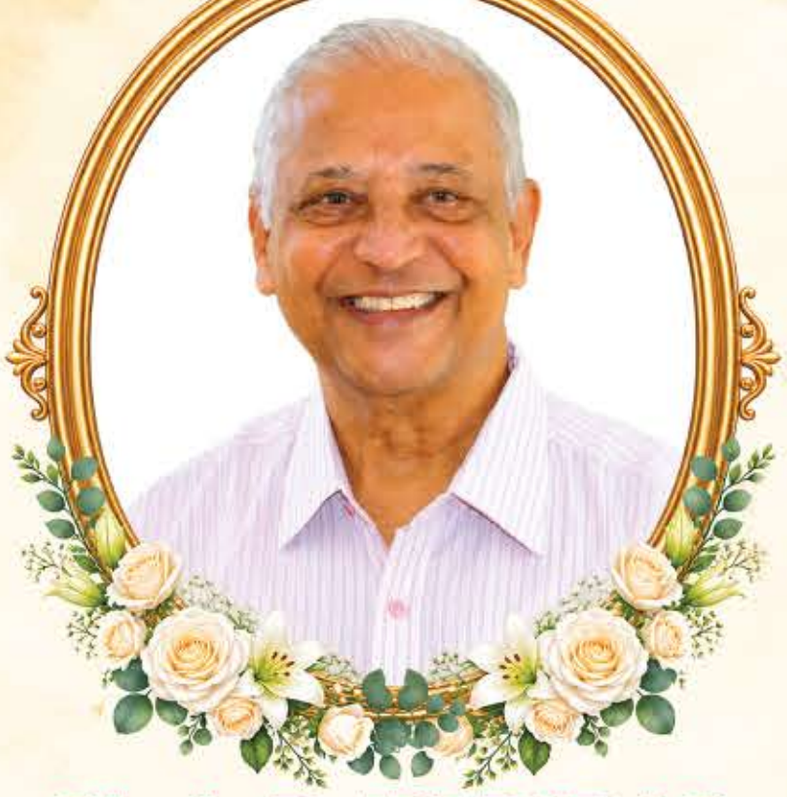

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CONSTABLE ATTACKED Three drunk men assaulted a 34-year-old police constable on night patrol after he instructed them to disperse from a location in St Thomas Mount, Chennai, around 11.30 pm on Sunday. An altercation broke out between constable Raja and the suspects, and the latter allegedly attacked him and fled. Search is under way

Oppn slams govt, min says murder figures not unusual

DMK, AIADMK accuse Vijay of staying silent, evading accountability

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

OPPOSITION parties, including the DMK, AIADMK, PMK and AMMK, on Monday launched a scathing attack on the TVK government over the law and order situation in Tamil Nadu, citing multiple murders, including that of a policeman, during Deepavali and the alleged assault of a man by Thuraiyur MLA and Assembly Deputy Speaker Ravisankar.

Rejecting the allegations, School Education Minister A Rajmohan on Monday said the increase in such incidents during the festival had been witnessed in previous years as well. Thrashing the opposition for attempting to portray the incidents as unprecedented, Rajmohan said six murders were reported during Deepavali in 2025, while 11 took place during the festival in 2024. "Opposition parties are functioning as enemy parties to attack the government," he said. Measures would be taken to prevent such incidents in the future, he said.

Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin accused Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay of failing to ensure the safety of the public and police personnel.

In a post on X, he took a swipe at the CM's prison and police station inspections, alleging that prisoners escaped during his prison visits, while police personnel were murdered during his visits to police stations. He also referred to the alleged assault on a man who had approached Ravisankar with grievances, questioning how long the CM would evade accountability through inspection visits and the appointment of officials.



DMK deputy general secretary and MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi expressed shock over reports of 11 murders during the Deepavali period and accused Vijay of failing to respond to the loss of lives. "Do not assume that people will keep tolerating everything all the time," she warned the CM on X.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami alleged that nine murders in a single day pointed to a breakdown in law and order and rising drug use. He also criticised the CM for remaining silent on the issue.

On X, the AIADMK IT wing also shared a video of Karthik, who alleged that he was beaten up when he approached the deputy speaker to raise issues. The party questioned Vijay over the incident, asking whether this is the change he had promised to voters.

PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss, in a press statement, said 10 people, including a special sub-inspector (SSI), were murdered in different parts of the state during Deepavali.

Blaming alcohol for several crimes, he reiterated the party's demand for liquor shops to remain closed for a week during festivals until prohibition was implemented. He also sought an inquiry into the alleged assault on Karthik, and action against the MLA.

In a statement, DMDK general secretary Premalatha Vijayakant too expressed shock and grief over the continuing murders and violent incidents in TN. Referring to the murders, she said the incidents were a matter of serious concern. She urged the state government to release full details of the murders, provide relief to the families of the victims and take firm steps to prevent such incidents in future. People's right to freedom of expression and to question those in power must be protected, she added.

AMMK general secretary TTV Dhinakaran also condemned Ravisankar over the alleged assault, saying elected representatives should address people's grievances rather than treat them as subordinates.

TN to cancel library book procurement orders; new transparent policy soon: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

SCHOOL Education Minister A Rajmohan on Monday said the department would cancel all book procurement orders placed so far, including those for the yet-to-be-inaugurated Kamarajar Grand Library in Tiruchy. The government would consult scholars and the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India to frame a transparent procurement policy and prevent irregularities, he said.

Addressing reporters at the Connemara Public Library in Chennai, he said the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) had begun an inquiry into the alleged irregularities in the procurement of fake and AI-generated books. The owner of Agal Vilakku Publications, suspected to have supplied several such books, would also be investigated. DVAC sources confirmed that officials had conducted an inquiry at the Anna Centenary Library but were yet to register an FIR.



A committee would be constituted, if necessary, to probe the scam. No one will be spared, and several fraudulent publications involved would be found during probe
A Rajmohan, School Education Minister

The minister said 523 books published by Agal Vilakku had been identified at the Connemara Library alone. Over 3,000 suspected AI-generated books had also been found at Periyar Arivulagam in Coimbatore. Libraries across the state have been asked to identify such books and seal them in boxes to aid the investigation, he added.

Responding to criticism that books carrying authors' names with the prefix 'Vijay' were being highlighted to suggest that the irregularities took place under the TVK government, he cited books attributed to authors such as Nivedha Paulraj, whose names allegedly resemble those of actors. The books identified at Connemara bore seals dated back to the previous DMK regime, he said.

Rajmohan further said that a committee would be constituted, if necessary, to investigate the alleged scam, which, he said, could not have happened without political and intellectual backing. "No one will be spared, and several fraudulent publications involved would be found during investigation," he added.

42 fake books under my name: Sakthi

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU @Chennai

A day after economist Jean Dreze flagged that a book was falsely attributed to him, Tamil writer and novelist M Sakthi alias Sakthi Surya has alleged that 42 titles have been registered under his name without his knowledge or involvement, and have been supplied to the Periyar Arivulagam in Coimbatore. Incidentally, most of the books have been published by the publishers in question—Akal Vilakku Pathippagam and Phoenix Publications.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Sakthi said that he came to know about such fake books only after his friends in Coimbatore visited Periyar Arivulagam and found the books with his name as author. Expressing shock, he said such work of some publishers would bring disrepute to his work and he would take legal action against the publishers. "It's not about loyalty for books, or credit issues. It'll dampen the image of the writer, what the writer stands for and his knowledge on subjects," he said.


Periyar Arivulagam | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

As per ISBN records from the Raja Rammohun Roy National Agency for ISBN, a total of 46 books have been registered under Sakthi Surya's name, of which he claims to have written only four. The remaining 42 books were not authored by him, he exclaimed.

Of the 42 ISBN registrations, 11 were obtained on a single day, November 1, 2025, according to the records. The ISBN entries for the books attributed to him span the period between December 22, 2023, and November 25, 2025. The publishers listed in the records include Akal Vilakku Pathippagam, Phoenix Publications, Pallavi Pathippagam, Discovery Publications, Bharathi Puthakalayam, Ethir Veliyedu and Om Prasuram.

"The time period during which 42 books were registered gives a suspicion that there is no such author," he said, adding that he has decided to take legal action against the publishers.

Sakthi Surya has authored three novels — *Naravettai, Santhali and Senthatti.*

Shajeevana IAS appointed as director of public libraries

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @Chennai

AMID the ongoing controversy surrounding the procurement of books for libraries across the state, particularly Periyar Arivulagam in Coimbatore, the government has appointed IAS officer RV Shajeevana as director of Public Libraries, with full additional charge. She replaced S Jayanthi, who heads TRB and was holding the additional charge as the director of Public Libraries.


RV Shajeevana

Though sources confirmed the appointment, the official order regarding the new posting is yet to be released. Over the past several years, the directorate has largely been headed by officers holding additional charge, with K Elambahavath being an exception. He served as director from 2022 to August 2024 before being transferred. Subsequently, P Sankar, then chairman of the TN Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, and later Jayanthi held full additional charge of the post.

Though the Madras HC in 2012 had instructed the government to appoint persons with library science qualification as directors, the practice of assigning additional charge of the post to officers continued. Since 2022, IAS officers have been appointed. Librarians working in the directorate have repeatedly sought a full-time director, alleging that the additional-charge arrangement has affected administration.

EXPRESS READ

2 arrested for cheating two persons of ₹30 lakh

Chennai: In two separate cases of cyber fraud, the Chennai police arrested a man from West Bengal and another from Rajasthan for allegedly cheating two people of ₹30.59 lakh. In the first case, Keerthivasan (34) of Chennai was cheated of ₹17.6 lakh after being allegedly promised a premium credit card with special benefits. The suspect, Abul Hussain Sheikh (26) of West Bengal, had sent him a link on WhatsApp seeking banking details and couriered a mobile phone, asking him to insert his SIM card for a two-step verification. Soon after, ₹10 lakh was siphoned off Keerthivasan's bank account. Police arrested Sheikh in Bengal on November 6. In the second case, a Triplicane resident, Jeganathan, lost ₹12.99 lakh after being allegedly lured into an online business venture. On November 4, police arrested Rajendra Kumar (35) of Rajasthan in connection with the crime. ENS

At ₹441 cr in 2 days, Tasmac's Deepavali sale lower than '25

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (Tasmac) recorded liquor sales worth ₹441.38 crore on Deepavali and the day preceding it, according to provisional figures. While liquor sales stood at ₹234.75 crore on Saturday, the corporation recorded sales of ₹206.63 crore on Sunday (Deepavali).

The sales appear to have declined compared to the three-day Deepavali period last year, when Tasmac recorded revenue of ₹789.85 crore between October 18 and October 20, 2025. However, this year, a senior Tasmac official said, the day after Deepavali (that is Monday) was also a holiday, and the corporation expected sales of around ₹192 crore on that day. If the projection materialises, the total sales during the three-day Deepavali period would cross ₹633 crore. But that would still be much less than last year's figures.

"Once we receive the final figures, we will analyse the reasons for the difference in sales," the official said.

Another official told *TNIE* that among the five Tasmac regions, Tiruchy topped the sales table, recording ₹98.97 crore, followed by Chennai with ₹95.85 crore, Madurai with ₹88.38 crore, Salem with ₹87.52 crore and Coimbatore with ₹70.66 crore.

Tasmac had closed 717 retail liquor outlets located within a 500-m radius of sensitive public places across TN in June this year. Officials said the corporation would analyse the impact of these closures, while assessing the overall turnover.


WORTH ONE'S SALT
Workers have covered harvested salt with tarpaulins at a salt pan in Thoothukudi to protect it from rain | V KARTHIK ALAGU

DKS adopting anti-TN stand for political gain, says TNCC chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai/Madurai

TNCC president Manickam Tagore on Monday accused the BJP-led centre of betraying TN on the Cauvery water issue. Speaking to reporters, Tagore alleged that the centre failed to protect TN's interests and was indirectly supporting Karnataka's stand on the proposed Mekedatu dam.

He also charged Karnataka CM DK Shivakumar with adopting an anti-TN position for political gains. "Modi government has betrayed TN on Cauvery issue. The BJP should hang its head in shame. Protecting the state's rights is the centre's constitutional responsibility. Yet, it continues to discriminate against Tamil Nadu in financial devolution and GST share," he said, adding that internal rifts and resignations had weakened the BJP's political presence in the state.

Meanwhile, PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss and MDMK general secretary Vaiko on Monday also condemned DK Shivakumar for claiming that the Supreme Court had permitted the state to construct the proposed Mekedatu dam.

In a statement, Anbumani accused Shivakumar of misrepresenting the SC's verdict for political gains and said Karnataka could not construct the dam without the consent of TN, the downstream state.

Vaiko said the SC 2018 verdict had made it clear that the upstream state should not take any action that would affect the scheduled supply of water to downstream states. He accused the Karnataka government of attempting to go ahead with the project in violation of the tribunal's award and SC's directions.

HC seeks details of SOP from central agencies for rescue operations for fishermen stranded mid-sea

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

THE Madras High Court has called for the details of the standard operating procedure (SOP) adopted by central agencies for carrying out search and rescue (SAR) operations to save lives of fishermen who venture into the sea but are struck by mid-sea storms.

It said several lives could have been saved if coordinated actions had been taken by the central and state agencies.

The directions issued to the centre by a division bench of justices A D Jagadish Chandira and B Karthikeyan emanate from a habeas corpus petition – filed by K Gopal of Madhavaram, Chennai – seeking directions to the authorities concerned to produce the body of his 17-year-old son who has been missing since July 5, 2026.

According to the petitioner, his son had gone to Marina Beach along with two of his friends. They entered the sea and were dragged away by the waves. His son could not be rescued while his friends were saved. Aggrieved at lack of adequate steps by the authorities concerned, he filed the petition in the court.

The order of the bench assumes significance since nine fishermen, who ventured into the sea from Kasimedu fishing harbour on a trawler, were fatally struck by Cyclone Murasu off the Andhra Pradesh coast earlier this month. Relatives of the deceased and local fishing community blamed lack of swift action and coordination to respond to SOS calls for SAR operations.

Several lives could have been saved if coordinated actions had been taken by the central and state agencies
Division bench, Madras HC



During previous hearings, the court had directed the respondent authorities, including the Greater Chennai Police (GCP), to provide details of the modes of search operations and the agencies involved.

Subsequently, a status report was filed by the GCP stating that there was an SOP, and the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), an arm of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Coordinating Authority (NMSARCA), conducts the SAR operations at sea, apart from the state agencies.

The bench said a holistic perusal of the status report – dated November 2, 2026 – reveals that there is "no mention about the manner in which the agencies coordinate with one another" for effective functioning to serve the purpose. "We are also informed that a National Maritime Search and Rescue Plan was issued in 2022. Had there been a concerted and coordinated effort by both the central and state agencies, several lives could have been saved," it said.

The bench suo motu impleaded the MRCC as a respondent in the case. "Bearing in mind the larger interest of saving lives, we suo motu implead the MRCC of the NMSARCA, represented by its Officer-in-Charge, Varuna Salai, Chennai, as the fifth respondent in this petition," it said in a recent order.

It directed the additional solicitor general to get the details from the said authority on the SOP and action taken by them for rescuing persons who venture into the sea. It adjourned the hearing to November 20.

Bids invited for 17K MW short-term power deal

S GURUVANMIKANATHAN @Chennai

AMID growing electricity demand and repeated attempts to secure power at lower rates, the Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TNPDCL) has once again invited bids for short-term power procurement of around 17,000 MW to meet the state's electricity requirements between January and June 2027.

According to the tender notice accessed by *TNIE*, the power utility plans to procure 2,000 MW from January 18 to 31, 2027, followed by 3,000 MW in February. The proposed procurement will be increased to 3,500 MW each in March and April before being reduced to 2,500 MW in May and the first half of June. The power will be procured round the clock, and the tender has stipulated a minimum bidding quantum of 20 MW from each power source.

A senior TNPDCL official told *TNIE* that the utility had recently invited bids from private power generators with the objective of procuring electricity at competitive rates. However, several bidders quoted exorbitant prices ranging from ₹20 to ₹42 per unit, forcing the utility to drop the proposal and cancel the tenders.



"Electricity Minister CTR Nirmal Kumar has also made it clear that the discom will not purchase electricity at high rates. We are making fresh attempts to secure power at lower prices," the official said.

According to the utility's demand projections for 2027, the state's evening peak power requirement is expected to cross 24,000 MW between July and September. The power deficit is also projected to touch 6,162 MW in September, the official said.

TN recorded its highest-ever power demand of 21,724 MW on July 14, 2026. However, the demand is expected to surpass this record in April 2027, when the peak requirement is projected to reach 23,124 MW, with a likely deficit of 3,933 MW.

GOLD PASTE The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 1.6 kg of 24-carat gold paste from an Abu Dhabi returnee, Rajib Ibramsha (42), at the Chennai airport on Saturday. The passenger was subsequently arrested and remanded in judicial custody

Girl falls into pot of boiling rice water, dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

A five-year-old girl from a nomadic community died of burn injuries on Monday after accidentally falling into a pot of boiling rice water while her parents were cooking at their makeshift shelter near Guduvanchery on November 4.

The deceased, V Avanthika, was among the three daughters of Venkateswarlu and Angalammal, natives of Andhra Pradesh. The family, belonging to a nomadic community, has been living in a tent near the railway gate at Thailavaram. They earned their livelihood seeking alms with their decorated bull, and taking up daily-wage work.

According to the police, the incident occurred on the evening of November 4, when the couple was cooking inside their tent. Avanthika was playing nearby when she accidentally fell from a chair into the boiling rice water. She was rushed to the Chengalpattu Government Hospital and admitted to the ICU. However, she succumbed to her injuries despite treatment on Monday.

EXPRESS READ

Murder accused found dead in Kancheepuram

Chennai: A 32-year-old facing trial in a 2022 murder case was found dead with injuries to his head and face near the railway tracks in Ashok Nagar in Kancheepuram on Sunday. Investigators are probing whether the incident was an act of retaliation linked to the 2022 case. The victim, A Parthiban of Thirukkalimedu, was arrested for allegedly murdering his co-worker, Ezhumalai. He was subsequently released on bail. Police are trying to identify those who were with Parthiban before his death. ENS



People returning from their native places after celebrating Deepavali, at KCBT on Monday | MARTIN LOUIS

Nearly 18L left Chennai for Deepavali, return rush chokes GST Road

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AHEAD of Deepavali, between November 5 and 7, about 17.8 lakh people travelled from Chennai to various parts of Tamil Nadu by trains, government buses and private buses. With many of those who had left returning to the city in huge numbers, the 68-km GST Road stretch between Tindivanam and Chengalpattu witnessed severe congestion on Monday evening.

According to an official statement, a total of 13,108 buses, including special services, were operated from November 5 to 7, transporting 5.65 lakh passengers. Similarly, 98 trains departed from Chennai Central railway station, while another 85 originated from Chennai Egmore and Tambaram, together transporting around 3.6 lakh passengers daily. Each train carried approximately 2,000 passengers. Unreserved MEMU services to Manamadurai and Tiruchy were also operated with packed coaches. Omni buses ferried another 1.8 lakh passengers during the three-day period, averaging 60,000 people a day.

On Monday, the Tiruchy-Tambaram section of NH-32 witnessed severe traffic congestion at several locations, including Tindivanam, Athur, Mamandur, Paranur, Padalam, Pukkathurai, and Maduranthakam. Particularly, vehicular movement slowed to a crawl, with vehicles queuing up for several kilometres near Maduranthakam.

The four-lane highway has narrowed on either side at Padalam, Pukkathurai, and Maduranthakam due to the ongoing construction of vehicular underpasses. The 14-km Maduranthakam-Pukkathurai stretch has emerged as a major bottleneck, with motorists taking nearly 60 minutes to cover the distance.

The construction works, originally scheduled for completion in June, have been delayed. Similarly, the bridge across Palar river near Mamandur has narrowed to two lanes, crippling vehicular movement.

An official from the NHAI said the two vehicular underpasses are nearly 90% complete, while the third is 80% complete.

"For the flyover at the Tindivanam junction, we have acquired additional land to provide a 10.5-metre-wide service road against the originally planned 7.5 metres. The construction of the six-lane flyover will help ease congestion," he added.

₹17 CR FOR SAFETY

₹500 cr sanctioned to MTC for buying 1K more AC e-buses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government has sanctioned ₹500 crore to procure 1,000 new air-conditioned electric buses for the Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC) and create necessary infrastructure at bus depots to facilitate the operation of the vehicles. Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay has issued orders for the procurement of the buses under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model during the current financial year.

At present, Chennai has 755 electric buses operated by the MTC, of which 355 are air-conditioned. The addition of 1,000 new buses would also help reduce pollution while providing improved services and comfort to passengers, read a press note. It may be recalled that the MTC has an ongoing tender process to procure 1,000 electric buses, which is in the opening stage.

In a separate announcement, the CM sanctioned ₹17.99 crore for installing Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs) and panic buttons in buses operated by the eight state transport corporations.

The project would cover 13,490 buses with vehicle location tracking devices and 13,776 panic button units. Transport Minister A Vijay Tamilan Parthiban made a related announcement in the Assembly on September 8. The devices, conforming to AIS 140 standards, would be linked to a Central Control Centre, enabling real-time monitoring of bus locations, speed, adherence to designated routes and emergency alerts. Passengers can use the panic buttons during emergencies to alert the control centre. The system would help authorities immediately identify vehicle location and coordinate with other officials to offer swift assistance.

Madras univ plans fresh norms for hiring assistant profs in affiliated colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICES @ Chennai

THE University of Madras is set to discontinue the existing practice of deputing subject experts to individual colleges for recruitment-related assessments of assistant professors and introduce a simplified, transparent and time-bound procedure to scrutinise and process appointment proposals submitted by affiliated colleges.

The university will also resume the special drive to grant qualification approval to assistant professors working in self-financing colleges and aided colleges (under management quota posts) from the academic year 2026-27. The special drive will comply with UGC regulations.

According to the university, around 400 proposals have been received from various arts and science colleges seeking qualification approval for faculty members appointed by them. Several self-financing colleges have also requested the university to resume the special drive, citing the financial burden involved in obtaining approval through the existing process.

The special drive was originally introduced following a syndicate decision in November 2018. However, the university discontinued it in 2023 after a committee observed scrutinising applications and interviewing teachers did not align with UGC regulations and the state government's guidelines for appointing teachers in affiliated colleges.

At its recent syndicate meeting, it was decided that qualification approval would be granted to teachers in self-financing colleges through the prescribed procedure whenever applications were received.

The university has now decided to revisit the issue and frame fresh norms for conducting the special drive. The approval process will follow the guidelines governing the appointment of assistant professors, including the prescribed selection committee structure, with university nominees and outside subject experts.

"The revised procedure is expected to reduce procedural delays, ease the workload of colleges and the university," said registrar Rita John.

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CORRIGENDUM

The Sale Notice published in this daily on 08.11.2026 for the loan account of **Mr. Sakthivel N & Mrs. N. Saraswathi,** with regard to the **Reserve Price and EMD for the Mortgaged Property may be read as Reserve Price : Rs.55.00 Lakhs and EMD : Rs.5.50 Lakhs.** The other references and Terms and Conditions remain the same.

Authorised Officer

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-98/2026-27	Supply of 24Fibre(DWSM) OPGW fibre optic cable and hardware set. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 30.11.26 upto 11.00 AM.**	**Rs. 3,08,10,214/-**
CPC-99/2026-27	Design,Engineering, Supply, Installation and Testing & Commissioning of 400 kV DC LILO Line from existing 400 kV Kuchei-pandiabil & Kuchei-N.Duburi DC line to proposed 400/200 kV GIS at Ramakrushnapur (Approx line length-4.642 kms) on Turnkey Contract Basis in e-tendering mode only. **Last Date & Time of Submission of Bid: 09.12.2026 upto 12:30 PM.**	**Rs. 23,51,77,998/-**

Complete set of bidding documents are available at **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** and **www.optcl.co.in**.

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TENDER NOTICE

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Sl No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2026_KMML_885982_1	Fabrication & Supply of Sulphuric Acid Storage Tank F557
2	2026_KMML_885995_1	Fabrication & Supply of Recycle Gas Cooler
3	2026_KMML_885952_1	Fabrication & Supply of Bottom Shell Segment for Chlorinator
4	2026_KMML_885170_1	Local clearance and transportation of goods from Kollam to TP Unit

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Notice No. 8845 / OSHB S&C-07/2026 Date: 07.11.2026

ALLOTMENT OF VACANT HOUSING PLOTS AT CHANDRASEKHARPUR, BHUBANESWAR.

13001/2407/2627: OSHB, a Govt. of Odisha undertaking, offers 05 number of vacant HIG housing plots for residential use for allotment on "as is where is and whatever there is basis" in the completed housing scheme at Chandarsekharpur, Ph- II to V, Bhubaneswar through E -Auction bidding process.

Category of Plots	No. of units	Plot Area/ unit (In sq. ft.)	Reserve price/upset price per Unit (In Rs.)	EMD/Unit (In Rs.)
HIG	5	3600 (40' X 90')	2,84,32,000/-	Rs.28,50,000/-

Intending applicants may download the Brochure & Application Form from OSHB website: https://oshb.org. and submit their application with deposit of E.M.D. & processing fee in online mode only.

Application opens from : Dt.10.11.2026 at 10.00 AM
Last date for submission of application : Dt.10.12.2026 at 5.00 PM
Date of E-Auction on : Dt.23.12.2026 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property/ies)
(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand notices dated 03.05.2017** calling upon the Borrower **M/s Narendra Matriculation School, Proprietor Mr.R.Rajendran,** No.16, Gayathri First Street, St.Peters Avenue, Poompozhil Nagar, Chennai – 600062 **& Guarantors 1. Mrs.Prema Rajendran w/o Rajendran,** No.16, Gayathri First Street, St.Peters Avenue, Poompozhil Nagar, Chennai – 600062 **& (2) Mr.Alaxender S/o Antony,** No.14/1, Infant Cottage, Bharathi Street,West Gandhi Nagar, Avadi, Chennai – 600054 to repay the amount due to the bank of **Rs.1,88,19,614.88 (Rupees One Crores Eighty Eight Lakhs nineteen Thousand six hundred and fourteen and paise eighty eight Only)** as on **30.04.2017** plus interest, cost, charges and expenses till date of payment.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount demanded, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **6th day of November, 2026.**

The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.1,88,19,614.88 (Rupees One Crores Eighty Eight Lakhs nineteen Thousand six hundred and fourteen and paise eighty eight Only)** as on **30.04.2017,** plus interest and cost, charges and expenses thereon.

The Borrowers' / Guarantors' attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

PROPERTY 1: Owned by Mrs Prema Rajendran & Mr R Rajendran Item No.1 All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing Plot Nos. 20 to 26, St.Peters Avenue, comprised in Survey Nos.196/1, 196/2 & 197/1 to an extent of Item No.1 13210 Sq.ft. and Item No.2 6540 Sq.ft in Total 19750 Sq.ft. situated at Thirumullaivoyal Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District. Measuring an extent of 13210 Sq.ft. in **Bounded on the:** North By : Item No.2; South by : Vacant Plots; East by : 20 feet Wide Road; West by : Vacant Lands Measuring an extent of 6540 Sq.ft. in Bounded on the: North By : Plot Nos.27 to 33; South by : Plot Nos. 20 to 26; East by : 20 feet Wide Road; West by : Vacant Land To an extent of Item No.1 13210 sq.ft. and item No.2 6540 sq.ft., situated within the Sub Registration District of Ambattur and Registration District of North Chennai. **Item No.2** All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing in Survey No.681/2, Plot No.3 measuring and extent of 1709 Sq.ft., Plot No.4, measuring 1420 Sq.Ft. and Plot No.5 measuring an extent of 1452 Sq.ft., in all totaling 4581 Sq.ft., situated at Thirumullaivoyal Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District. **Bounded on the:** North By : Vacant Land; South by : 30 Feet Road; East by : Plot No.2; West by : Plot No.6 To an extent of 4581 Sq.ft., situated within the Sub-Registration District of Ambattur and Registration District of North Chennai. **Item No.3** All that piece and parcel of land and building bearing Plot Nos. 27 to 33, comprised in Survey No.196/1, 196/2 and 197/1, measuring and extent of 16400 Sq.ft in St.Peters Avenue, situated at Thirumullaivoyal Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur district. **Bounded on the:** North By : Plot Nos..34 to 40; South by : Vacant Plots; East by : 20 Feet wide Road; West by : Land belongs to Mr.Karivaradan To an extent of 16400 Sq.ft., situated within the Sub-Registration District of Ambattur and Registration District of North Chennai.

PROPERTY 2: Owned by Mrs Prema Rajendran All that piece and parcel of property Plot No.4 & 15, comprised in Survey No.171/2, Patta No.1636, as per Patta Survey No.171/3, to an extent of 3600 Sq.ft., CMDA Approved by Panchayat Union Villivakkam (at) Ambattur, P.P.No.74433/2014, dated 21.08.2014, LR No.A3/637/2014, dated 12.06.2014, in "Maruthi Ram Nagar Extension", at Old No.90, New No.73. Ayappakkam Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District. **Bounded on the:** North By : 20 feet wide road; South by : 20 feet wide road; East by : Plot No.5 & 14; West by : Plot No.3 & 16; To an extent of 3600 Sq.ft., situated within the Sub-Registration District of Ambattur and Registration District of North Chennai.

(Previous Possession notice dated 04.07.2017 and consequent further proceedings are hereby withdrawn with liberty and without prejudice to proceed with the present possession notice further).

Date: 06.11.2026 Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Place: Tiruvallur Bank of Baroda

E-AUCTION-SALE OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY GOLDEN FOREST (INDIA) LIMITED
located in villages Thangadpally, Thallasingaram, Choutuppal, Panthangi, and Lingojiguda in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, and Ramagundum village in Peddapalli District of Telangana pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India

1. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India **("Hon'ble Supreme Court"),** vide the orders dated August 19, 2004 and September 05, 2006 passed in Transferred Case (Civil) No. 2 of 2004 titled Securities and Exchange Board of India vs. Golden Forest (India) Ltd. & Anr. **("the Orders"),** constituted the committee to invite claims from investors of the Company, to identify the properties of the Company, its subsidiaries/associate companies **(the "Golden Forest Group Companies")** and to take possession and sell the properties thereof, so that the realised sale proceeds can be paid to the investors, who have invested their funds in any of the said companies.

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide an order dated May 15, 2025, in the matter of W.P.(C) no. 188 of 2004 Raiganj Consumer Forum Vs Union of India & ors, has directed the Income Tax Department, Government of India to conduct a public auction for the disposal of certain properties of Golden Forest (India) Limited.

3. Consequently, the Request for Proposal (RFP)/Tender document for land measuring around 381 acres and 28 guntas in Thangadpally village, 226 acres and 10 guntas in Thallasingaram village, 42 acres and 22.5 guntas in Choutuppal village , 33 acres and 24 guntas in Panthangi village and 491 acres and 28 guntas in Lingojiguda village of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District of Telangana and a property measuring 682.94 square yards in Ramagundum village of Peddapalli District of Telangana have been published, which can be accessed at: **https://gfil.enivida.com**

4. Details for participation in e-auction are available in RFP/Tender document. Key dates are as follows:
- **a. Date of Publication of RFP:** November 10, 2026
- **b. Start Date of Submission of Bids:** November 10, 2026
- **c. Last date for submission of Queries:** November 25, 2026
- **d. Bid Due Date and Time:** 05:00 PM of January 11, 2027
- **e. Start Date of e-Auction:** March 05, 2027
- **f. One time registration fee for the e-auction portal:** Rs. 5,000 plus GST

APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

A. All properties will be sold on an **"as is, where is, whatever there is"** basis and the purchaser will be responsible for all claims, liabilities and/or encumbrances relating thereto.

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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

Office of The Chief Engineer (Kaveri), 5th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

No: BWSSB/CEKTE/TA/15/2026/368/2026-27 Date: 05.11.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through KPP portal only)

BWSSB, invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the work of **Construction of Roads and Side Drains inside Chokkanahalli (65ML) GLR premises.**

Amount put to tender: **Rs.125.093 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs.2.00 Lakhs.** Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **24.11.2026 upto 15.00 hours.** The bids will be opened on **25.11.2026 after 16.00 hours.** The details regarding the tender and participation in the kpp portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the signed office during working hours.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO3611/26-27 **Chief Engineer (Kaveri).**

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Maharashtra State Power Generation Co. Ltd. Tel.No.- 022-69425000/5005

Tender Specification No. CE(C)-I/Koradi/2X660MW/BG Rly Siding/T- 660/RFX.3000072579/2026-27

NAME OF WORK: Work of BG Railway Siding, General Electrification works ,OHE and S&T for proposed 2x660 MW Thermal Power Replacement Project Koradi TPS, Dist. Nagpur

Issue Date: 10.11.2026 to 30.11.2026 Up to 18:00 hrs	**Time Limit : 24 months (including Monsoon Period)**
Tender Fee: Rs 11800/- (Rs. Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) (Including **GST 18 %**)	**Last date of Submission :- 01.12.2026 Upto 17.00 hrs.**
Estimated cost :- Rs. 144,35,57,989.24/- (Excl.. GST 18 %)	**E.M.D. Rs 1,44,35,580/- (By E-Payment only)**
Pre Bid Meeting Dt. : 25.11.2026 at 11:30 am	
Contact Person:- Chief Engineer (Civil)-I, MSPGCL, Estrella Batteries Expn Bldg., Plot No.1, Matunga, Mumbai-19. Tel.No. 022-69425000/5005.	
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MEKALA LAXMI

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CHENGALPET(0588)- MIR- 3, 2, 1, 5, 10, 14, 16, 13, MVT- 37, 62, 42, 3, 53, 5, 7, 14, 15, 25, 31, 50, 54, 13, 27, 32, 9, 55, 60, 61, SIR- 12, 2, 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 4, 13, 17, SVT- 37, 12, 52, 46, 64, 62, 48, 42, 75, 73, 114, 116, 53, 92, 40, 2, 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 28, 18, 30, 31, 72, 39, 47, 54, 17, 20, 21, 32, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 65, 66, 55, 60, 49, 70, 71, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 87, 93, 94, 103, 106, 107, 108, 112, 113, STU- 6, CHENNAI - GUDUVANCHERRY(0549)- MIR- 2, 5, 6, MVT- 12, 2, 1, 5, 6, 4, 14, 25, 13, 20, 21, 9, SIR- 1, 6, 22, 33, 39, 50, 38, 45, 57, SVB- 3, 2, SVT- 8, 28, 15, 18, 29, 30, 31, 33, 13, 21, 32, 26, MVB- 1, HIR- 3, CHENNAI - KANDIGAI(4523)- MVT- 1, 5, 7, 8, 4, 20, SVB- 1, 4, SVT- 37, 12, 52, 24, 53, 7, 11, 4, 15, 29, 31, 47, 13, 17, 20, 21, 27, 32, 41, 43, 9, 26, 58, MVB- 3, STU- 6, CHENNAI - PALLAVARAM(0565)- HVG- 24, 30, 27, MIR- 3, 4, MVT- 11, 29, 30, 13, 17, 21, 23, 26, SIR- 37, 3, 2, 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 25, 34, 39, SVT- 12, 1, 7, 8, 22, 19, 4, 14, 16, 29, 30, 31, 34, 13, 21, 23, 26, STU- 28, CHENNAI - 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CHROMPET CLC ROAD(3135)- MIR- 3, 7, 11, 4, 16, 18, 33, 17, MVT- 6, 22, 19, 4, 18, 23, SIR- 37, 59, 3, 2, 5, 6, 15, 25, 31, 36, 39, 13, 23, 60, 61, 58, SVT- 3, 19, 14, 15, 18, 17, HIR- 3, 2, 8, CHENNAI-TAMBARAM-SEMBAKKAM(2467)- MVT- 2, SIR- 2, 15, SVB- 1, SVT- 4, SINGAPERUMAL KOIL (TN)(2408)- MIR- 3, 6, 10, 16, 17, 9, MVT- 12, 15, 18, SIR- 59, 52, 64, 62, 48, 42, 73, 40, 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 4, 16, 25, 33, 36, 72, 47, 17, 27, 32, 35, 38, 44, 66, 55, 61, 26, 56, 74, SVB- 2, SVT- 2, 19, 28, 14, 15, 16, 18, 34, 36, 20, 27, 35, 38, 26, TAMBARAM SANATORIUM ROAD - (TN)(5365)- MSL- 270, MIR- 1, SVB- 2, SVT- 3, 2, 1, 6, 10, 4, THIRUKAZHAKUNDRAM - BAZAR(3355)- HVG- 19, 15, MIR- 42, 1, 5, 7, 4, 14, 16, 18, MVT- 46, 3, 2, 1, 5, 6, 22, 19, 4, 18, 25, 36, 47, 20, 27, 35, 41, 43, 45, 9, 49, SIR- 111, 127, 64, 62, 48, 42, 24, 114, 92, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 22, 19, 31, 39, 47, 50, 13, 17, 23, 43, 68, 9, 49, 81, 87, 103, 107, 112, 26, 86, 119, 124, 63, 89, 101, 102, 105, 91, 122, SVB- 2, SVT- 12, 52, 46, 64, 48, 3, 73, 53, 40, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 19, 4, 14, 15, 18, 25, 30, 33, 39, 47, 13, 17, 21, 32, 41, 65, 66, 55, 49, 71, 26, HIR- 8, 14, 15, 17, 9, THIRUVANCHERRY - 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PAWAN, WIFE PART WAYS AP deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Konidela and his wife Anna Konidela have announced on Monday that they are parting ways after sharing a significant part of their lives. Anna is Pawan's third wife

Dad dropped girls at hostel just hrs earlier

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THE other girls, who remained on the shore, raised an alarm, following which residents rushed to the spot and pulled the victims out. They were taken to the Tiruvannamalai Government MCH, where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

Collector Vandana Garg inspected the lake and hostel premises, while SP R Udhayakumar and Revenue Divisional Officer TD Selvam conducted an inspection at the incident site. Speaking to *TNIE*, Kumar, uncle of the three sisters, said their father, Venkatesan, had dropped them at the hostel on Monday morning as schools were scheduled to reopen on November 10. His voice broke as he waited with other family members for the bodies at the hospital. Police questioned several people, including residents who took part in the rescue efforts, hostel staff and the other girls who had accompanied the victims.

As conduct of TVK bigwigs roils party, Vijay calls meet on Nov 11 to warn MLAs

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU @ Chennai

AMID controversies surrounding Deputy Speaker Ravi Shankar and Kallakurichi MLA Arul Vignesh, besides allegations against other TVK legislators over their conduct in their respective constituencies—that has drawn severe criticism and political reactions from the opposition—the party leadership has summoned all its MLAs for a consultative meeting in Chennai on November 11.

The meeting, scheduled to be held at 11 am at Panaiyur, will be chaired by Chief Minister and party president C Joseph Vijay, along with TVK general secretary Bussy Anand and other senior ministers.

Sources in TVK said the urgent meeting has been scheduled to issue a warning to all its MLAs after allegations against deputy speaker Ravi Shankar and Kallakurichi MLA Arul Vignesh surfaced.

In a video circulated on social media, Deputy Speaker Ravi Shankar is seen assaulting a man, Karthik Kumar, a photographer, who allegedly met him with regard to civic issues in Ravi Shankar's constituency. The issue took a complicated turn later when Karthik released a clarification video sitting next to the deputy speaker, stating the incident was misrepresented and was merely a brief pushing and shoving in a crowded area. However, a short while later, Kumar released a third video alleging the MLA had threatened to kill his family if he did not record the clarification. Kumar further claimed that a police officer intimidated him and forced him to film the retraction video at the MLA's residence.

Meanwhile, in another development, DMK deputy general secretary Kanimozhi Rajathi Karunanidhi on Monday alleged Kallakurichi MLA Arul Vignesh had sent inappropriate messages to district collector and had allegedly harassed her, forcing her to deploy a personal security personnel.

"An internal committee led by the party general secretary and minister N Anand will conduct an inquiry against Ravi Shankar as well as Arul Vignesh, before taking disciplinary action against them," a senior minister who did not want to be named told *TNIE*, adding the leadership is likely to issue strict instructions to the legislators on their conduct and functioning.

Suspect political motive behind incident: Rajmohan

Continued from page 1: Karthik alleged that he had tried to contact the MLA over the last 10 days to complain about drinking water shortage and garbage accumulation in his neighbourhood but in vain. On Sunday, he spotted Ravishankar's car and approached him, Karthik claimed. Ravi Shankar did not respond to TNIE's multiple calls for a comment. Leader of opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin and leaders of several other parties condemned the deputy speaker over the issue. Responding to a question about the controversy, Rajmohan suspected a political motive behind it. "He first releases a video claiming that he was attacked and then releases another video denying that such an incident took place. I suspect a political motive behind this," he said. However, he assured that the police would investigate the matter and that action would be taken against those responsible without any bias.



Karthik Kumar

Cyber hires wreak havoc on political clients in KL

M P PRASHANTH @ Kozhikode



ILLUSTRATION : SOURAV ROY

CONGRESS leaders in Keralam were bewildered last month when its state unit's official X account criticised Chief Justice of India Surya Kant. Red-faced party bosses immediately ordered removal of the inflammatory comment. The KPCC leadership tendered an unconditional apology before the Supreme Court, which initiated contempt proceedings against the party, and sacked the social media in-charge.

It was just one of several incidents where overzealous cyber troopers of Keralam have become an embarrassment for their organisations.

These cyber warriors are the selfless members who fiercely defend their parties and shut down their rivals through online channels. Most political parties have such cyber armies. And the nature of online warfare is such that it places the parties at risk of occasional reckless interventions. Senior CPM leaders, including former chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan and state secretary M V Govindan, were forced to step in to rein in party sympathisers who targeted actor Mammootty. On October 28, leaders of the party's youth fronts called on the actor and released the photos. However, this triggered pro-CPM cyber handles opposed to the actor for 'insulting' the party's Wayanad district secretary K Rafeeq during a function. The cyber attacks subsided only after the CPM leader himself clarified that the issue with Mammootty had been resolved. On Sunday, the actor was targeted again after he visited BJP leader B Gopalakrishnan in connection with the marriage of the latter's daughter.

CPM leader T M Thomas Isaac expressed the party's disagreement over the repeated attacks on Mammootty. Not just political parties, religious organisations also face the 'threat' of digital soldiers. Jamaat-e-Islami's Kerala amir P Mujeeb Rehman was recently forced to urge cadres to maintain decorum in social-media interventions.

One accused has pending criminal cases

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WHEN the SSI questioned them and attempted to record their activities on his mobile phone, the group picked an argument with him and assaulted him. He sustained severe injuries and collapsed at the spot.

Though he was rushed to hospital, he succumbed to his injuries, the SP said. Addressing the media at the Theni Town police station on Monday, Gowtham said six persons had been arrested following searches by special teams. Preliminary inquiries revealed that one of the arrested persons had previous criminal cases pending against him.

The SP said the incident was not a premeditated murder but an altercation that escalated after Senthilkumar questioned the group for obstructing the road. He added that steps were being taken to ensure the family received all government compensation and departmental benefits without delay. Responding to questions on the investigation, Gowtham said there were no CCTV cameras at the spot to capture the incident. He clarified that the police department had not independently installed cameras in the area, with most having been set up through public participation. Measures would be taken to ensure their proper maintenance in the future, he added. Meanwhile, Senthilkumar's body was handed over to his family after a postmortem examination. He is survived by his wife, Sandhiya, and two daughters. While one daughter is married, the other recently completed her higher education. His mortal remains were kept at his residence in Allinagaram, where relatives, members of the public and police personnel paid their last respects. The body was later taken to a crematorium in Theni, where the last rites were performed with police honours and a 21-gun salute on Monday.

EXPRESS READ

Bodies sent to Krishnagiri MCH for postmortem

Continued from page 1: The bodies were sent to the Govt Krishnagiri MCH for postmortem. Collector Dinesh Kumar, Denkanikottai tahsildar V Shanmugam, Denkanikottai DSP Anantharaj and Joint Director of the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health Saravanan visited the spot. Police said preliminary enquiries suggest that the deaths could be due to inhalation of toxic gas. However, the cause of death could be ascertained after the final postmortem report, a police officer added. When contacted by TNIE, Saravanan declined to comment, saying a probe was on . Earlier, in September 2024, a fire broke out at a chemical plant inside Tata Electronics Pvt Ltd at Ullukurukkai village near Rayakottai. Eleven people suffered suffocation and other health complications and were admitted to a private hospital in Hosur.

Mentally ill man beats dad to death, arrested

CHENNAI: A 33-year-old man, undergoing treatment for a mental illness, was arrested for allegedly beating his 65-year-old father to death with an iron rod following a tiff in Semmancheri on Saturday. He has been admitted to the Govt Institute of Mental Health in Kilpauk. ENS

Worker killed after earthmover tyre bursts

Chennai: A 40-year-old worker from West Bengal died after an earthmover tyre burst while he was inflating it at a garbage collection company's maintenance yard behind the Sholinganallur zonal office on Monday morning. The deceased, Ali Hussain Malik, was working as a vehicle maintenance worker for a private company contracted by the Greater Chennai Corporation to collect garbage in Zone 15 and transport it to the Perungudi dumpingyard. Police said Malik was inflating the tyre when it suddenly burst due to excessive air pressure, throwing him off and leaving him with severe injuries. The co-workers rushed him to a hospital, but he died before receiving medical attention. ENS

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No.Proc/2026/KMS 2026-27 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated: 09-11-2026

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (APSCSCL) invites bids from Empaneled Traders/Empaneled Bulk Buyers/Manufacturers of broken rice products for sale of Broken Rice generated in the account of Improved Rice under State Pool (Non-NFSA) KMS 2025-26 (Rabi) lying at different mill premises at various districts under APSCSCL, Head Office, Vijayawada through E- Auction. The intending Empaneled Traders /Empaneled Bulk Buyers/Manufacturers of broken rice products may participate in the e-auction conducted by M/s NCDEX e Markets Ltd (NeML) on behalf of Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (APSCSCL) on the website www.neml.in as per the following schedule: **(a) Start Date for filing Bid: 10.11.2026, (b) Last Date for Submission of Bid: 13.11.2026 upto 05:00 PM. (c) Date & time of start of e-auction: 18.11.2026 from 10.00 AM. (d) Date & time of close of e-auction: 18.11.2026 upto 01.00 PM.** Detailed instructions to bidders and terms & conditions governing the E-Auction may be seen at **www.neml.in** . Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (APSCSCL) reserves the right to reject any or all bid(s) or cancel or withdraw any lot or quantity of stocks and/or scrap the sale of Broken Rice through e-Auction at any stage without assigning any reasons and without any liability.

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TENDER No. 15607555/FT1/2026, dated.10.11.2026

E- tenders are invited for complete coverage of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Proceedings for the period from January 2027 to December 2028 including Post Production work by Multi Camera set up for immediate telecast in Satellite Televisions. The tender documents could be downloaded from www.tntenders.gov.in and last date of submission of the tender on or before 26.11.2026 upto 2.00 p.m. All other details are available in the www.tntenders.gov.in.

Director, Information and Public Relations and Ex-officio Additional Secretary to Government, Information and Public Relations Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9.

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CENTRAL RAILWAY
OHE MODIFICATION WORK

Open e-tender notice No.- BB.LD.585.W.906.CONT. of 05-11-2026 S.N.: 1, Name of work: Tender No: BB.LD.585.W.906.Cont for 25 KV OHE modification in connection with provision of OHE support on section insulator installed at distance exceeding 10 meters from the nearest support mast in Kurla district of Mumbai division. **Approx Value** `: 3,25,27,005/-, **Bid security** `: 6,50,600/-, **Cost of Tender Form** ` : 0/, **Completion period:** 12 Months, **Validity of offer:** 60 Days, **I)** Tender closing date & time of aforesaid tender: Upto 11.00 hrs. of **27-11-2026** and will be opened after 11.00 hrs. **II)** The prospective tenderers are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for details of tenders & corrigendum, if any. **III)** Tenderer may participate in above e-tender electronically through website **www.ireps.gov.in** only & submission of manual offers against e-tender are not allowed. Manually, if submitted shall neither be opened nor considered. **IV)** Bid security should be paid as per details given in tender document. **V)** For further enquiry, may contact: Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution), Mumbai Division, Central Railway, Annex building, 2nd floor, Mumbai CSMT-400001 on phone-022-22612355, Complete details of tenders are available at the website **"www.ireps.gov.in".** The complete details of tenders are also available in the "Notice Board" of the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution), Mumbai CSMT-400001. 731

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SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT THROUGH SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

Whereas the above named applicant bank has filed the above referred **O.A. No. 440/2026** in this Tribunal for recovery of sum of **Rs.58,60,188/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Sixty Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight Only)** from the defendants.

Whereas the service of summons/notice could not be effected in the ordinary manner and whereas substituted service has been ordered by this Hon'ble Tribunal, and hence this notice through Paper Publication.

You are therefore requested to appear before the **Hon'ble DRT-III, Chennai** in person or through a duly instructed counsel and file written statement on or before **18.12.2026 at 10.30 a.m** and show cause as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the O.A. shall be heard and decided in your absence, in accordance to law.

B. JAWAHAR,
Advocate.
Counsel for the Applicant

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
H.O : BENGALURU - CHENNAI CIRCLE OFFICE

REGIONAL OFFICE CHENNAI NORTH
781-785, Ground Floor, Rayala Towers, Mount Road, Chennai-600 002.
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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrowers** that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 24.11.2026 (Time: 11.30 am to 12.30 pm)** (with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed) for recovery of bank's dues from the following Borrowers / Guarantors.

Chennai Mount Road Branch, No.781-785, Ground Floor, Rayala Towers, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600002, Tel +91 44 -28521812 / 9498305602, Email : cb0911@canarabank.com

Sl.No. 1) Borrower Name & Address: 1) M/s. Real Wire Industries, Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. M. N. Shaqeel Ahmed, Room No.1, 1st Floor, No.106/9, Ennore High Road, Korukkupet, Chennai – 600021. **Also at,** No.7/24, 9/2, Panjali Madura, Thanipoondi Post, Gummudipoondi Taluk Tiruvallur – 601 202. **Also at,** No.2, Srivachala Street, Lake View Garden, Korattur RS, Chennai – 600076. **Also at,** No.18, Rajiv Nagar, Agraharam, Korattur, Chennai - 600076. **2) Mr. M. N. Shaqeel Ahmed,** S/o. Mr. Nazeer Ahamed, No.2, Srivachala Nagar, Lake View Garden, Korattur RS, Tiruvallur – 600076. **Also at,** No.18, Rajiv Nagar, Korattur, Chennai – 600 076. **3) Mr. Nazeer Ahamed,** S/o. M.Mohammed Musthafa No.2, Srivachala Nagar, Lake View Garden, Korattur RS, Chennai - 600076.

Outstanding Amount : Rs.2,01,18,452.15/- due as on 30/10/2026 with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank.

Details of Security Assets: Name of the title holder: Mr. M. N. Shaqeel Ahmed, & CERSAI Security Interest Id : 400037140603. All that piece and parcel of Land and Building detailed below: 1. Admeasuring 7412 sq.ft together with building thereon in S.No.7/24 as per Patta No.2467 (New Patta No.2506 in the name of Shaqeel Ahmed) 2. Admeasuring 900 sq.ft together with Building thereon in Survey No.9/2 as per Patta No. 2306. In No.21, Panchalai Village, Gummudipoondi Taluk, Tiruvallur District, **Property No.1:** North by : Subbramani Vagaira Plot, South by : 23 Feet wide Road and Chengappan Venkatesan and Subbaiah Plots, East by : Malligai Poo Thootam, West by : 23 Feet Wide Road. Access : South and West (as per Document) **Property No.2:** North by : Roseammal House Site, South by : Hageel Ahamed remaining Plot , East by : Roseammal House Plot, West by : Road. Access : West (as per Document)

RESERVE PRICE	₹ 20,00,000/-	EMD	₹ 2,00,000/-	BID INCREMENT	₹ 25,000/-

Chennai Mylapore II Branch, No. 27/28, 1st Floor, Dowlani Towers, R K Salai, Mylapore, Chennai- 600004. Mob 91 9444396495; Email : cb16015@canarabank.com

Sl.No. 2) Borrower Name & Address: 1. M/s. Omkar Ply, Rep. by its Proprietor Mr. Amit Gupta No.197, Demellows Road, Chennai – 600 112 Also at, No.146, New No.215, Sydenhams Road, Periamet, Chennai – 600 003 Also at, No. 215/456, Sydenhams Road, Periamet, Chennai – 600 003. **2. Mr. Amit Gupta, S/o. Mr. Sawarmal Gupta,** No. G109, Abhinayam Apartments, 3rd Floor, 9th Street, 2nd Avenue Extension, Anna Nagar East, Chennai – 600 102. **3. Mrs. Sumitra Devi Gupta, W/o. Mr. Sawarmal Gupta,** No. G109, Abhinayam Apartments, 3rd Floor, 9th Street, 2nd Avenue Extension, Anna Nagar East, Chennai – 600 102

Outstanding Amount : 31.10.2026 as on Rs.2,94,95,978.55/- with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the Bank

Details of Security Assets - Name of the Title Holder: Mrs. Sumitra Devi Gupta & CERSAI Security Interest Id: 400018770818 All that piece and parcel of the undivided share of land to an extent of 422.88 square feet in the land admeasuring 3,91,830.13 sq.ft., situated at No.3, Vengadamangalam Road, Melakottaiyur Village, Kandigai, comprised in Survey Nos. 172/1 and 172/2 of Melakottaiyur Village, Chengalpet Taluk, Kanchipuram District, situated within the limits of the Registration District of Chengalpet and Registration Sub – District of Guduvancheri, bounded in the manner stated hereunder: Survey No.172/1 bounded on the North by : Vengadamangalam Road, South by : Poramboke and Advani Orelikon Factory, East by : Ranganatha Naicker Land and West by : O-Flex Cables Ltd. Land Survey No.172/2 bounded on the North by : Vengadamangalam Road, South by : Advani Orelikon Factory, East by : O-Flex Property and West by : Advani Orelikon Factory. Along with the Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. E, Phase – I situated in the 6th Floor, in Tower – 1 of the multi – storied complex, "Park Avenue" having a built up area of 900 sq.ft, inclusive of a proportionate share in common areas, together with one reserve open car parking space constructed thereon.

RESERVE PRICE	₹ 23,00,000/-	EMD	₹ 2,30,000/-	BID INCREMENT	₹ 25,000/-

Details of Security Assets - Name of the Title Holder: Mr. Amit Gupta & CERSAI Security Interest Id: 400018773516 All that piece and parcel of the vacant land to an extent of 2480 square feet, bearing Plot No.30, Chellaperumal Nagar, Nemmali Group, comprised in Survey No.278/3B, Karanithangal Village, Sriperumbudhur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, situated within the limits of the Registration District of Chengalpet and Registration Sub – District of Sriperumbudhur, bounded on the North by : Plot No.40, South by : 20 feet Road, East by : Plot No.29A, West by : Plot No.31, 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 : 62 feet, North to South on the Western side : 62 feet.

RESERVE PRICE	₹ 33,50,000/-	EMD	₹ 3,35,000/-	BID INCREMENT	₹ 25,000/-

INSPECTION OF PROPERTY DATE & TIME : 21.11.2026 ; between 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 24.11.2026 Between 11.30 AM & 12.30 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **23.11.2026 ; 4.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) (or) The service provider Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd). (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172/ 8291220220 / 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com./support.ebkray@procure247.com).**

Portal of E-Auction: https://baanknet.com

Date : 06.11.2026
Place : Chennai

AUTHORISED OFFICER; CANARA BANK

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - CHENNAI
55, Ethiraj Salai, Zonal Office Building II Floor, Wellington Estate, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. Telephone : 044-28216711.
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APPENDIX IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Melamaiyur Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai) Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **27.11.2026,** for a recovery of **Rs.10,99,65,092.91 (Rupees Ten crores ninety nine lakhs sixty five thousand ninety two and paise ninety one only) (as on 06.11.2026)** with further interest from 07.11.2026 and costs, other charges and expenses thereon, due to the Indian Bank, Melamaiyur Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai), Secured Creditor from :

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER / GUARANTOR (1) M/s GR CONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED, (Borrower), Represented by its Directors/Share Holding Partners : Mr. G Ramesh and Mrs. R. Narmadha Devi, Administrative Office/Registered Office : No.150, Mettu Street, Thirukazhukundram, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Pin - 603 109, Chengalpattu District. **(2) Mr. G Ramesh, (Managing Director/Share Holding Partner/ Guarantor/Mortgagor),** S/o Mr. Govindasamy, No.150, Mettu Street, Thirukazhukundram, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Pin - 603 109, Chengalpattu District. **(3) Mrs. R Narmadha Devi, (Director/ Share Holding Partner/ Guarantor),** W/o Mr. G. Ramesh, No.150, Mettu Street, Thirukazhukundram, Thirukazhukundram Taluk, Pin - 603 109, Chengalpattu District.

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 : Grama Natham Survey No.139/108, New Survey No.161/20; Extent/Area of Land Building : Area to an extent of Ac 0.05 Cents or 2178 Sq. ft., (as per Patta 233 Sq. mtr.) with built up area of 2336 Sq. ft.; No.181, Saduranga Pattinam Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh. **PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB6696830344D**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.39.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.50,000/-	EMD : Rs.3.90 Lakhs

Property 2 : Item 1 : Old Survey No.61/1F4, 1G, 1H, 1D, 1F2, 1F3 and 61/2, New S. No.61/8, 61/7 & 61/9, situated in GK Nagar Layout, bearing DTCP Approval No.253/2007, Item No.1 - Survey No.61/8 (Plot No.32), Item No.2 - Survey No.61/7 (Plot No.33), Item No.3 - Survey No.61/9 (Plot No.34); Extent/Area of Land Building : Total area measuring to an extent of 5388 Sq. ft.; No.43, Ruthirakotti Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, Kancheepuram Dt, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh.

Item 2 : Old Survey No.61/1F4, 1G, 1H, 1D, 1F2, 1F3 and 61/2, GK Nagar Layout, bearing DTCP Approval No.253/2007, No.43, Ruthirakotti Village, Item No.1 - New Survey No.61/11 (Plot No.36) measuring an extent of 2120 Sq. ft., Item No.2 - Survey No.61/10 (Plot No.35) measuring an extent of 1865 Sq. ft.; Extent/Area of Land Building : Total area measuring to an extent of 3985 Sq. ft.; No.43, Ruthirakotti Village, ThirukazhukundramTk, Kancheepuram Dt, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh.

Item 3 : Old Survey No.61/1F4, 1G, 1H, 1D, 1F2, 1F3 and 61/2, GK Nagar Layout, bearing DTCP Approval No.253/2007, New Survey No.61/12, Plot No.37; Extent/Area of Land Building : Area measuring to an extent of 2425 Sq. ft.; No.43, Ruthirakotti Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, Kancheepuram Dt, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh. **PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB6696830344K**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.110.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	EMD : Rs.11.00 Lakhs

Property 3 : Item 1 : Survey No./Khata No./House No./Site No. : Item No.(I): Punja Survey No.210 (New Survey No.210/1) extent 2 Acres, Item No.(II): Punja Survey No.211/1 (New Survey No.211/1A) extent 42 ½ Cents, Item No.(III) Punja Survey No.211/1 (New Survey No.211/1D) extent 71 ¼ Cents; Extent/Area of Land Building : Total extent: Acre 3.13 ¾ cents. Plan Approval in BA No.1/2011-12 dt 27.07.2011 by Thirukazhukundram Panchayat Union. Competent Authority for Building Approval is DTCP; Location Village/Municipality/Sub District/District : No.263, Kilapakkam Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor: Mr. G. Ramesh.

Item 2 : Survey No./Khata No./House No./Site No. : Punja Survey No.212/3, New Survey No.212/3A; Extent/Area of Land Building : Area measuring to an extent of 20 Cents or 8712 Sq. ft.; Location Village/Municipality/Sub District/District : No.263, Kilapakkam Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram; Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh.

Item 3 : Survey No./Khata No./House No./Site No. : Survey No.212/2; Extent/Area of Land Building : Area of land measuring 11 Cents (as per Patta No.69, New S. No.212/2B) out of 64 Cents; Location Village/Municipality/Sub District/District : No.263, Kilapakkam Village, Thirukazhukundram Tk, situated within the Sub Registration District of Thirukazhukundram, Name of the Mortgagor : Mr. G. Ramesh. **PROPERTY ID No. : IDIB6696830344F**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.235.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	EMD : Rs.23.50 Lakhs

Prior Encumbrances on property (for all the above Properties) : Subsequent attachment by Commercial Tax Department.

PROPERTY 1	PROPERTY 2	PROPERTY 3

Date and Time of Inspection of the Properties & related documents : 18.11.2026 and 19.11.2026 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 27.11.2026 FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

Last Date for submission of Tender form/EMD : 27.11.2026

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 : 07.11.2026
Place : Chennai

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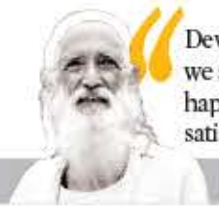
EDITORIAL



"Development is synonymous with culture. When we sublimate nature in a way that we achieve peace, happiness, prosperity and fulfilment along with satisfying our basic needs, we march towards culture"

Sunderlal Bahuguna

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— Ramnath Goenka

FOLLOWING COURT CLARITY, GOVT MUST DRAFT RULES FOR OBC JOB RESERVATION

THE Supreme Court's recent order clarifying an earlier verdict on the role of parental income in reservation for the Other Backward Classes should come as a reprieve to the Union government. The Centre had moved the court seeking clarity on whether its March 11 order would apply retroactively, potentially unsettling two decades of recruitment and promotions.

The issue concerns the conflict between a 1993 Office Memorandum and a 2004 letter that altered its terms. In the former, children of parents in certain government jobs were excluded from the 'creamy layer' category in OBC reservations. Similarly, children of parents in public and private companies were to be assessed on an income-wealth test that did not include parental salaries or agricultural wealth—that is, until the government framed equivalence to government posts.

The operating principle was that as caste is also a matter of backwardness, social status must be accounted for in deciding the creamy layer to exclude it from reservation benefits. However, the 2004 letter said that parents' salaries would determine creamy layer status. Aggrieved candidates approached the courts and received favourable orders from the Central Administrative Tribunal and high courts. On appeal, the Supreme Court affirmed that the 2004 letter amounted to hostile discrimination by holding the children of parents in non-government jobs to a different standard. Essentially, it held that caste is not a matter of economic backwardness and cannot be judged as such.

The Centre has, unfortunately, compounded the injustice by appealing cases that have dragged on for nearly a decade. The court granted relief to those involved and ordered the government to consider their recruitment within six months. Later, the top court allowed the Centre two more months to fulfil its orders, clarifying that it could not be a ground to upend existing recruitments and promotions.

However, it said the order would not apply to civil service hires before its March 11, 2026 verdict. This would be a relief to OBC candidates. Although the Supreme Court avoided providing a timeframe for establishing the equivalence of posts, it is a task that the Union government has put off for three decades. The latest order should spur it to undertake and complete it at the earliest.

FUNDS ALONE CAN'T COVER INDIA'S STATS BLIND SPOT

IN order to achieve its goal of becoming a developed economy by 2047, India must know accurately how its people work, make money, spend money and live. Hence, the Union Cabinet has approved ₹4,371 crore for the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics and Research (VISTAR)—a five-year programme that runs until 2030-31 to update the nation's statistical infrastructure, conduct more surveys, use AI to process data and improve data collection at both the state and district levels. The initiative is designed to address one of the primary weaknesses of policy making: that any decision about economics is only as good as the information used to make it. A large and diverse India cannot be understood through national averages that often mask significant differences among states, districts and communities.

VISTAR aims to provide for 59 surveys over five years—as opposed to 43 major surveys previously—as well as an eighth Economic Census that will locate non-farm businesses and their employees down to gram panchayats and municipal wards. VISTAR will also monitor services and small businesses through mobile phone, retail and e-commerce data to supplement the traditional survey approach. These improvements are particularly important for an economy where informal employment, small enterprises and rapidly-growing digital businesses are difficult to measure using conventional means. State governments can determine which districts are producing jobs and which are lagging, know at a granular level where families are spending less money, and the challenges small businesses are facing. They can assess if public funds are reaching targeted segments. Furthermore, state governments can use VISTAR to evaluate whether government schemes are improving citizens' lives.

While improving data collection is essential, it represents only one aspect of addressing the problem. Historically, issues related to credibility, timeliness and comparability of official statistics have made working with mountains of data difficult. Although more surveys and advanced technologies promise to improve availability, if the resulting data is not consistent and easily scrutinisable—that is, presented in formats that are uniformly user-friendly—the benefits will be minimal. Achieving India's objective of being a developed economy requires not only more precise information, but reliable, usable sets that can help guide policies, track progress and hold government officials accountable.

QUICK TAKE

THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE

A Bengaluru court has denied a husband's plea to avoid paying his wife maintenance because of her social media updates. The court underlined the Supreme Court's 2017 take that capability to earn is not the same as income, and highlighted the perils of oversharing. The husband proffered her engineer wife's qualifications and pictures on LinkedIn and Facebook to suggest that she earned enough to support herself and their child. The court pointed out that the wife was unemployed when she had filed for divorce on the ground of domestic violence and awarded her maintenance. The case reminds us that the practice of scouring social media profiles to find clues about the income status of a spouse, borrower or a scammer's target is getting more sophisticated. Oversharing was always déclassé; now it may be dangerously revelatory, too.

Traditional checks are weaker just when financial markets are getting overstretched like rarely before. It won't be easy for central banks to chart a course out of this trouble

NUMBERS POINT TO MAELSTROM FORMING IN GLOBAL FINANCE



SATYAJIT DAS

Former banker and author of the forthcoming book, *The Everything Bubble*



KAPIL GAIKWAD

PSYCHOLOGIST James Reason's 'Swiss cheese model' holds that major disasters in complex systems are the result of the accumulation and alignment of multiple failures—the 'eyes' or holes in some kinds of cheese. Today, several risks—overvaluation, high debt, cash flow shortfalls, volatility, rising interest rates, interconnections, financial games, poor safeguards—are creating the perfect conditions for a financial crash.

Valuations are stretched. Cyclically adjusted 10-year US price-to-earnings (CAPE) ratios are at their highest levels since the 19th century, above the levels of 1929 and only slightly below the peak of the dotcom boom. They are around 41 times earnings and over 67 times earnings if current exaggerated incomes are normalised. In comparison, CAPE reached 32.6 times and 44.2 times earnings before the crashes in 1929 and 2000, respectively.

The ratio of US share market's capitalisation to GDP, known as the Buffett indicator, is over 230 percent of GDP, the highest recorded level. Valuations of non-US equities are also extended, although to a lower degree. Property, the largest repository of global wealth, is overvalued by up to 50 percent using price-to-affordability metrics, although there are significant locational discrepancies.

Price rises have outstripped underlying cash flows. Across 10 countries that account for 60 percent of global GDP, as of 2025, $620 trillion in real assets—like machinery and equipment, infrastructure, buildings, natural resources, and intellectual property—support over $1,800 trillion in financial assets representing eventual claims against the same property and cash flows. Since 2000, wealth growth has reflected valuation gains in financial assets, especially real estate, rather than changes in productive assets. For every $1 in net new investment in real assets over the past 20 years, liabilities have grown by almost $4, of which about $2 is debt.

As of mid-2026, global debt has reached around $350 trillion or 308 percent of world output, up from around $210 trillion a decade ago. There are layers of leverage with investors, fund and businesses borrowing at the same time against the underlying cash flows.

Debt must be repaid or refinanced. Much of this borrowing was taken out during periods of near-zero rates and renewals, if possible, will be at a higher cost. Cash insufficiency threatens failures and credit losses. As interest rates rise, there are already pockets of distress amongst less creditworthy borrowers.

In parallel, investors, pension funds and insurers rely on cash flows from their investments to finance spending or meet contractual payouts. Lack of distributions and write-offs reduce available funds that underpin economy activity creating adverse feedback loops. Simultaneously, higher volatility feeds risk models, triggering margin calls and involuntary deleveraging as lenders tighten liquidity.

The cost of capital is rising. The era of low government bond yields may have ended. Higher-for-longer rates are probable due to cost pressures from wars, disruption of supply chains, and national-security-driven reshoring. Premiums for risky assets, which have declined to historical lows, will rise to compensate for increased instability. The rising gap between required returns and cash generation undermines asset prices.

Linkages between financial institutions, derivatives and securitisation create multiple paths that will rapidly transmit shocks, making it difficult to isolate and control problems. Investment behaviours exacerbate strains, as passive indexed investments and rule-based quantitative trading styles relying on momentum increase fragility.

There are familiar financial misdemeanours. True indebtedness is understated by the proliferation of off-balance-sheet financing arrangements, which at Alphabet, Microsoft, Amazon, Meta and Oracle alone have reached $1.65 trillion, compared to $1.35 trillion in on-balance-sheet debt. Post-Enron auditor reforms are being watered down to make share listings 'great again'.

Traditional buffers are weaker. With consolidation in banking markets, market-making—which, in a crisis, plays a critical role in warehousing risk purchased at a discount—is weaker. It is dominated by investors and quantitative trading firms, who when volatility increases frequently withdraw from trading. This lower trading liquidity is creating potential larger dislocations where there is forced selling or multiple participants simultaneously unwind positions.

Regulators are perversely reducing bank capital requirements at a time when they are likely to be needed. The decreases, lobbied for by the banks, are intended to boost economic growth by more debt-financed consumption and investment ignoring existing elevated levels of borrowing. The argument is that the changes will simplify rules and lower compliance costs.

Given the ongoing issues at individual institutions, it is unclear whether the changes are justified. Regulators argue the need for recalibrating standards to better match actual asset risks. By most measures, actual exposures have become riskier; hence it is difficult to make the case for reductions. In reality, the relaxation is designed to enhance profitability on shareholder's funds and also allow more distributions to shareholder and share buybacks.

The ability of governments and central banks to intervene is uncertain. Public finances are stretched by intractable budget deficits and the highest levels of government debt outside of war. The average budget deficit across the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is 4.6 percent of GDP, with few countries in surplus. The average government debt-to-GDP ratio in OECD countries now exceeds 112 percent—well above the pre-2007 average of around 72 percent. A sizeable portion of this is now funded not by long-term holders, but by hedge funds.

Central bank balance sheets, at around $20 trillion (below the peak of over $25 trillion), are well above their $5 trillion level in 2007. Modest interest rates and inflation concerns limit the scope for large cuts. Central bank credibility is also low due to the adverse effects of novel policies, like quantitative easing and zero-interest rates.

Poor forecasting, most notably the post-pandemic 'transitory' inflation debacle, and their inability to prevent serial monetary crisis, has damaged their reputations. Public appetite for bailouts, which persistently benefit high-income groups and well-connected institutions, is unknown. This is complicated now, with significant proportions of the risk being outside regulated deposit-taking institutions.

Financial markets now resemble a bonfire waiting for someone to toss a match into it. Investors and policymakers are remarkably complacent assuming that a financial crash cannot happen or that they are well prepared. But as General Chuck Yeager, the first man to break the speed of sound, understood: "At the moment of truth, there are either reasons or results."

(Views are personal)

LET'S PRACTISE WHAT WE PREACHED



SURJITH KARTHIKEYAN
Director, Union Ministry of Finance

AL JAMILA SIDDIQUE
Assistant Director, Union Ministry of Finance

THERE have been two broad approaches to environmental management—command and control (C&C), and environmental fiscal reforms. In India, the C&C approach has been the main tool, anchored in environmental laws such as the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Unlike in many developed countries, it may be premature for India to adopt market-based instruments anchored in eco-taxes, as consensus across states would be key for implementation, including integration in the goods and services tax regime. But what if the everyday choices of the population are based not only on laws, taxes and rules, but also on the way those choices are presented to them?

Take the case for acting against pollution. Individual behaviours contribute immensely to emissions through consumption patterns, choice of transportation, and waste disposal, among other things. This is where the India-led global Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) mission, proposed at five years ago at the Glasgow COP, can be transformative in pursuing behavioural shifts among citizens towards adopting eco-friendly lifestyles.

Behavioural nudges are small changes in the way choices are presented that encourage people to choose a desired action without altering their choices. They influence behaviour in subtle, yet powerful ways. Such nudges could be implemented through framing effects and information campaigns, exercising smart defaults, influencing social norms, designing incentives and environmental alterations by removing external barriers that influence choices.

To do this effectively, identifying actions contributing to pollution would be key—zeroing in on transportation, household energy use, waste management and consumption.

Solutions for transportation must identify inadequate first- and last-mile connectivity, access barriers, safety concerns and extreme congestion during peak hours that constrain daily commuters from using public transport. Experiments that have used personalised, point-to-point travel information with clear route maps and specific information on time-saving and emission-reduction have proved better at increasing the use of public transport in richer countries. In Hong Kong, for example, a 25 percent pre-peak time fare discount for morning commutes to one of the 29 heavy-use stations eased peak train crowding by 3 percent.

In India, transport systems could display a public report showing the emissions per mode of transport. Commuters who select the lower-emission modes may be rewarded with travel credits, which could be redeemed while paying for future trips. Tech-driven behavioural studies in Bengaluru show such efforts can remove barriers to taking public transport, resulting in higher metro use. Signage on step counts and calories burned through walking in public transport spaces could nudge those conscious of completing their daily quotas.



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> As COP31 in Antalya focuses on implementation of existing global climate commitments, India should focus on something it proposed at COP26 in Glasgow—Lifestyle for Environment Mission. Smart messaging for behavioural shifts may help achieve a sense of responsibility that decades of law-making hasn't been able to

Switching off car engines at traffic signals is not a common habit in India. At a railway crossing in England's Canterbury, carefully-worded road signage reduced the number of drivers leaving the engine on during waits. What worked were messages focused on outcome (improvement of air quality), social norm (being a responsible driver) and self-regulation (thinking about own action).

Linking outcomes with rewards and gamification to drive small but consequential 'power habits' can be explored. A campaign on these lines would need to be rolled out in each state. Provision for energy-saving exchange coupons and such innovations could also be thought of as part of this strategy.

Another area, and a key cause of concern in developing economies, is waste management and consumption. A formal arrangement needs to be explored in the 'refuse and reuse' mindset, for which educating the public is key, wherein specialised sessions on properly segregating dry waste, wet compost and, in cases, hazardous electronic waste.

The Haritha Keralam Mission, which has a dedicated team of trained supervisors and workers for doorstep waste collection and segregation with a predictable schedule and user fees to feed into recycling units, could be replicated and scaled up for municipalities across India.

For e-waste, substantive exchange offers for those who use electronic items for a longer period could be devised. This will promote mindful tech purchases and maintenance, rather than replacing gadgets quickly.

India has explored behavioural approach earlier. The best example is in the energy sector, whose lessons would need to be scale up. Power-rating labels and operating cost information on electrical devices have nudged consumers towards buying energy-saving appliances. The Give It Up campaign for LPG subsidy, launched in 2015, has intensively used behavioural approaches, enabling effective redirection of government resources.

A widespread information campaign with practicable energy-saving steps, along with technical support to industrial consumers, launched in Japan after the Fukushima incident, resulted in reduced energy consumption. Similar strategies on energy efficiency could be replicated for implementation across states through local bodies.

A behavioural approach is not a substitute. It will be effective only when complemented with adequate institutional support, robust infrastructure and interesting incentives. But without a behavioural strategy, pollution control and sustainability enforced by a responsible citizenry would remain a dream.

(Views are personal)

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Controlling pollution

Ref: *Political will meet court orders* (Nov 9). 'Play to the gallery' seems to have become most politicians' motto, however ruthless those in the gallery are. But can we expect any more from elected governments? Court-monitored pollution control—enforced strictly—should have been explored long ago. That seems to be the only hope, if any.
Geetha B K, Kannur

Uniform justice

Ref: *Juvenile justice needs course correction* (Nov 9). Immaturity may be inherent; but the young today engage in criminal wrongdoing knowing well the subtleties of the legal provisions safeguarding juveniles. Reformation of criminals is one thing and treating the juvenile offence with nay say is another. We cannot afford to lose more precious lives to unaccountability.
Sanath Kumar T S, email

Preserving print

Ref: *Importance books deserve* (Nov 8). Books cultivate the habit of examining claims rather than accepting convenient answers. In a divided public sphere, reading can strengthen judgement, empathy and informed disagreement. Yet access remains unequal, and libraries in many communities need sustained support. Schools should protect reading time, encourage varied viewpoints and make good books affordable.
P S Harishmitha, Tiruppur

Democracy's filter

Ref: *Resurrect the temple* (Nov 8). Noise on the streets cannot strengthen democracy; it can only weaken public confidence in its institutions. Simply holding and displaying the Constitution is not enough; leaders must first read, understand and uphold its principles. People are becoming increasingly frustrated when political actions repeatedly expose agendas. The electorate watches political leaders closely and forms well-informed opinions. Repeated challenges and public debasing without constructive outcomes may appear to be mere stunts intended to attract attention.
Manickial Chakraborty, Chennai

With elders

Ref: *'Time Bank' to reward elderly support* (Nov 9). A society with one senior in every four people cannot look at elderly care only as a government burden. Time Bank treats human kindness as currency—one hour of service today becomes one hour of care tomorrow. After all, time is the only wealth we all possess equally.
Amaregouda Patil, Koppal

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POSTS OF THE DAY



Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
We'll call Diwali the "Eid of joy." And Eid the "Holi of joy." We come from a syncretic culture. We'll bring all religions along together



Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge calling Diwali "Eid of joy" exposes his party's mind-set and its attitude toward Hindu festivals



D Raja @ComradeDRaja
The RSS and BJP have failed to read the ground and grossly miscalculated the cascading effects of their failures on students and youth

LAW MINISTER

'Evening courts in Bihar, Delhi & Andhra soon'

IN an exclusive interview with **Rajesh Kumar Thakur**, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs **Arjun Ram Meghwal** outlines the government's efforts to reduce litigation and resolve disputes, adding that the initiative could be extended to other states. **Excerpts:**

How do you view the Congress-led Opposition's agitation against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls?
SIR is not new. It has been conducted 12 times in the country. The Congress-led Opposition's agitation is unjustified and appears aimed at creating confusion and propagating a false narrative to mask its failures. SIR is simply a periodic exercise to update electoral rolls and ensure that every eligible citizen can exercise the right to vote. It has no other purpose.

How do you respond to the Opposition's remarks about 'regime change'?
Our Constitution-makers envisaged that governments would change through elections, with the people's mandate determining who governs. The Opposition's attempts to create disorder, using SIR as a political pretext, undermine this democratic principle.

Are the Opposition parties trying to create a narrative around these issues?
Yes, but it is a false narrative. During the 2024 general election, the Opposition spread fears that the BJP would change the Constitution and abolish reservation. Neither claim was true. The BJP has always respected and upheld the Constitution. We are committed to respecting the Constitution.

The Opposition alleges that the government prevents discussions in Parliament. What is your response?
The allegation is incorrect. In Business Advisory Committee meetings and all-party consultations, representatives of all parties, including the Congress, agree on the issues to be discussed and the need for Parliament to function smoothly. However, the Opposition neither honours these decisions nor respects the Speaker's directions. Under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, the Congress appears more interested in creating a false narrative of being denied a voice than in ensuring Parliament functions effectively. Its repeated disruptions reflect a political agenda rather than any genuine concern for parliamentary debate.

Will the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) remain confined to BJP-ruled states?
The UCC was envisaged by the Constitution-makers and provided for under Article 44. The Supreme Court has also commented on the need for a common civil code on several occasions. It is encouraging that some states have come forward to implement the UCC. Goa has long had a common civil code, even when the BJP was not in power there. We believe that the UCC should be implemented across the country, and our government is committed to this objective. It has a constitutional basis, and there is no reason why its implementation should remain restricted to a few states. The issue is also finding a place in the election manifestos of political parties.



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The BJP is confident of retaining power in UP and forming government in Punjab. Punjab is yearning for change & wants to free itself from drug menace

What specific initiatives is the government taking to reduce pending cases?
One major initiative is the introduction of evening courts as a pilot project in collaboration with certain high courts. We also intend to engage retired judges to support this initiative. Under the proposed arrangement, courts that function during regular daytime hours will sit for a few additional hours in the evening to hear cases and expedite their disposal. Initially, we are planning to launch this pilot project in three states and Union territories: Bihar, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh. The initiative is expected to begin soon. After assessing its performance, we will consider extending it to other states. We are also focusing on resolving and disposing of cases through Lok Adalats.

Another important area is Alternative Dispute Resolution, under which an impartial third party helps disputing parties communicate, negotiate and arrive at a mutually acceptable settlement. This mechanism can reduce the burden on courts. We are also focusing on pre-mediation, which can help resolve disputes before they lead to prolonged litigation.

Have the three new criminal laws helped reduce cases and make the justice delivery system faster?
Yes, the initial indications are encouraging. The new criminal laws are helping improve justice delivery and facilitate timely disposal of cases without adding an unnecessary burden on courts. They introduce mechanisms for time-bound proceedings. We have developed five e-platforms under the new laws, initially launched on a pilot basis in Chandigarh, Gujarat and Delhi. These platforms enable electronic sharing of court orders and judgments with prison authorities, ensuring prompt access and action.

What is the government's position on delimitation and the implementation of women's reservation?
We are working on both issues. The relevant bills have been introduced in the Lok Sabha. Our government is committed to ensuring that women receive their rightful representation in Parliament and other legislative institutions. However, the Opposition did not extend the necessary support to the legislation in Parliament. The Congress, particularly Rahul Gandhi, appears reluctant to support the proposed reservation in its intended form. Rahul Gandhi does not want a special session of Parliament on the issue. Instead, he wants women's reservation to be implemented within the existing strength of 543 seats in the Lok Sabha. But how can this be achieved without the necessary delimitation exercise? A Delimitation Commission is required for the process, and delimitation is linked to the Census.

Record 88 days on, monsoon session yet to officially end

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

PARLIAMENT'S Monsoon Session remained unprorogued for 88 days as of Monday, breaking the previous record of 87 days set in 2008 and fuelling speculation that the government could convene the House at short notice to consider the proposed constitutional amendment linked to the implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill. The proposal seeks to increase the strength of the Lok Sabha from 543 to a maximum of 850 seats through delimitation.

The Congress alleged that the delay in proroguing the session was intended to give Home Minister Amit Shah time to somehow "manipulate a super-tainted two-thirds majority" in the Lok Sabha to get the "dangerous and destructive" delimitation bills passed. The Monsoon Session was adjourned indefinitely on August 13.

Former Lok Sabha Secretary General P D T Achary told this paper that the Constitution does not prescribe a specific time frame within which a House must be prorogued after being adjourned sine die, but said such an occurrence was rare. "It happens only when the government plans to do something without the session being called by the President," he said. An extended or special sitting within the same session requires a minimum notice of two days, whereas convening a fresh session requires at least 14 days' notice. The proposed delimitation legislation has triggered a major political row. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi four times in the past six months, seeking an all-party meeting to discuss all proposals transparently and in detail before any legislation is introduced.

During the Budget Session on April 17, the Modi government suffered a setback when the Constitution amendment Bill linked to delimitation and the implementation of women's reservation in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies was defeated in the Lower House. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh questioned the government's position.



Records speak: Max of 87 days

According to records, House had remained unprorogued for 87 days in 2008, and the Lok Sabha met for 2 days to discuss no-confidence motion against then UPA government. The House was kept unprorogued, reconvened on October 17 and was adjourned on October 24 to meet on December 10.



Being rude can't brand judge as dishonest: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A woman judicial officer from Ghaziabad has won a big victory in the Supreme Court, which held that complaints about her rudeness and behaviour cannot be used to brand her integrity as "doubtful".

A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana dismissed the Allahabad High Court administration's plea, noting that mere insubordination of a judicial officer could not render suspect the integrity of that officer.

The officer served as an additional civil judge in Ghaziabad during 2019-2020. Her District Judge gave adverse remarks on integrity in her Annual Confidential Report (ACR), terming it doubtful on account of oral complaints by advocates regarding her behaviour. However, she had good service records for 2013-19 and 2020-21 onwards.

Justice Bagchi remarked, "There may be rudeness in her, there may be a tendency to shirk work, but will that make the officer of doubtful integrity? In common parlance... the word 'integrity' relates to dishonesty. Insubordination relates to judicial temperament."

The HC said many complaints were made by advocates. The judge, however, noted that none were about dishonesty. Justice Bagchi further added that the officer perhaps lacked the proper temperament to manage court affairs. CJI Kant said, "A person can't become dishonest for 1 year and honest for all other years." When told ACR improved after 2019-20, Justice Bagchi said, "Then be magnanimous to her."

AAIB probe flags safety norms breach, ministry irked

Air India Express runway incursion in Goa: Ministry of Civil Aviation wants a framework to exchange info between DGCA and defence

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has asked the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to establish a formal mechanism for sharing unclassified information and evidence between civil aviation authorities and defence establishments during aircraft accident and incident investigations, flagging that two similar recommendations made in earlier probes have not been implemented.

The recommendation is part of the AAIB's final investigation report into a runway incursion involving an Air India Express (AIX) Boeing 737-800 carrying 171 passengers, including six crew members, and a Navy fighter aircraft at Dabolim International Airport in South Goa on April 3. The Air India Express flight AXB-1109, operating on its return leg to Delhi, made an unauthorised entry onto the runway just as a single-pilot Navy fighter aircraft was taking off, potentially putting the lives of passengers and crew at risk.

Dabolim airport, operated by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), functions as a civil enclave within the Indian Navy's airbase, INS Hansa. While the Navy exercises jurisdiction over air traffic control operations, the AAI manages the civil airport's operations. The AAIB said the runway incursion to the trainee First Officer's misinterpretation of communication and his failure to adhere to instructions issued by the Surface Movement Control (SMC) controller under the AAI.

However, the investigation also encountered difficulties in obtaining crucial information from the naval establishment because there was no formal mechanism for direct coordination and evidence-sharing between the civil aviation probe authorities and the Navy.

"Due to the absence of a formal mechanism for obtaining data and evidence directly from the concerned Navy unit- INS HANSA, certain information could not be obtained in a timely manner," the report said.



Missed Instruction
AI Express flight AXB 1109 took off at 8 am on April 3. As the Pilot-in-Command was giving instructions to the trainee, the SMC controller's 'hold at the holding point' was missed by the pilot. The distance between lift-off point to AXB 1109 was 900 to 1000 metres with both aircraft closing in on each other.

It was decided in a meeting the SMC controller will co-ordinate with the Navy ATC during watch taking over at the start of the day on the hotline to confirm critical elements —AAIB report

"The resulting delay in obtaining the information through DNAS, Naval Headquarters, led to the loss of certain crucial evidence due to its subsequent erasure," it added. Flagging the wider implications, the AAIB recommended coordination between civil aviation and defence authorities, including the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, Indian Army and Indian Coast Guard.

"Recommendations from previous investigation reports regarding exchange of unclassified information and evidence for investigation of an accident/serious incident/incident and a formal framework for collaboration between DGCA/AAIB and Defence authorities should be established, on a priority basis," it said.

The Bureau said that similar recommendations had been made following an accident involving a Directorate of Aviation, Government of Madhya Pradesh aircraft at Gwalior on May 6, 2021, and a serious incident involving a defence Advanced Light Helicopter and an Air India A319 aircraft at Port Blair on February 2, 2024.

"The absence of a formalised coordination framework may limit or hinder the timely exchange of safety-critical information essential for effective investigations under time critical circumstances," the report said. The AAIB has recommended that the Navy install and ensure the use of stop bars at Dabolim airport.

Largest batch of Navy's Agniveers to pass out with extension option intact

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

THE Navy will pass out its largest-ever batch of trainees on Friday. The batch, it is learnt, will also be the last to get the revamped Agnipath safety net, at least for now.

Over 3,300 trainees, comprising the ninth batch of naval Agniveers and Coast Guard Naviks, will march past at INS Chilka in Odisha after 16 weeks of ab-initio training, the Navy said on Monday. Navy chief Adm Krishna Swaminathan will review the parade, which comes eight days before the force's first Agniveers complete their four-year tenure.

Under the Cabinet-cleared overhaul announced by CDS Gen N S Raja Subramani last Wednesday, the remaining 75%, earlier due to leave service after four years, will get a two-year extension with higher pay and an enhanced Seva Nidhi package. "For now, the revised provisions are being applied to batches already inducted or in training. For future batches, discussions are still going on, and the details are being worked out," an official said. This leaves the Navy's next batch, which begins training early next year, on the original four-year terms.



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The Navy, which has around 21,000 Agniveers on its rolls, is also learnt to have been among the strongest votaries of higher retention. The contentious scheme, launched in 2022 to lower the age profile of the armed forces and rein in their ballooning pension bill, has faced sustained criticism over the fate of recruits once they shed their uniforms.

The overhaul has handed the Opposition fresh ammunition, with the Congress dubbing it a "U-turn" and accusing the government of acting with an eye on assembly polls in UP and Punjab, both major recruiting grounds for the armed forces.

"The Agnipath scheme in its current form, that is, the first four years, will continue," Gen Subramani said, adding that the scheme was "not set in stone" and could be tweaked as and when needed.

800-yr-old Nandi sculpture in AP lying neglected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

AN 800-year-old Nandi sculpture dating back to the Kakatiya period has been found neglected among bushes along a roadside at Jakkileru village in Makthal mandal of Narayanpet district in Telangana. Archaeologist and Pleach India Foundation CEO Dr E Sivanagireddy visited the site on Monday after heritage activists K Bhaskar Goud and Dr G Mahendar Reddy alerted him about the sculpture.

Sivanagireddy said the black basalt sculpture was originally placed inside the Rangamandapa of a 13th-century temple complex comprising three shrines. It was reportedly broken into two pieces by miscreants and thrown out of the temple. Since then, it has remained unattended among the bushes.

The Nandi sculpture measures five feet in length, three feet in width and 3.5 feet in height, he said. He added that it reflects the craftsmanship of Kakatiya sculptors.



₹38 crore funds okayed for Hampi monuments facelift

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE culture ministry will take up integrated conservation of major monuments at Hampi, the 14th-16th century capital city of the Vijayanagara Empire, including Jain temples on the Hemakuta Hill and Saraswathy Temple in Singanayakanahalli in Karnataka. The proposed project will be supported by CSR from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and MPLADS (Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) under the National Culture Fund (NCF) of the ministry.

According to the officials, around ₹38 crore will be made available from both the sources, including nearly ₹19 crore in MPLADS funds. The ministry will also appoint a heritage conservation architect to prepare detailed project reports (DPRs) and technical documentation for the identified conservation components.

The selected architect will undertake detailed documentation, condition assessment, conservation planning and preparation of DPRs and associated technical documentation required for taking up the identified works in a technically sound, coordinated and phased manner, said officials. The exercise aims at clear identification of the works proposed under the respective funding components.

RUN OVER

A man was killed after being run over by a tractor during Diwali celebrations in Rajasthan's Kekri town, police said on Monday. The incident occurred on Ajmer Road on Sunday night.

3 HELD FOR MURDERING MAN IN MAHARASHTRA

INDIA WEATHER

CITY/STATE	Max	Min	CITY/STATE	Max	Min
Andaman Islands	30	26	Meghalaya	22	15
Gokarna, Karnataka	32	25	Ooty, Tamil Nadu	20	12
Goa	32	24	Rishikesh	30	14
Jorhat	28	24	Spiti Valley, HP	08	-7
Kashmir	16	05	Udaipur	32	17
Lakshadweep	30	26	Varanasi	29	17
Leh, Ladakh	08	-4	Wayanad, Kerala	29	21

Team Tawde at work on UP soil for Mission 2027

Assembly election expectations made more realistic at 300-seat mark, party's central team to visit all regions of the state for preparation

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

BJP national general secretary and Uttar Pradesh in-charge Vinod Tawde has begun preparations for the 2027 Assembly polls with a pragmatic approach: set a realistic target, identify organisational weaknesses and avoid the overconfidence that comes with ambitious electoral slogans. Keeping the 2017 performance of 312 seats as benchmark, Tawde has made it clear that the BJP must focus on crossing the 300-seat mark rather than make claims such as 'Abki Baar 400 Paar'.

His strategy rests on strengthening the organisation from the booth level upwards, obtaining honest feedback from all 403 constituencies, addressing anti-incumbency against sitting MLAs and improving coordination between the government and the party organisation.

Having played a crucial role in the BJP's victory in Bihar in 2025, Tawde's is a crucial role in Uttar Pradesh, where relations between the organisation and the government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath have periodically come under scrutiny. His involvement has extended to the expansion of the Yogi cabinet, the formation of a team around state BJP president Pankaj Chaudhary and important state-level appointments.

Tawde wants to maintain regular contact with district units and party workers, meeting them frequently, listening to their problems and finding solutions. He believes that official assessments may not always reflect the actual situation on the ground.

During his interactions with workers, he has pointed to the tendency to conceal dissatisfaction behind assurances that everything is fine. "When you speak to a worker, he says that everything is fine, but... this 'but' is what is ruining everything. If half the glass is empty, we should not say that; instead, we must send the message that we will now fill the glass."



The feedback exercise will involve district units, Vistaraks and Assembly in-charges, who will collect inputs about sitting MLAs, prospective candidates and the opposition's position at the grassroots.

Tawde is also focusing on ticket distribution and anti-incumbency against sitting MLAs. With 403 Assembly seats and several aspirants, the party will have to make difficult choices. "Some would get tickets, those, who fail to get, would not work against the party," Tawde said recently.

Tawde has a formidable team assisting him in strengthening the BJP's organisational machinery across the state. It comprises national secretary Jagdish Ishwarbhai Patel, Rajya Sabha member Pradeep Verma from Jharkhand, former MLA Anant Ojha and Medha Kulkarni.

Patel has been assigned Kashi and Kanpur-Bundelkhand, Verma Awadh and Gorakhpur, while Ojha will oversee Western UP and Braj. Kulkarni will supervise women and youth outreach programmes from the party headquarters in Lucknow.

All five functionaries will maintain a presence in their respective regions. Tawde, Verma and Kulkarni will stay in Lucknow, Patel in Varanasi and Ojha in Meerut. Their task is to mobilise organisational workers, assess constituency-level prospects, gather feedback about government functioning and strengthen the party's position against an aggressive opposition.

"The central team of the ruling party is criss-crossing the state to step-up preparations, Tawde and his three deputies have been allocated two regions each for mobilising the organisational cadre and shoring up party positioning against an aggressive opposition," said political commentator JP Shukla.

"The idea is to mobilise the organisational machinery to its fullest," said a senior UP BJP leader.

The regional teams will also remain in touch with influential sections in different constituencies and collect feedback about the functioning of the Modi and Yogi governments. The exercise is being supported by the RSS and its affiliates, which are helping assess anti-incumbency and the conduct of sitting MLAs.

The BJP maintains that election preparations are a continuous exercise, extending from the central leadership to booth-level workers. "BJP is always in poll mode. Be it the central leadership or the grasroots worker at the booth level, they keep working at the ground level," said UP BJP spokesperson Ankush Tripathi.

After Diwali, the party is expected to shift gears with a statewide campaign led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president Nitin Nabin, Tripathi said. The exercise marks a shift towards more intensive constituency-level monitoring.

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Floating post office gets extended hours

India's only floating post office in the waters of the world-famous Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir would now remain open for extended hours to help manage the increasing number of tourists flowing into the spot. The iconic Lal Chowk Head Post Office, which operates from a houseboat near Nehru Park in Dal Lake, will now function from 9 am to 9 pm. According to the Department of Posts, the decision to extend the working hours was taken in view of the considerable footfall at Nehru Park and growing demand for postal services beyond regular office hours. According to DoP officials, the extended hours will provide locals, houseboat operators, shikara walas and other tourism stakeholders and tourists greater flexibility to access postal services.



J&K Bank aspirants seek 40-year age limit

As Jammu and Kashmir Bank has announced a major recruitment drive for 1,356 posts of probationary officers and banking associates, the aspirants have demanded an increase in the age limit from 30 to 40 years. The bank advertised 1,356 vacancies—323 Probationary Officer posts and 1,033 Banking Associate posts—with the age eligibility for general category candidates fixed between 20 and 30 years as of January 1, 2026. The recruitment notification, however, provides age relaxation for reserved categories under applicable rules. The aspirants have raised concerns over the upper age limit, saying that the restriction could exclude thousands of candidates who have crossed the prescribed age while waiting for recruitment opportunities.

Winter fire safety advisory for Valley

The Fire & Emergency Services (F&ES) Department has issued a winter fire safety advisory urging people to take precautionary measures while using heating appliances, including Bukharis, Kangris and LPG heaters, to prevent fire incidents, suffocation and loss of life and property. People have been advised to use standard-marked heating appliances and electric blankets, which are switched off and unplugged after use. It stresses the need for proper ventilation while using eaters, Bukharis and other fuel-burning appliances. The advisory also cautions against burning or storing charcoal in enclosed spaces.

Will become witness in tribal leader death case: IRS officer

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

IRS officer Nesha Oraon, daughter of former minister Rameshwar Oraon, has expressed willingness to become a government witness in the Nisha Bhagat suicide case, pledging to make every effort to bring the truth to light.

Bhagat, a tribal activist who had raised her voice against alleged land grabbing and religious conversion, allegedly died after accusing the Hemant Soren-led government and land brokers of harassing her. In a Facebook Live video recorded before her death, she was seen crying and alleging that speaking out against "Hemant Soren government and its land brokers meant inviting death". She also spoke about her fight against land mafias, the administration's response to her complaints, the Sarna faith and the Sarna-Sanatan debate.

Oraon revealed on November 9 that she had spoken to Bhagat on the morning of the incident, last Friday. In an earlier post on X, she said Bhagat had called her and they spoke for approximately 13 minutes. Oraon was out at the time and ended the conversation by saying she would call back.

On Facebook, Oraon expressed willingness to become a government witness and said that if justice was not delivered, the matter would be taken to the national level. Facebook subsequently removed the post, alleging that it contained private information that could expose someone to identity theft or physical or financial harm.

North beats South as haze cloaks Haryana on Diwali; Delhi 12th in the AQI list



A mist sprayer trying to control pollution in Delhi on Monday | SAYANTAN GHOSH

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AIR pollution levels surged to alarming levels across the National Capital Region (NCR) and many other cities in north India, following the bursting of firecrackers on Diwali. Haryana had the largest number of cities that reported "very poor" air at 4 pm on Monday at 11. Another 10 cities in the state were in the 'poor' category.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) in Bahadurgarh in Haryana was 400, which topped the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) list of 24-hour average of air quality. Charkhi Dadri in Haryana stood at the second spot with an AQI of 389, while Khora in Uttar Pradesh was at third spot at 380. The fourth spot was taken by Rohtak in Haryana at 378. The next spot fell in Rajasthan, where Khairthal town recorded an average AQI of 362.

Of the 10 most polluted cities in the country, six were in Haryana, two in Uttar Pradesh and two in Rajasthan. Delhi, which has a reputation of topping the charts of poor AQI, beat expectations and stood at the 12th spot of the 285 cities monitored by the CPCB. Of the 30 cities in the "very poor" category across the country, 11 were from Haryana. Interestingly, while two Haryana cities had slipped into the "severe" category after Diwali night in 2025, no city in the state entered this category this year.

The administration in Haryana's Jhajjar district adopted a stringent approach to curb air pollution. It filed four FIRs against those accused of contributing to pollution.

In the CPCB list for November 9, no city was put in the "severe" category, while the largest number of cities (121) were in the "moderate" category.

Over 4K firearm recovery shadow on Manipur polls

MUKESH RANJAN @New Delhi

SEIZURES of more than 4,000 firearms have raised security concerns in Manipur, with assembly elections scheduled to take place in the violence-hit state early next year. Officials said arms supply chains are suspected to have links across the Myanmar border.

These firearms are apart from those identified as looted police weapons, out of which nearly 85 per cent have been recovered by the agenices. Following the seizures, forces have been asked to recalibrate their security strategy in close coordination with intelligence agencies, an official in the security establishment said.

"In case of looted weapons, things are largely brought under control following a multi-pronged strategy including appeals from high-ranking political and constitutional authorities, coordinated operations based on intelligence inputs and community-level negotiations," the official said. Recovered and surrendered weapons–ranging from assault rifles to mortars and grenades–have been frequently cataloged and displayed to build pressure on remaining holders to comply.

Intelligence-based operations targeting illegal arms-smuggling networks and militant factions, such as arrests of UNLF-P cadre attempting to sell or move looted arms, have resulted in forcible recoveries of hidden or traded weapons, the official said.

Seizures of over 4,000 firearms point to a network of illegal arms possession and circulation the full scale of which is yet to be established, officials said.

"Security forces, including Manipur police, are conducting nearly half a dozen raids on an average every day, often deploying specialised units, to track down weapons and dismantle illegal arms networks having links across the border in Myanmar," said a security official. He said that most of the weapons recovered in recent operations are no longer from police armouries, including some old firearms and sophisticated weapons, indicating that the challenge extends well beyond retrieving government-owned arms.

Some of the firearms can be identified through their make and characteristics, though their precise origin and supply routes would require further probe, officials said, adding that this was the reason the forces are asked to coordinate with intelligence agencies to break the supply chain.



HC puts Manipur Census on hold till April 2027

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

THE Manipur High Court has ordered that the Census for the state would continue to be put on hold till April 30, 2027.

Referring to the notifications keeping the Census in abeyance, the court said there would be no rollback or modification of the same till such time.

"To put it differently, the census exercise for the State of Manipur will continue to be put on hold/kept in abeyance till 30.04.2027," the court said. It further ordered that even after the disposal of the representations, the Census process in the state would continue to remain suspended for four weeks to enable aggrieved parties to approach the court.

Marandi junks 'safe' jeep after breakdowns

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

LEADER of the Opposition in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Babulal Marandi on Monday returned the 13-year-old bulletproof vehicle provided to him by the state government, citing frequent breakdowns and alleged failure of the authorities to address the issue despite repeated complaints to senior officials and Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

In a letter to Soren, the former chief minister has asked the Home Department to take possession of the vehicle and acknowledge receipt of his communication. He has also demanded that roadworthy vehicles be provided without delay for him and the security personnel accompanying him.

"I am hereby returning, with due respect, the bulletproof vehicle provided to me by the state government for my security. Please instruct the Home Department to formally accept this vehicle and provide an acknowledgement to my office. I am compelled to write this letter because, despite having personally informed your senior officials that this vehicle frequently breaks down mid-journey, I am still expected to use it for my tours across the state," Marandi's letter read.





Babulal Marandi (left) and a file photo of the bullet-proof vehicle | EXPRESS

Marandi has also sought details of the action taken on his earlier complaints, asking the government to provide a written response within seven days. He questioned whether any directive had been issued by senior officials to withhold the replacement of his vehicle and sought clarification on who was responsible for the delay.

Recalling his earlier communication to the chief minister, Marandi said he had written directly to Hemant Soren, drawing attention to the condition of the bulletproof vehicles provided to former CMs.

"I would like to remind you that on March 21, I wrote directly to you to draw your attention to this matter. According to information, the Home Department had purchased 17 bulletproof vehicles in December 2024. Of these, three were allocated for your use and two for the Raj Bhavan, while the remaining 12 were kept in the headquarters' reserve for the movement of VIPs. In that same letter, I pointed out that former CMs are forced to make do with vehicles that are ten to twelve years old and that the vehicle allocated to me also breaks down repeatedly," stated Marandi.

"Time has passed from March to November; I ask you today—what instructions did you issue regarding my letter, and what was the outcome?" he asked.

Yogi flags SIR deletion of 1.27 cr Hindu names, urges EC for voter list inclusion

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

IT is not only the Opposition which is protesting against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, even CM Yogi Adityanath has flagged the alleged deletion of 1.27 crore Hindu names from the voters' list in Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP has reportedly approached the ECI claiming that while the number of Muslim voters increased by 1.65% in the state, 1.27 crore Hindus have been excluded from the voters' list.

According to CM Yogi, the BJP had appealed to the poll body to include those who have been left out despite evidence of them being voters.

Speaking at a Hindi news channel in Ayodhya during Deepotsav, Yogi lashed out at the Opposition over "false propaganda" on SIR, claiming that now SP chief Akhilesh Yadav won't oppose it as the number of Muslim voters has increased.



"Ask Akhilesh Yadav to demand the rollback of SIR now. He will not do so because the number of Muslim voters has increased by 1.65% in UP after SIR," Yogi said.

"I am speaking about those 1.27 crore Hindu voters who have their names in the electoral list of UP panchayat polls, but not in the voters' list. How did it happen? Who was behind this? There are 66 lakh such voters; 55 lakh are Hindus, who are getting benefits of the government's welfare schemes but do not figure in the electoral rolls. A total of 4.5 lakh voters in the 18-19 age group too are missing from the list," added the chief minister.

Meanwhile, taking to X, Akhilesh Yadav made three demands regarding the elections. "Aadhaar card to be linked with voting; metal cards should be provided instead of plastic-made cards (EPIC) so that fake cards cannot be made, use fingerprints or biometrics of eyes for identification. Then BJP will not be able to get bogus voting done."

Senior SP leader Udaiveer Singh asked Yogi to back the impeachment motion to remove the CEC if he had any genuine grievance related to SIR exercise.

454 kilograms

of crystal methamphetamine worth $27 million seized from a multi-agency operation

GLOBAL WEATHER

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COUNTRY	Max	Min		COUNTRY	Max	Min	
Australia (Canberra)	18	4	SNY	Singapore	30	27	SNY
Indonesia (Bali)	27	21	LC	South Korea (Seoul)	17	7	LR
Italy (Rome)	22	9	LC	Switzerland (Bern)	17	4	SNY
Japan (Tokyo)	23	16	LR	Thailand (Bangkok)	33	25	LR
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	29	24	SNY	Türkiye (Ankara)	16	11	LC
Maldives (Male)	29	29	LR	UAE (Dubai)	33	28	SNY
Mauritius (Port Louis)	29	22	SNY	Vietnam (Hanoi)	32	23	LR

Trump says renewed Iran war 'highly unlikely', wants to make strong deal

Qatari PM to meet Don as Doha pushes two-day plan to revive Iran talks

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump cast doubt on renewed fighting with Iran, telling *CNN* it was "highly unlikely," ahead of a meeting with mediator Qatar's prime minister on Monday.

Trump has threatened to resume strikes in recent weeks, with US media reports suggesting that hostilities could restart after last Tuesday's midterm elections. The president told CNN in an interview on Sunday that renewed fighting was "highly unlikely," but warned that his decision "depends on whether or not they sign a very strong agreement."

"I would if necessary, but we hit them really hard. I hit them so hard. You don't know how hard I hit them," he said.

Trump to meet Qatari PM

Trump is scheduled to meet Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, who is also the country's foreign minister, at the White House on Monday. The meeting will be Trump's first with a foreign leader since a massive midterm loss that saw his Republican Party lose control of Congress. Iran has put forward a two-day proposal developed with Qatari mediators, under which the US would take measures on the first day and the Strait of Hormuz would reopen on the second.

Tehran hits back at Rubio

Meanwhile, Iran's foreign ministry on Monday dismissed remarks by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who said Sunday that Iranian demands for ending the war had sometimes been "outrageous and ridiculous."

At a briefing, foreign ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei told reporters that US strikes during talks in June 2025 and February this year had been "illogical and ridiculous."

He described the war as a "criminal" act. Baghaei said none of Iran's demands were illogical or ridiculous. This comes after Rubio said Sunday that Trump favours diplomacy, but Iran's demands were "unacceptable" and in some cases "outrageous and ridiculous".

Talks on hold after midterms

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi suggested on Sunday that peace talks had been paused while the political fallout of the vote was being assessed.

"For the past few days, there has been no more travel, and the reason for this is the shock that the election results in the United States have caused to everyone," Araghchi told state television.

"We now have to see how long it will take for them to digest these results, in order to determine how we are going to move forward," he added. Araghchi said that Trump "clearly recognises that the vast majority of Americans are disgusted with Israel." "Americans are evidently sick and tired of Israel bamboozling US administrations into Forever Wars," Araghchi said on X. "They had enough. So has our region." *Agencies*



People gather at the site of a deadly sand embankment collapse at a camp for displaced Palestinians in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, after heavy rains flooded thousands of tents across the territory | AFP

WAR WATCH

US deploys task force to disrupt land routes

WASHINGTON: Donald Trump said on Monday that a new 20-member task force will disrupt land routes into Iran used to transport weapons and illicit materials. The force will expand the naval blockade and target weapons, sanctioned goods and illegal revenue. CENTCOM said the blockade has prevented Iran from exporting $25 billion in crude oil.

Don cites anti-Israel sentiment in GOP loss

WASHINGTON: Donald Trump said Americans' "great dislike" of Israel contributed to Republicans' defeat in last week's midterm elections, as reported by *Times of Israel*. He also cited voter dissatisfaction with the Iran war, higher gasoline prices and unpopular Republican candidates.

Saudi warns Riyadh of aerial threat

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia briefly warned Riyadh residents of an aerial threat on Monday, a day after a Houthi attack damaged an Aramco skyscraper. The Houthis also reported Saudi strikes on Yemen's Sanaa province that killed 44 people, including 21 children. Syria meanwhile denied plans to deploy troops to Yemen amid escalating regional tensions.

G7 allies urge US to protect Kyiv's interests in peace deal

PARIS

G7 top diplomats on Monday began a two-day meeting in Paris with European foreign ministers set to press US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to ensure any settlement in the war with Russia is fair to Ukraine and steer clear of any new escalation with Iran.

The meeting of ministers from the leading industrialised nations of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States provides Europe and its allies with a chance to air concerns with their US counterpart. The meeting coincides with US-mediated talks with Moscow and Kyiv in Abu Dhabi, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, on ending the Ukraine war.

Europe is concerned that Kyiv risks being forced to accept disadvantageous conditions and that the United States could offer Russia new security guarantees over the heads of the Europeans. "For Europe, it is clear: we do not need to establish a new security architecture for Europe," said German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul as he headed to the talks, adding Europe "must have a place at the table".

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said on Sunday that Europeans would be represented at the Abu Dhabi talks, with France also participating. Trump stoked fears of a US pivot toward the Kremlin by predicting a "very big" deal with Russia involving not only Ukraine but "all of Europe".

But before leaving for Paris, Rubio said the post-war security infrastructure of Europe is "one of the key topics that's been raised repeatedly in every conversation any time negotiations have been discussed".

Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Monday he had spoken with EU chief Ursula von der Leyen to coordinate positions ahead of US-mediated talks with Russia in Abu Dhabi. As three-way talks between US, Russian and Ukrainian envoys start in Abu Dhabi today, the Kremlin insisted they will remain in the trilateral Ukraine-Russia-US format.



French, Ukrainian and EBRD officials attend a donor conference on restoring Chernobyl's New Safe Confinement in Paris | AFP

France blames Iran Guards for supermarket cyberattacks

PARIS

FRANCE on Monday said Iran's Revolutionary Guards were behind "unprecedented" cyberattacks on supermarket fridges in the country last month, vowing sanctions on a European level against Tehran.

Swathes of French supermarkets were hit in the October 11 and 12 cyberattacks, which raised the temperatures in their refrigerators, in some cases forcing them to throw away entire inventories of perishable food. "I can confirm that this attack was carried out by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of the Islamic Republic of Iran," Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said of the cyberattacks.

"This attack is unprecedented in both its scale and its level of aggression," he said on the sidelines of the G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Paris.

The Paris prosecutor said in a separate statement she had opened an investigation into Shahid Kaveh, a shadowy cyber unit of the IRGC, the Islamic republic's ideological army, over the attacks. "It marks the first large-scale cyberattack.," said Barrot. *AP*

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COMMERCIAL ASSET-TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 01/2026-27 (Call-2) (e-Procurement Platform)

No. BMTC/CO/TR/COM/5/2615/2026-27 Dated: 07.11.2026

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the interested Firm/Agency/Company for Maintaining/Running of vacant Commercial Assets at various land parcels through e-procurement platform.

Date of Pre-Bid meeting	17.11.2026 at 11:00 hrs	Place: Chief Traffic Manager (Com) Chamber, 2nd Floor, Central Office, BMTC, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru.
Last date & time for submission of bids		07.12.2026 up to 17:00 hrs.
Opening of Technical bids		09.12.2026 at 11:00 hrs.
Opening of Financial bids		To be intimated later

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 27/2026-27 (e-Procurement Platform)

No. BMTC/CO/TR/COM/F2-2160/2612/2026-27 Dated: 07.11.2026

Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from interested Firm/Agency/Company for granting of Advertisement rights for displaying on back Panel of 1000 TATA Electrical Buses through e-procurement platform.

Date of Pre-Bid meeting	17.11.2026 at 11:00 hrs	Place: Chief Traffic Manager (Com) Chamber, 2nd Floor, Central Office, BMTC, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru.
Last date & time for submission of bids		07.12.2026 up to 17:00 hrs.
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Further, EMD amount, measurement and all othre necessary details in this regard can be obtained in the e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or by Contacting: 09240214000; 09240214001; 080-22483777 & 7760991222. E-mail: ctmc@mybmtc.com.

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DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

To,

1. M/s. Venkateswara Litho Press (Borrower) Mr.K.P.S.Krishnan alias Mr.K. P. Subbaiyakrishnan (Proprietor) No.87, Sami Naicken Street, Chindatripet Chennnai – 600 002
2. Mr.K.P.S.Krishnan alias Mr.K P Subbaiyakrishnan (Borrower & Mortgagor) S/o. Subbiah No.65/27, Devarajan Street,3rd Floor Royapettah, Chennai – 600 014.
3. Mr.N Dhanavel (Guarantor) S/o. Mr.Natarajan No.46, Dr.Radhakrishnapuram Raja Annamalaipuram Greenway Road, Chennai – 600 028.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Specialized ARM Branch II, Chennai Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the 'Act') do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/s Venkateswara Litho Press represented by its Proprietor Mr.K.P.S.Krishnan alias Mr.K P Subbaiyakrishnan (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrowers") and Mr.K.P.S.Krishnan alias Mr.K P Subbaiyakrishnan** has availed credit facility stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

M/s. Venkateswara Litho Press represented by its Proprietor Mr.K.P.S.Krishnan alias Mr.K P Subbaiyakrishnan has also entered into agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on **05.05.2017.** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs. 4,76,21,071.14/- (Rupees Four Crores Seventy Six Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seventy One and Paise Fourteen Only) as on 01.11.2026** with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in supersession of the earlier Demand Notice Dated 29.08.2018, 03.05.2021 & 08.07.2017, and earlier issued notices under SARFAESI ACT Stands Withdrawn/Cancelled.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Courier / Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

SCHEDULE –A: [Details of the credit facilities availed by the Borrower]

Sl.No.	Loan Account No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Latest Sanction	Amount (in Rs.)
1	60147830000394	MORTGAGE LOAN	17/02/2016	1,15,00,000.00
2	60141400000126	MSME OD	24/02/2016	81,00,000.00
3	60147910002527	TERM LOAN	07/03/2016	45,00,000.00
			Total	2,41,00,000.00

SCHEDULE – B:

Details of Security Assets – Immovables Name of the Title Holder: Mr. K.P.S.KRISHNAN alias Mr.K P Subbaiyakrishnan & CERSAI Security Interest Id: 400085526406 All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 1260 sq.ft comprised in O.S.No.732 R.S.No.872 to 877 of Triplicane Village, New R.S.No.874/1, Block no.22 Mylapore – Triplicane Taluk, together with building measuring an extent of 2520 sq.ft consist of Ground and First floor bearing Door No 27, New Door No.5 Devaraja Mudali Street, Royapettah, Chennai 600014 owned by K P Subbaiyakrishnan and Bounded : On the North by Devaraja Mudali Street, On the South by Propoerty belonging to Noorudeeen Sahib, On the East by Property belonging to Moosamiyan Sahib, On the West by Property belonging to Gulam Mohideen Sahib. Situated within the Regisration District of Central Chennai and Sub-Regisration District of Triplicane.

SCHEDULE – C: Details of Liability as on 01/11/2026

Sl. No.	Loan Account No	Nature of Loan/ limit	Liability with Interest (in Rs)	Rate of Interest including penal Interest %
1	60147830000394	MORTGAGE LOAN	Rs. 1,79,18,241.08/-	11.85 + 2.00
2	60141400000126	MSME OD	Rs. 2,10,77,111.34/-	7.85 + 2.00
3	60147910002527	TERM LOAN	Rs. 86,25,718.72/-	10.85 + 2.00
Total	Rs. 4,76,21,071.14/- plus further interest and costs			

Place: Chennai ; Date : 07/11/2026 Authorised Officer / Canara Bank

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - CHENNAI, 55, Ethiraj Salai, Zonal Office Building II Floor, Wellington Estate, Egmore, Chennai - 08. Telephone : 044-28216711. email : asmb2chennai@indianbank.bank.in

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

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 below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the schedule mentioned immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of respective accounts of Indian Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of amount due specified for each of the accounts thereto, which is due to payable to the secured creditor, with further interest, costs, other charges and expenses thereon .

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) M/s. Shalom Paper and Boards Pvt. Ltd., (Borrower), Off No.14, Krishna Nagar Main Road, 2nd Street, Madipakkam, Keelkattalai, Chennai - 600 117. **(2) Mr. Mohanraj, (Director/Guarantor),** No.55A & 55B, II Avenue Sea Shore Town, Panaiyur, ECR, Chennai - 600 129. **(3) Mrs. Cynthia Mohan Raj, (Director/Guarantor),** No.55A & 55B, II Avenue Sea Shore Town, Panaiyur, ECR, Chennai - 600 129. **[Branch Name : Indian Bank, Tambaram East Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)].**

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 06.11.2026 : Rs.14,60,41,178.01 (Rupees Fourteen crores sixty lakhs forty one thousand one hundred seventy eight and paise one only) with further interest from 07.11.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Mortgaged Asset : All that piece and parcel of land comprised in Survey Nos.1/1 measuring Acre 1.50 Cents, 1/2 measuring Acre 1.90 Cents, 1/3 measuring Acre 0.52 Cents, 1/5 measuring Acre 2.12 Cents, 1/6 measuring Acre 1.60 Cents, 1/7 measuring Acre 0.56 Cents, total extent of Acre 8.20 Cents, situated at Gudupally Mandal, Pogurupalli Panchayat, Pogurupalli Revenue Village, undeveloped lands (UDL-2) situated at Industrial Park with semi finished building thereon. And situated within the Registration District of Chittoor and SRO of Kuppam. **Hypothecated Asset :** Various machineries installed in the above said property. **Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Physical.**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.979.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB67333720860	EMD : Rs.97.90 Lakhs

(Land and Building : Rs.370.00 Lakhs and Plant and Machinery : Rs.609.00 Lakhs) **GST and other statutory dues applicable as per rules.**

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) Mr. Ravi Rajendran, (Borrower/Mortgagor), S/o Mr. Perumal, No.542A, West Street, Okkanadu Melaiyur, Orathanadu Taluk, Okkanadumelayur (Part), Thanjavur, Tamilnadu - 614 625, **Also at :** Plot No.12 B, (Eastern side), "Times Square", East Coast Road, Muttukadu Village & Panchayat, Chengalpet Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Pincode - 603 112. **(2) Mr. Vasanth Balasundaram, (Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Balasundaram, No.3/133, South Street, Vaduvur Pudukottai, Thenpathi, Thiruvarur, Tamilnadu - 614 019, **Alternate Address :** Plot No.3, Annai Nagar, Thalavapalayam Road, Thanjavur - 613 501. **[Branch Name : Indian Bank, MEPZ Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)].** **AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 05.11.2026 : Rs.4,07,86,419.87 (Rupees Four crores seven lakhs eighty six thousand four hundred nineteen and paise eighty seven only)** with further interest from 06.11.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule A (Total Property) : All that piece parcel of land situated at residential Plot No.12, in "Times Square", Layout in Muttukadu Village, East Coast Road, Chengalpet District, Thirupporur Taluk, comprised in Old Survey No.99/20, Patta No.793, as per patta New Survey No. 99/20B1J, of an extent of 4 Grounds and 676 Sq. ft. (10276 Sq. ft.) duly approved by the Muttukadu Panchayat Union in Resolution No.75/2006-2007, dated 28.09.2006, Certificate of No Objection dated 28.09.2006 and regularized by the Special Officer, Muttukadu Panchayat, Thiruporur Panchayat Union under Regularization of unapproved Plots Scheme - 2017 through Na. Ka. No. 2970/2019/M1, dated 31.05.2019. In all total extent of 10276 Sq. ft. of land, situated within the previously Sub Registration District of Thiruporur and Registration District of Chengalpattu. **Schedule B (Land hereby conveyed) :** All that piece and parcel of Vacant land Villa bearing No.12B, in Sub-divided Plot No.12, in "Times Square", duly approved by the Muttukadu Panchayat Union in Resolution No.75/2006-2007, dated 28.09.2006, Certificate of No Objection dated 28.09.2006 and regularized by the Special Officer, Muttukadu Panchayat, Thiruporur Panchayat Union under Regularization of Unapproved Plots Scheme - 2017 through Na. Ka. No.2970/2019/A1, dated 31.05.2019, Plan Approved Resolution No.100/2011 dated on 15.02.2011, DTCP/P/0028471/2017, comprised in Old Survey No.99/20, Patta No.793, as per patta New Survey No. 99/20B1J, situated at "Muttukadu Village", Chengalpet District, Thirupporur Taluk, in all total extent measuring 5138 Sq. ft. of land (out of the above said total extent measuring 10276 Sq. ft.) on villa measuring built up area 3600 Sq. ft. inclusive of car parking, common area, swimming pool and others to be constructed in the Schedule A Property herein above. In all total extent measuring 5138 Sq. ft. of land, situated within the previously Sub Registration District of Thirupporur and Registration District of Chengalpattu. **Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Physical. CERSAI ID : 400073076273**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.350.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB7545330347	EMD : Rs.35.00 Lakhs

3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) M/s. KKA AND COMPANY, (Borrower), No.3 & 4, Ground Floor, Old No.11/2, New No.14, Francis Joseph Street, Parrys, Chennai - 600 001. **(2) Mr. Muzaffar Ibrahim, (Partner),** S/o Mohamed Mustafa, 101/3, 120, Pedariyar Koil Street Sevenwells, Chennai - 600 001. **(3) Mr. Najmudeen, (Partner/Guarantor),** S/o Karsar Ameer, No.73/2, Devaraj Street, Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005. **(4) Mrs. Hameedha Banu, (Guarantor),** W/o Najmudeen, No.73, Devaraj Street Triplicane, Chennai - 600 005. **(5) Mr. Mahabur Khan, (Guarantor),** S/o Asadh, 43,Unis Ali Street, Ellis Road, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002. **[Branch Name : Indian Bank, Porur Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)].** **AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 05.11.2026 : Rs.3,31,71,115.81 (Rupees Three crores thirty one lakhs seventy one thousand one hundred fifteen and paise eighty one only)** with further interest from 06.11.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of house, ground and premises bearing New Door No.43, Old No.21, Unis Ali Sahib Street, (as per Corporation Tax Assessment Unis Ali Sahib Street), Chennai - 600 002, comprised in O.S. No.265, R.S. No.162/2 and present R.S. No.162/7, Block No.4 of Triplicane Village, Mylapore-Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District, admeasuring a total extent of 1395 Square feet and as per Patta 1394 Square feet. Situated within the Sub Registration District of Triplicane and Registration District of Chennai Central. **Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Symbolic. ASSET ID : 200040065107**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.266.00 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6894083190	EMD : Rs.26.60 Lakhs

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) M/s. Affan Exports (Borrower), Partners : Mr. A. Imrankhan Abdulrasidhu and Mr. Abdul Rajak, Reg. Off : No.71/35, Wuthucattan Street, Shop No.3, Periamet, Chennai - 600 003, **Also at :** No.17, Ground Floor, Thoppai Street, Chennai - 600 003, **Also at :** No.5A/2, Bengali Market Street, Dindigul - 624 001. **(2) Mr. A. Imrankhan Abdulrasidhu, (Partner/Mortgagor/ Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Abdulrasidhu, No.1E, Pallivasal Street, Oddanchatram, Virupakshi, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu - 624 614. **(3) Mr. Abdul Rajak, (Partner/Guarantor),** S/o Mr. Abdul Salam, No.1/45, Vinayagar Kovil Street, Oddanchatram, Virupakshi, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu - 624 614. **[Branch Name : Indian Bank, T. Nagar Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)].** **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 06.11.2026 : Rs.5,66,14,526.50 (Rupees Five crores sixty six lakhs fourteen thousand five hundred twenty six and paise fifty only)** with further interest from 07.11.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Mortgaged Asset owned by Mr. A. Imran Khan : Dindigul Registration District, Dindigul Joint 1 Sub Registration District, Dindigul Town, 2nd Ward, Bengali Market Street, Block No.11, Old TS No.404, New TS No.404/3. Land with building bearing Door No.5A/2, No.078/012/01781, Old House Tax No.078/20145, New House Tax No.078/012/01026 with RCC 1st Floor building. Measuring - East West 77 feet on the Northern side, East West 63 feet on the Southern side, North South 25 feet on the Western side and 23 ½ feet on the Eastern side, in all measuring 1697 ½ Sq. ft. of land with RCC building of 1536 Sq. ft. in Ground Floor, RCC building of 1536 Sq. ft. in First Floor, RCC building of 1536 Sq. ft. in Second Floor and 210 Sq. ft. RCC 3rd floor building with building materials, doors, window and back door. S C No.05-220-002-2661, 2692, 2693 with electrical fittings, wiring connections and deposit amount along with municipal water pipe connection No.078/012/00878, 078/012/00879 with water connection and deposit amount with bore well connection including 1 ½ HP electric motor pump and other items. **Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Subsequent attachment by GST for the above property. . TYPE OF POSSESSION : Physical.**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.145.50 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6949441138	EMD : Rs.14.55 Lakhs

5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS : (1) M/s. Precipual Components Pvt. Ltd., (Borrower), Represented by its Directors : Mrs. M. Bagawathy & Mr. N. Udhaya Kumar, Regd. Office : No.324, 2nd Cross Street, Nehru Nagar, Kottivakkam, Chennai - 96. **(2) Mrs. M. Bagawathy, (Director/ Gurantor),** W/o Mr. Mahesh, Door No.1243, 1st Floor, 13th Main Road, Anna Nagar West, Chennai - 600 040, **Also at :** No.27, Flat No.3A, Ramaniyam Aptt., 80th Street, 18th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Chennai - 83. **(3) Mr. N. Udhaya Kumar, (Director/Guarantor/Mortgagor),** S/o Late R. Narayanasamy Naidu, RB-18, Springfield Rivera, Pattanam-Itteri Road, Ondipudur, Coimbatore - 641 016, **Also at :** Door No.1032, Nandhi Royale Apartments, 4th B Main, 4th Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 043. **(4) Mr. Mahesh K, (Guarantor),** Door No.1243, 1st Floor, 13th Main Road, Anna Nagar West, Chennai - 600 040, **Also at :** No.27, Flat No.3A, Ramaniyam Aptt., 80th Street, 18th Avenue, Ashok Nagar, Chennai - 83. **[Branch Name : Indian Bank, North Usman Road Branch (now transferred to SAM Branch, Chennai)].** **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 06.11.2026 : Rs.2,64,64,837.88 (Rupees Two crores sixty four lakhs sixty four thousand eight hundred thirty seven and paise eighty eight only)** with further interest from 07.11.2026 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule A - Item 1 : In Coimbatore Registration District, Peelamedu Sub Reg. Dist., Coimbatore Taluk, Ramanathapuram Village, at Kamatchiamman Koil Street, an extent of 1 Acre 14 Cents 242.8 Sq. ft in S.F. No.319/2, S.F. No.320/1 (New T.S No.186). Totally 1 Acre 14 Cents 242.8 Sq. ft. of land. In this as per Patta Pass Book No.092840-0.99 Cents 431.60 Sq. ft. (or) 43556 Sq. ft. (or) 4046.45 Sq. metre of land. **Item 2 :** In Coimbatore Registration District, Peelamedu Sub Reg. Dist., Coimbatore Taluk, Ramanathapuram Village, at Kamatchiamman Koil Street, Old S.F. No.320/1B (New T.S No.186) an extent of 3192 Sq. ft. of site. In this middle - East West on the North : 48 feet, East West on the South : 48 feet, North South on the East : 66 feet 6 inches, North South on the West : 66 feet 6 inches. Totally 3192 Sq. ft. (or) 296.54 Sq. metre (or) 7 Cents and 140 Sq. ft. of the site together with the common right of way in all the layout roads and common right in the common amenities of the layout. **Schedule B :** In the land set out in the Schedule A above an undivided share of 578.78 Sq. ft. or 53.76 Sq. meter of land along with the apartment/flat bearing Flat No.D S3 on the Second Floor in D Block having a super built up area of about 1411.65 Sq. ft. along with one reserved covered car parking, in the residential complex called "CITY PALMS" belonging to Mr. N. Udhaya Kumar. **Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Nil. TYPE OF POSSESSION : Physical.**

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.58.43 Lakhs	Bid increment : Rs.50,000/-	PROPERTY ID NO. : IDIB6676095887	EMD : Rs.5.84 Lakhs

Date and Time of Inspection of the Properties and related documents : 18.11.2026 to 19.11.2026 between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION : 27.11.2026 FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 4.00 P.M.

Last Date for submission of Tender form/EMD : 27.11.2026

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GOLD*
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Falling crude, FII flows may lift ₹ by year-end

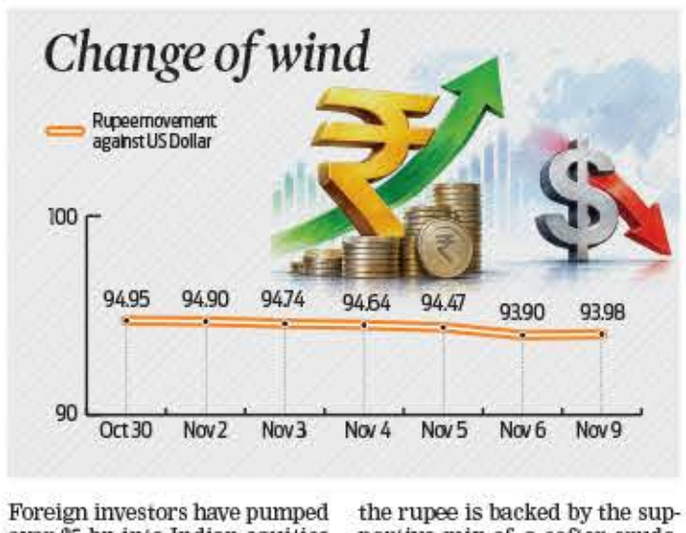
Experts say AI sell-off abroad too has aided the currency as investors reassess investments in emerging markets

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @Mumbai

A BATTERED rupee could reverse its course and strengthen to 92.50-93 levels against the US dollar by end of this year helped by renewed foreign investor inflows, falling international crude prices and political uncertainty in the US following the mid-term poll outcome, said analysts.

Also, a heavy unwinding of AI-trade in major global markets have made emerging markets including India favourable for foreign investors, they said.

The rupee has gained 3% from its life-time low of 96.98 against the dollar hit on May 20 this year. On Monday, the local unit ended at 93.74, up 0.12% from the previous close, emerging as one of Asia's best-performing currencies last week after moving past the 94 mark.



Foreign investors have pumped over $5 bn into Indian equities in November, partly reversing the $35.5 bn they pulled out between January 1 and October 30.

"The ongoing appreciation of the rupee is backed by the supportive mix of a softer crude, easing yields and renewed foreign inflows following the US midterm elections," said Dilip Parmar, currency research analyst at HDFC Securities. Parmar sees immediate support for the rupee at 93.50 and resistance at 94.30.

To support the rupee, the Reserve Bank of India had announced a mix of measures including launching a dollar swap scheme and measures to curb dollar outflows early this year. These measures too have partly helped the rupee to trade steady.

Anindya Banerjee, Head of commodities research at Kotak Neo, expects the rupee to strengthen to 92.50-93 by December and potentially touch 92 by March, provided geopolitical tensions in West Asia do not escalate. "The rupee is in a sweet spot now. The biggest risk for the currency is crude oil, and prices could remain subdued amid changing political dynamics in the US," he said.

Banerjee said foreign investors had returned to Indian equities as global investors reassessed their exposure to technology-heavy markets such as the US, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. On Thursday, foreign investors made net equity purchases of $1.6 bn, their biggest single-day buying in nearly six years, he added.

Brent crude prices fell nearly 20% last week amid expectations that US President Donald Trump could seek an end to the Iran conflict following his party's losses in the midterm elections.

Amit Pabari, managing director of CR Forex Advisors, also sees further room for appreciation. With the rupee moving below 94, the likelihood of a recovery towards 93.50 and 93 has increased, he said. The immediate resistance for the dollar-rupee pair is at 94.40-94.50.

Huang's fall from grace puts Nvidia in spotlight

SUNITHA NATTI @Hyderabad

JENSEN Huang, Nvidia's CEO, was widely celebrated as the Silicon Valley superstar or the Taylor Swift of the tech world. But as details of his scandal with a suspected Chinese spy emerged, he went from a corporate idol to a compromised tech titan overnight. The extramarital affairs of billionaires or celebrities are often passable popcorn entertainment, but in Huang's case, national security concerns add a much juicier plot twist.

The 63-year-old, referred to endearingly as 'Old Huang' in Taiwan (loosely translated into English as 'Daddy Huang'), was recently seen snacking on street food and loving every bite of it! As he moved from one joint to another, techies mogged him for selfies and even shared snacks with him.

'The guy in the leather jacket,' as he called himself, has a fan following across Asia that could perhaps make even K-pop stars envious. In fact, his signature leather jacket was recently sold for nearly $1 million at a Sotheby's charity auction, with the price far exceeding typical celebrity attire auctions.

Now, with Huang admitting his mistake and publicly apologizing, all of this fandom is coming to naught. Just like good guys turning bad in a movie sequel, the commentary overloading social media circuits features users jokingly referring to his partner as 'the spy who loved me,' riffing that 'Huang gets smitten by Huang and rest is tragedy,' and so on.

This undignified spectacle shows how one of the world's richest people, with an estimated wealth of over $160 billion according to Forbes, can fall from grace overnight. The impact on the overall semiconductor sector and the Artificial Intelligence (AI) market needs to be seen as well.

The pertinent question now is whether Huang will face the corporate firing squad, and who could take over if he steps down. Given that he is deeply involved in product roadmaps, partnerships with major customers, and communications with US authorities on export policy, the market now has to reprice that dependence, according to Stacy Rasgon, an analyst with Bernstein.

US President Donald Trump has publicly backed Jensen, so has the company's board--all while an independent investigation has been initiated. Another view circulating is that Huang's affair wasn't really a secret in the AI compute industry, with details emerging on public platforms as early as June.



Alice Huang, a Chinese national also known as Huang Le, is a former senior executive at Singapore-based data centre Megaspeed, which reportedly purchased advanced AI equipment containing Nvidia chips worth at least $4.8 billion between June 2024 and February 2026. US investigators suspect that some this equipment could have been diverted to China through overseas data centres.

A classified government memo reportedly linked Alice Huang to China's Ministry of State Security (MSS), while US agencies intercepted communications involving her and Jensen Huang, about which Trump was reportedly briefed. What's baffling is why no action was initiated until now.

A Congressional briefing is set for November 18, where three Republican House committee chairs will grill Jensen in a closed-door meeting to determine if the company's confidential information or US national security has been compromised.

Sensex, Nifty recover on FII buying

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

The Indian equity markets held on to their bullish momentum on Monday, with benchmark indices recovering around one per cent from the day's lows to close in positive territory. The recovery was supported by renewed foreign fund inflows, the unwinding of the AI trade in US markets and the outcome of the US midterm elections.

Apart from global factors, speculation in political circles in Delhi that the Narendra Modi government may relax rules governing long-term capital gains tax and securities transaction tax (STT) has also fuelled optimism in the domestic market, potentially drawing more investors. Softer crude oil prices, which fell below $100 per barrel, provided further relief. This is significant for India, which imports around 85-90% of its crude oil requirements.In a volatile session, the Sensex gained 107.25 points, or 0.13%, to close at 81,106.65, while the Nifty50 rose 58.25 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 25,044.65. During intraday trade, the Sensex had fallen to 80,519.31, while the Nifty touched a low of 24,838.75. The recovery came despite concerns over profit booking following the recent rally.

Experts remained optimistic. "Several tailwinds, including a strong earnings outlook, lower crude oil prices and the prospect of slower AI-related capex globally, continue to support the market," said Siddhartha Khemka, head of research, wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

"Hopes of an end to the conflict involving Iran have led to a sharp correction in crude oil prices, while India's limited exposure to the AI trade has shielded domestic stocks from the global technology sell-off," he added. Brent crude declined nearly 16% last week and traded around $98 per barrel on Monday.

Centre likely to ease e-comm rules to help SMEs scale exports

PUSHPITA DEY @New Delhi

PURCHASING pure handcrafted brass kitchenware from a small shop in Jaipur or authentic black earthenware from a local entrepreneur in Manipur while abroad is a long and arduous process. If the government's recent efforts take root, Indian MSMEs may soon be able to sell such goods through e-commerce platforms directly to foreign buyers without much hassle.

The government is likely to ease several regulatory requirements for e-commerce platforms and make it easier for the small and medium enterprises to scale up their exports, sources aware of the matter said. The centre is pushing both the global and domestic e-commerce players to handhold small businesses into the export markets, getting them integrated closely with the existing export promotion council framework.

India has set a target of $200-300 bn in e-commerce exports by 2030. The commerce ministry already signed an MoU with Amazon last year asking the e-commerce giant to integrate its export navigator tool within DGFT's Trade Connect portal to help small and medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs understand export compliance requirements.

"E-commerce remains one of our priorities alongside district level exports and if both these can be enhanced simultaneously, it will benefit the overall Indian exports. We are pushing the e-commerce platforms to reach out to the exporters and build more awareness especially among the district exporters to help them get on-boarded. We have asked the states to invite the e-commerce platforms, be it the domestic players or the global players to help the exporters scale up and transit a domestic business to an exporter," said an official.

A few months ago, the Centre had relaxed some provisions. For instance, in July, it allowed foreign-funded e-commerce companies to operate an inventory-based model exclusively for exports purposes, which was previously restricted under the foreign direct investment (FDI) policy. In the last Budget, the government also removed the ₹10-lakh per-consignment value cap on courier exports so that small businesses, artisans and startups can access global markets through e-commerce channels. "Ease of doing business remains a continuous process. E-commerce expansion remains a priority, alongside greater utilisation of free trade agreements (FTAs). Awareness building is also in focus to ensure better utilisation of these agreements," the official said.

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- 10 lakh consignment cap on courier exports removed last budget
- Regulatory hurdles, logistics costs and limited awareness remain key barriers



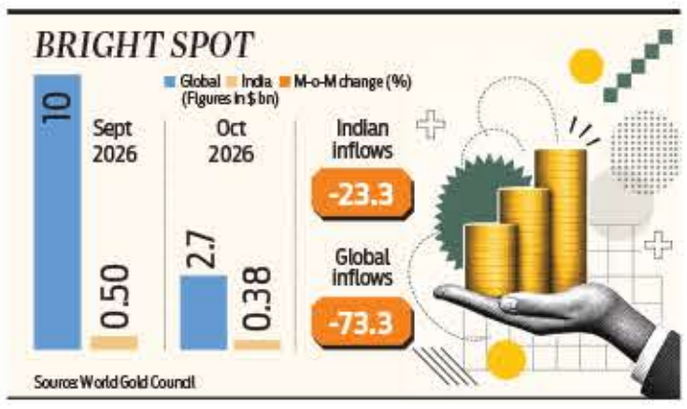
India's gold ETF inflows buck global trend on festive demand

ANISHAA KUMAR @Mumbai

INDIA'S gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) continued to attract investor money in October supported by domestic demand, festival-season buying, and lower prices. This occurred despite a moderation in inflows from the last month and a steeper fall in fresh investments in the global ETF market.

A gold ETF is a passively managed instrument that invests in gold and tracks its domestic market price. Its units are traded on stock exchanges, just like company shares.

Gold is typically seen as a safe-haven asset in times of economic uncertainty, and central banks buy gold as part of their reserves. International gold prices have fallen around 5.4% year to date.



Indian gold ETFs received inflows of $380.5 mn in October, compared with $496.2 mn in September, marking a decline of 23.3%.

Globally, the fall was significantly sharper, with inflows dropping 73.3% to $2.66 bn from $9.95 bn in the previous month.

India's share of global gold ETF inflows climbed to 14.3% in October from around 5% in September. Indian ETFs added 2.5 tonnes during the month, compared with 3.1 tonnes in September, while their collective holdings increased to 126.6 tonnes as of October 31 from 124.4 tonnes a month earlier, data from the World Gold Council (WGC) showed.

Gold ETF buying continued despite restrictions on fresh subscriptions to some gold fund-of-funds (FoF) schemes by domestic mutual funds in mid-October and a fluctuation in gold prices.

During mid-October, nearly two dozen AMCs announced they were suspending subscriptions for the gold ETF FoFs. While the AMCs officially have not reported a reason, sources told The Financial Standard that the restrictions came on advice from Sebi.

The WGC, in its October commentary, noted that India saw sustained buying despite the temporary suspension of fresh FoF subscriptions. Direct investments in gold ETFs remain open.

"The correction in gold prices has encouraged private investors to accumulate the metal for portfolio diversification," said Anindya Banerjee, head of currency and commodity research at Kotak Neo, adding festival-season buying helped support the demand.

Netra Despande, a research analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan concurred, saying the festive season and a shift from physical to financial gold had supported domestic demand.



MakeMyTrip India arm gets Sebi nod for IPO

NASDAQ-LISTED travel booking platform MakeMyTrip's India subsidiary has received Sebi's approval to launch an initial public offering (IPO), according to an update on the markets regulator's website on Monday.

MakeMyTrip (India) Ltd (MMT India) had filed draft papers with Sebi in July through the confidential route. After examining the draft documents, the regulator issued its final observations on November 6.

Sebi's observations mark an important step in the IPO process, allowing the company to proceed with preparations for its public issue, subject to applicable regulatory requirements. The proposed IPO is expected to comprise a sale of equity shares in MMT India by its parent, MakeMyTrip, and its wholly owned subsidiary, ibibo Group Holdings (Singapore) Pte Ltd, the Gurugram-headquartered company said in a regulatory filing with Nasdaq.

Following the completion of the proposed IPO, MMT India will continue to remain a subsidiary of MakeMyTrip, with its financial results continuing to be consolidated with those of the parent company. *PTI*

Trai sets charge limits for IP-based interlinks

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has capped annual charges for IP ports used in telecom interconnection at ₹5.6 lakh per 1 Gbps port and ₹42.3 lakh per 10 Gbps port.

The prescribed ceilings form part of the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, released on Monday and effective from January 1, 2027.

"The definition of 'port' has been revised to include both legacy E1 ports (2.048 Mbps) and IP ports, with bandwidth expressed in Mbps or Gbps," Trai said.

The annual ceilings on IP-port charges have been prescribed at ₹5.6 lakh per 1 Gbps IP port, and ₹42.3 lakh per 10 Gbps IP port, it said. Providers and seekers can agree to charges below these ceilings.

They can also agree on other port capacities, with charges set using the same methodology as for the 1 Gbps and 10 Gbps ports.

"IP-port charges apply uniformly across fixed-line, mobile, national long-distance and international long-distance services. The charges prescribed earlier shall continue to apply only to E1 ports," Trai said. To enforce compliance, Trai has prescribed a graded financial disincentive framework. The penalty is capped at ₹15 lakh per service area for each instance of contravention of specified provisions. Amendment follows a review that began with a pre-consultation paper on April 3, 2025. *PTI*

Steelmakers face a tougher test after Q2 rebound

RITWIK MUKHERJEE @Kolkata

INDIA'S leading steelmakers reported a broad-based earnings recovery in the September quarter FY27, driven by resilient domestic demand and higher sales volumes. But sustaining the momentum may prove harder as rising coking coal costs threaten margins and large expansion plans could stretch balance sheets.

Tata Steel led in absolute earnings, with consolidated revenue up 11.5% year-on-year to ₹65,436 crore and EBITDA up 17% to ₹10,665 crore. Its domestic business posted a 25% EBITDA margin, while deliveries rose 9% sequentially to 7.92 million tonnes.

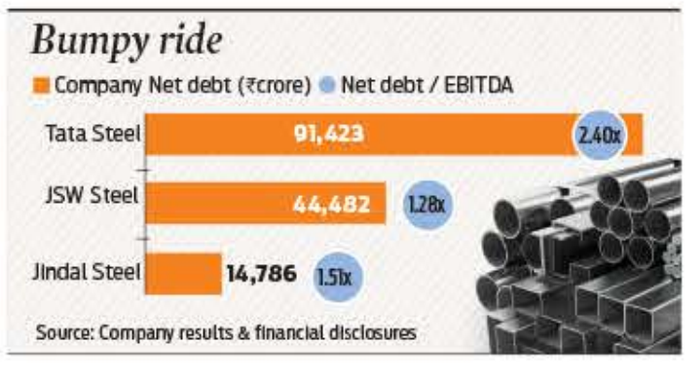
JSW Steel's net profit more than tripled to ₹5,279 crore on revenue of ₹54,486 crore, with sales up 13% to a record 7.46 million tonnes. SAIL's standalone net profit rose to ₹1,774 crore from ₹427 crore on revenue of ₹31,998 crore. Jindal Steel reported revenue of ₹16,704 crore, up 43%, and adjusted EBITDA of ₹2,504 crore, up 34%.

Domestic consumption has driven the recovery, with Indian steel demand expected to grow 7-8% in FY27, supported by construction and infrastructure activity, according to sector estimates cited by Reuters.

But input costs pose a risk. Coking coal accounts for nearly 40% of steel production costs. Crisil Ratings expects coking coal and other input costs to rise 5-7% in FY27, pushing overall production costs up by around ₹2,000 per tonne to ₹53,000-54,000.

JSW expects coking coal prices to rise another $25 per tonne in the October-December quarter. Higher domestic steel prices and safeguard duties could partly offset the increase.

Expansion plans add to the pressure. JSW has budgeted ₹22,000-24,000 crore in FY27 capex, within a ₹1.26 lakh crore investment pipeline over four to five years. Jindal Steel plans ₹7,500-10,000 crore in capex, while SAIL will invest ₹1.2 lakh crore over FY27-FY31 to raise capacity from 20 million tonnes to 35 million tonnes. Tata Steel is expanding Neelachal Ispat Nigam and downstream facilities.



Tata Steel reported net debt of ₹91,423 crore and a net debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 2.4 times at September-end. CFO Koushik Chatterjee said it was comfortable at 2.3-2.4 times and expected to keep the ratio below 3 times.

Jindal Steel's net debt stood at ₹14,786 crore, with a ratio of 1.51 times, providing some headroom for expansion, according to Nomura.

NZ call in Clarke as Tickner's cover for ODIs

Fast bowler Kristian Clarke has been called up to the New Zealand squad as cover for Blair Tickner ahead of the third ODI against India on Tuesday as the home team battles multiple injury concerns in the ongoing series. Pacer Lockie Ferguson has been ruled out of the fourth and fifth ODIs after failing to fully recover from his calf injury.

Acrimonious SOM election over, focus on Gagan as president next

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs) election turned into one of the most significant one before the final election on December 5. Current IOA president PT Usha lost the SOM election which surprised her camp as well. They were not expecting her to finish fifth. Until about the day of withdrawal, she was supposed to be one of the front-runners for the post of IOA president, but things started to take an expected turn after the withdrawals were finalised.

As of Saturday, Usha was expected to run for the president's post but with the latest turn of events, London Olympic medallist Gagan Narang is now one of the favourites to run for the top post. Among the four females who have won the SOM election on Monday, Saina Nehwal seems to be in the running for the president's post. With Saina already added to the Commonwealth Games organizing committee, it may be unlikely that she would be running for president. One thing that could have irked the Usha team was the way the whole episode was handled.

There have been allegations of unfair elections. But the Returning Officer was pleased with the effort. IOA RO Sanjay Kumar Srivastava said that he followed every rule to the T. He acknowledged that there were complaints on Sunday from both sides – IOA president Usha and the other side where four female SOMs were contesting as New Bharat Panel. Last night around 7-8pm the RO received complaints from Usha and her opposition. Two sets of complaints were registered. One set of complaints was that a group of four people was formed and they formed a WhatsApp group. He said that some of them were EC members. Secondly, there were allegations that a section was trying to influence voting and asking voters to assemble at certain locations.

The RO said that he issued directives as soon as he heard of those allegations. Srivastava said that he made sure there were no proxy votings and he was open to anyone checking who cast votes for whom. In the meantime, there were WhatsApp messages sent by Dola Bannerjee to vote for the four of them. The RO said that they have a foolproof method of voting and no one could have voted without them knowing their location. "It was a secret ballot and we maintained the secrecy," he said, adding that if anyone wanted to check validity they are welcome as records would be available in case of discrepancy. The RO had issued a notice for calling nominations for members attending the general assembly on December 5 where the election would take place. By the look of it, IOA might have new EC members.

The current vice president of the IOA, Gagan, seemed to be the frontrunner from the SOM side for the president's post. One must also be mindful of the fact that there are quite a few elections left before the IOA one. Also it depends on how the national sports federation acts. There are quite a few names but according to the IOA constitution, SOMs always have a better chance. For anyone who is eligible to contest election, the person has to be an office bearer for at least one term. Nomination through NSFs also is possible and there are strong candidates including the likes of Badminton Association of India president Himanta Biswa Sarma, Archery association president Arjun Munda and the likes. It needs to be seen if the government would be comfortable with such an arrangement. Then there are the All India Football Federation and Hockey India. Whatever it is, there will be a wholesale change in the IOA and its executive committee.

INDIA CLIMBS MOUNT 100 IN CHESS

22-year-old Shrivatri, a self-taught player from MP, becomes 100th GM from the country

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Budapest

THE Indian chess ecosystem keeps producing positive headlines. On Sunday, just as the country was celebrating Deepavali, Anuj Shrivatri, a player from Madhya Pradesh, became the 100th Grandmaster.

For at least a few months, this number has been whispered in chess circles up and down the corridors of the game. Now that it's officially here, how did India get to 100 GMs? Almost 40 years ago, when Viswanathan Anand became the first Indian to wear that title, it was considered aspirational for many chess players.

These days? It has become de rigueur.

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When this daily had asked Anand the question of 100 GMs earlier this year, this is what he had to say.

"I don't know if 100 is going to be that much more significant than 99," he had remarked. "Yes, from 90 to 100 you can say that it was pretty amazing (the pace). Could have celebrated 98 or 99 as well but 100 is also a nice number, three digits. Why do we have anniversaries? It's nice." The pace. That's the one thing that has been truly outstanding in India's recent bull run in the board game. From Anand in late 1987 to Raunak Sadhwani becoming the 65th GM, it had taken over 30 years. Yet, India has averaged around 5 GMs per year over the last six years. If you were to consider from the beginning of 2025, Shrivatri is the 15th to earn



Anuj Shrivatri is a self-coached chess player who became GM | X/CHESSBASE INDIA

that title.

Shrivatri, the first ever from Madhya Pradesh to become a GM, has some story to tell. At a time when teenagers are dropping out of school to become GMs as a 13-year-old, the 22-year-old took the scenic route to the top. It included eschewing the chance to settle abroad. He earned his third and final GM norm by winning the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Championship on Sunday. Typically, a lot of teenagers hire the best coaches, travel the world to try and earn those titles and progress up the ranks as soon as possible. Shrivatri's was different. He's self thought. Swayams Mishra, a highly respected coach, told this daily that: "I am particularly happy for someone like Anuj, who is self trained and has achieved this milestone without following the conventional path of becoming a GM as a teenager. It is not easy for players in such circumstances, especially with the additional pressure they face."Stories like Shrivatri is what has helped turbocharge India's push to 100 GMs. At one point of time, the game was played in specific pockets. Not anymore. Young parents are seeing opportunities and consider it as a viable career for their kids.

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Chess wasn't always like this, both in terms of opportunities as well as accessibility. But the pandemic changed the perception overnight. When every other sport suffered children turned to chess, especially games online.

Vaibhav Suri, a GM and R Praggnanandhaa's coach, picks up the story. "Every single GM title comes with its own set of stories about growth, accomplishment and endurance," he told this mast. "It's quite heartening to see the Indian chess ecosystem grow rapidly.

"I think that period (around the pandemic) saw a lot of people sharing their knowledge, be it through courses, YouTube or content. Overall, the level of play has gone up in the last couple of years. Earlier, when a young player used to reach 10th or 12th standard, they would have to take a decision to prioritise academics or chess and generally it made more sense to stick to a safer approach with academics. I think seeing interest and support growing in chess also attracts players to take up chess a bit more seriously."

It's the same theory Srinath Narayanan, a GM and somebody who has worked with Arjun Erigaisi, has espoused on multiple occasions. "It showcases the immense depth of our country," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

WHAT THEY SAID

I think it's an incredible achievement. Very proud of it. Showcases the immense depth of our country.
Srinath Narayanan

Hopefully this encourages kids and others to take up chess in whatever way possible and the game grows through more participation, interest and enthusiasm.
Vaibhav Suri

It's amazing that Indian chess has grown by leaps and bounds. We should now make sure these 100 GMs can be seen playing in India as well. Quality tournaments are the need of the hour.
RB Ramesh

When I started playing chess, the number of Grandmasters in India was very limited. To see that number reach 100 today reflects how far Indian chess has evolved over the years. It is a result of the hard work of generations of players, coaches, parents and the support system that has developed around the game.
Koneru Humpy

I expect many more players to achieve this milestone as Indian chess continues to progress. Chess is getting popular, more opportunities, and more people have taken chess seriously in India.
Swayams Mishra

Shubman and Co hope for game time amidst rain scare

GOMESH S @ Chennai

WHEN India decided that their Test regulars would leave the ODI squad to prepare for the red-ball matches after the third 50-over contest, they would not have expected things to go the way it has so far. India, despite the 2-0 lead, have had all of 38.4 overs in the middle as a batting unit due to rain. And now, amidst the rain threat looming over the third match in Hamilton, things are not looking good.

Which is why, Shubman Gill and Co would be hoping that the weather stays clear and they get some time in the middle against New Zealand on Tuesday. In the first two matches, India batted second and some of them struggled to get going. Gill got off to a good start in the first match, but could not convert. In the second, he fell for a first ball duck. Virat Kohli was at his imperious best in Auckland, however, he too, could not stay on in Wellington. Rohit Sharma, meanwhile, looked in good touch in the second match after an early dismissal in the first. Axar Patel could not make an impact so far too and KL Rahul, with limited opportunities, is yet to get out in the series.

However, Tuesday might be the last chance for the likes of Gill and Rahul to get some time in the middle before shifting their attention towards Test preparations. The other three among the top five will stay on with Shreyas Iyer leading the side, but it remains to be seen whether India would finally choose to bat first if they win the toss or go for the chase with forecast in mind. In saying that, the team management does not seem to be worried too much about the conditions. In fact, batting coach Sitanshu Kotak felt the challenging conditions India have faced so far would be good preparation for the batters. "The wickets in both one-dayers had swing, and after 4-6 overs once the swing stopped there was seam movement. You could say there was a little bit of awkward bounce too. So in hindsight, it's a good thing because these exact same things can come up in a Test match, only the ball will be red," Kotak told reporters ahead of the third ODI. "Yes, the intent and mindset in a one-dayer will be that of a one-dayer. But one thing is that regarding these guys' wickets — thicker grass, 12-14 mm grass, and the conditions — you can get an idea even in one-dayers. Though it might be greener in Test matches, the wicket isn't this green usually in one-dayers, but it's quite a good condition to play. It is challenging; a 140-run match is happening, so it's not like a 300-run match is happening. It's a good thing I think," he added.

Kotak also felt that the shadow tour of India A team — Rahul played a game before joining the ODI setup while Yashasvi Jaiswal and a few are still with the team — would prove to be an advantage. "Three India A matches are also being played by our red-ball players, so that is also a big advantage for batters, but at the same time for bowlers too, because they would also know where to bowl, what lengths, how much hitting or releasing gets what help."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CAN INDIA SEAL SERIES?

ALREADY 2-0 UP, VISITORS WILL LOOK TO GAIN AN UNASSAILABLE LEAD IN THE FIVE-ODI SERIES. A LOOK...

WILL ISHAN PLAY?

One of the anticipations going into the series was whether Ishan Kishan will continue to be looked at as a middle-order option. So far, India have gone with Axar Patel at No 5 but that has not worked. It might be time for Kishan to get a game.

NZ STREAK UNDER THREAT

The Black Caps have won the last 11 ODI bilateral series at home. In fact, their previous series defeat was to India in 2019. Now, if they lose to India on Tuesday, it will bring an end to a streak that has lasted seven years. New Zealand would not want that.

New Zealand vs India, Hamilton, Live on Sony Sports Network, 7.30AM



KL Rahul and Shubman Gill will start Test match preps from Nov 11 | BCCI

Jemimah, Amanjot back; Patil left out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

STAR batter Jemimah Rodrigues and all-rounder Amanjot Kaur are set to make a comeback in South Africa next month as the BCCI announced the India squad for the multi-format tour on Monday. Meanwhile, off-spinning all-rounder Shreyanka Patil, who was left out of the Zimbabwe T20Is, continues to miss out.

Rodrigues and Kaur has been out of action for several months due to injury. Rodrigues was going through a hamstring injury while Kaur has recovered from the back injury. Both of them recently made a comeback in the senior women's T20 trophy for their respective teams.



Jemimah Rodrigues

Meanwhile, the surprise exclusion of Patil has once again raised eyebrows. The off-spinner, who took four wickets in the Asian Games including a 2/9 in the final, was left out for Minnu Mani during the Zimbabwe T20Is at home. Minnu did not play a single game and is now not named in any of the squads for the South Africa tour. And yet, Patil was once again overlooked despite playing a crucial part in Karnataka entering the knockouts of the senior women's Trophy with 13 wickets in six matches, including two fifers.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Youth Oly medal 'just the beginning'

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

IN her free time, 15-year-old badminton player Tanvi Patri indulges in building lego blocks, playing dominoes and other puzzles. In her time in China, she was figure skating at weekends, something she believed has helped her with the flexibility while playing the sport.

While putting together lego blocks brings her joy, she recently placed an important block in her career — a Youth Olympics medal in badminton, which no Indian woman has ever won before. But life has not been easy for her in the past 12 months as she was forced to spend more time in the medical room than the courts. Injuries to knee and hamstring late last year and a disc bulge earlier this year, she has already had her share of injuries at such a young age. But Tanvi was not going to let her year be filled with regrets.



Tanvi Patri

The 15-year-old seized the opportunity despite battling sickness and poor lodging in Dakar, Senegal and captured silver. She went down to Chinese Junior World champion Zhang Yi Xin 21-15, 13-21, 24-26 in the final. "Before going, I only got to train for two days. If I played positively from the start, I could have won. But with the silver, I knew this was just the beginning. I should be focusing on the Olympics. I was happy with my performance, because I gave my best and did not give up," she said in a virtual interaction facilitated by Badminton Association of India (BAI).

Her association with the sport began in China at seven, "I used to go with my father to play doubles and then we met one coach, I think then he told us to join his academy, so it started like that," she recalled. But what convinced her to take badminton up full-time? "I just went for an open tournament there, and I think I lost.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Rajkumar cracks century in Bunts CC's victory

ENS @ Chennai

K RAJKUMAR'S ton (119) helped Bunts CC beat Rising Stars CC by 31 runs in a Second Division match of the TNCA league. **Brief scores:** Southern Railway Institute 161 in 44 ovs (Shaik Jani Basha 37 n.o, Akshay V Srinivasan 3/18) **lost to** Alwarpet CC 162/4 in 29.3 ovs (N Niranjan 67); Coromandel SC 182 in 49.3 ovs (ST Natarajan 47) **bt** Crombest RC 120 in 38.5 ovs (L Sonu Singh 3/12); Bunts CC 228 in 46.3 ovs (K Rajkumar 119, S Mathivanan 4/45) **bt** Rising Stars CC 197/9 in 50 ovs (B Swadesh 45; SJ Arun Kumar 4/40).

SRM Institute volley champs

SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, emerged as the champions in the All India volleyball tournament held in Hassan, Karnataka. In the final SRMIST beat Mangalore Friends 25-23, 26-24, 25-18.

Results: Final: SRMIST **bt** Mangalore Friends 25-23, 26-24, 25-18; Semifinals: SRMIST **bt** Danger Boys, Chennai 25-23, 22-25, 25-23. Knock-out round: SRMIST **bt** Bishop Moore College 25-23, 25-22. **Final standings:** 1. SRMIST; 2. Mangalore Friends; 3. Kerala Spikers; 4. Danger Boys.

EXPRESS READ

Suryakumar to lead Mumbai in SMAT

MUMBAI: Former India captain Suryakumar Yadav was named Mumbai skipper for the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy which begins on November 14. Mumbai are placed in Elite Group D along with Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Hyderabad, Odisha, Uttarakhand, and Vidarbha. Suryakumar was in line for Mumbai captaincy in white-ball tournaments in case if Shreyas Iyer was not available.

Gatha exits in Q/Fs after shoot-off heartbreak

DAKAR: India's lone archer at the Youth Olympics, Gatha Khadake, bowed out of the women's individual recurve U-18 competition after losing a shoot-off to sixth seed Yeeun Whang of the USA in a closely fought quarterfinal. After a five-set contest ended 5-5, Gatha lost 5-6 with both archers scoring nine but Whang prevailing as her arrow was closer to the centre of target.

Warner backs Khawaja's sandpapergate account

BRISBANE: David Warner has supported an account of the sandpapergate cheating scandal which led to the lengthy suspensions for him, Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft. Warner posted on a video on Instagram saying: "It's 100% accurate. It's been eight years since I spoke on this topic. Uzzy, I throw my full support behind you. I thank you for what you've done," he said.

CHENNAI OPEN FINAL

'Could have played matches earlier during Deepavali day'

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

THE organisers of the Chennai Open at the SDAT Tennis Stadium were stuck in a Sisyphean loop on Sunday evening. With rains and firecrackers bursting through the night on the account of Deepavali, they did not have any breathing space. When it rained, it was about drying the court. But when it stopped raining, the firecracker bursting went up a level, bringing smog. Ironically, to bring that down, it needed to rain.

Considering that the city was hosting the event one last time for the foreseeable future, it was not the best of ways to conclude.



The SDAT Tennis in Stadium in covered in smog due to bursting of firecrackers

With the final pushed a day later due to unfavourable conditions, the players and coaches made their frustrations clear.

Magda Linette, who went on to win the singles final on Monday, was perturbed by how the smog thickened after spells of rain the previous day. "We did not mind the crackers because of the noise but the pollution and the health hazards it caused," she recalled after the match. She revealed that they agreed to call it off after a medical expert showed them the live reading of the city's Air Quality Index. (AQI). According to aqi.in, the reading went as high as 1556. "First of all, we can't put ourselves in this hazard. It is also not good for the ball boys, the officials and people watching," she said.

Linette also felt that the match could have taken place earlier on Sunday. "While it is great to play on a holiday with a larger audience, the timings could have been planned better – with the doubles scheduled much earlier so we have a lot of time," she said.

Considered all factors before calling off: TNTA CEO

Soon after the final was pushed back by a day, the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA), one of the organisers, was under the scanner for the scheduling.

According to Hiten Joshi, the tournament director and TNTA CEO, the WTA only had the window from November 2 to November 8 available and they had no choice but to go ahead with it. Joshi said that they considered all factors before the decision was made.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

STRAIN DUE TO HIGH COST OF MEDICAL CARE: WHAT SHAPES FINANCIAL TOXICITY

- Household income
- Type of health facility used
- Stage of disease
- Rural or urban residence
- Age at diagnosis
- Recurrent cancer
- Educational status
- Insurance coverage
- Treatment modality

CANCER DRUG PRICE TO FALL BY 90%

Centre caps trade margins on non-scheduled cancer drugs at **30%**

Drug prices expected to fall by up to 70%

Patients projected to save **₹ 3,502 CR** annually

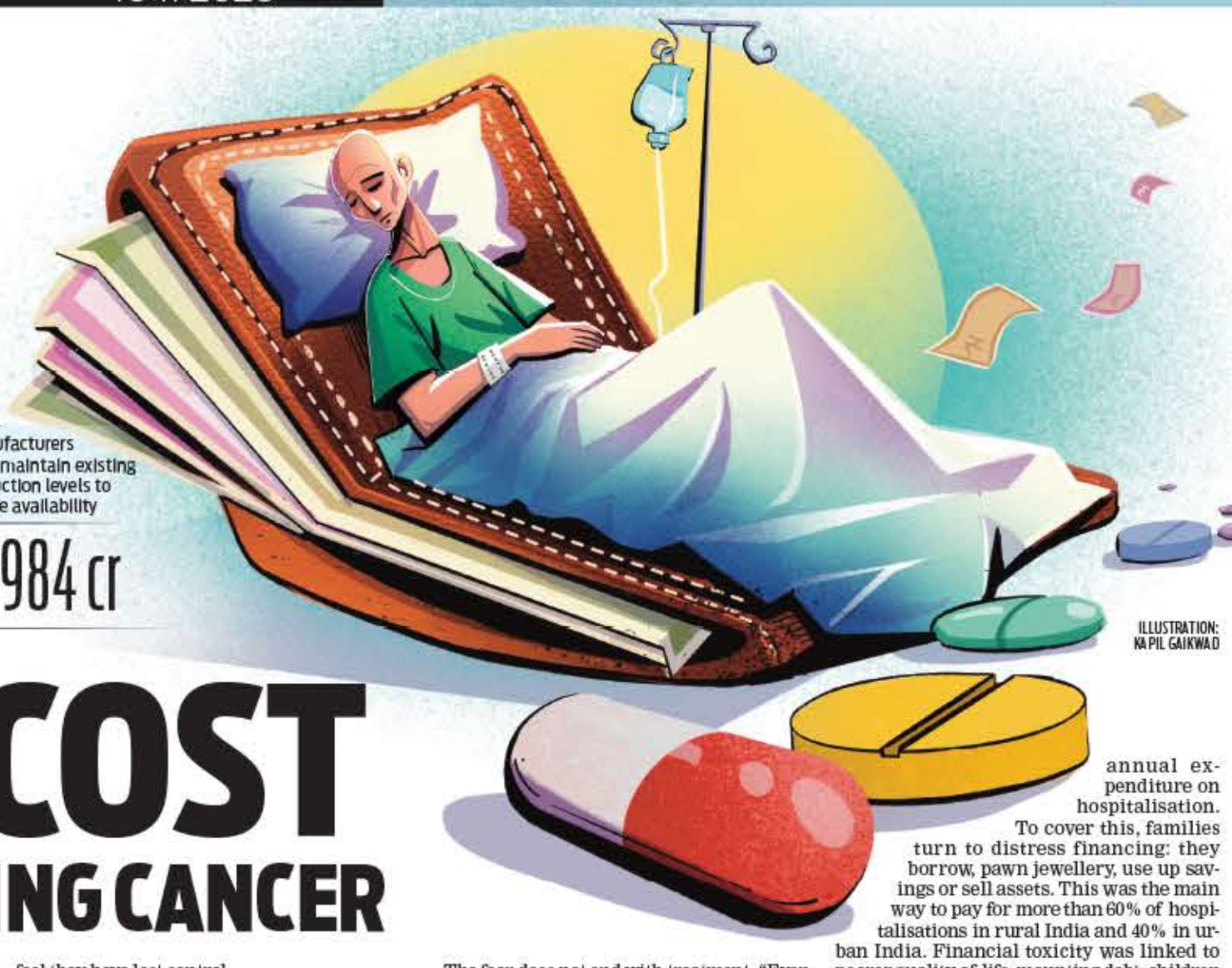
Existing mark-ups average **170%**, reaching **700%** or more in some cases

Cap covers branded, generic, domestic and imported medicines

Expert committee to finalise the list of drugs; NPPA to notify the decision

Manufacturers must maintain existing production levels to ensure availability

Builds on the 2019 intervention covering 42 cancer drugs resulted in annual savings of **₹984 CR**



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THE COST OF SURVIVING CANCER

UNNIKRISHNAN S @ T'Puram

IN the early years of its work, Asraya, an all-women charity that supports patients at the Regional Cancer Centre in Thiruvananthapuram, faced an unexpected challenge. Niyaz (18) needed a leg amputated, and his family had no money to pay for the treatment. Until then, the group's members had offered basic assistance to patients at public hospitals in their spare time. This was the first time they raised money for treatment itself.

"We were apprehensive about fund collection. The treating doctor said that we could save his life with timely treatment. Niyaz recovered and grew up into a fine young man. It gave us the confidence," says Santha Jose, who founded Asraya in 1996.

That confidence expanded the group's work from supporting patients to helping rebuild families. Its education assistance alone has reached close to 2,000 children, many of whom have gone on to become doctors, nurses, engineers and chefs.

Niyaz's story illustrates how a cancer diagnosis can push an already vulnerable family into a financial crisis, making external support crucial to accessing treatment. Three decades later, as the government moves to bring down the prices of 137 anti-cancer medicines, oncologists point out that the cost of cancer care extends far beyond the price of drugs.

Mind and body

For patients, treatment often feels harder than the diagnosis. "Cancer treatment involves chemotherapy, radiation and immunotherapy, which can have side effects such as fatigue, nausea, changes in appetite and pain," says Dr Vaishnavi Joshi, consultant in medical oncology at Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru. These symptoms limit patients' daily functioning and their ability to work. Hair loss and physical change can wear down self-confidence and independence, she adds. Patients who cannot work or manage routine tasks may feel they have lost control.

Dr Manjunath N M L, senior consultant in GI oncology at HCG Cancer Hospital, Bengaluru, says doctors often miss this disruption. "In addition to treating the condition, the patient needs to be assisted in coping with all the changes going on in his or her life," he says. Even when treatment goes smoothly, fatigue, nausea, pain and loss of appetite affect a person's ability to handle chores and activities that once felt normal.

The emotional burden is harder to measure, and in India it is often carried in secret. Dr Vibhor Gupta, medical director at the American Oncology Institute, Hyderabad, says the wait for a diagnosis causes "deep shock and fear," pulling people out of their normal lives. "In India, cultural differences and societal taboos make this struggle much harder," he adds. Fear of judgment often forces patients into silence. They hide the illness to avoid pity, unwanted sympathy or being treated differently.

The fear does not end with treatment. "Even after treatment, physical changes leave lasting scars, making patients hyper-aware of every minor ache and terrified that the disease might return," Dr Gupta says.

Dr Joshi describes distress at every stage, from understanding the illness to waiting for results. Caregivers carry their own share, she says, juggling care with their personal and professional lives, and the hospital visits and money worries produce much the same distress as the patient's. Of the different dimensions of cancer's impact, the financial burden is perhaps the most quantifiable. A 2021 review in Lancet Oncology examined 22 Indian studies on the cost of cancer care. It found that around half of patients in the country struggle financially to manage their treatment. The situation in Kerala, known for high out-of-pocket spending whatever a person's means, is similar.

One in three households with a cancer patient spends more than half its per-capita annual expenditure on hospitalisation. To cover this, families turn to distress financing: they borrow, pawn jewellery, use up savings or sell assets. This was the main way to pay for more than 60% of hospitalisations in rural India and 40% in urban India. Financial toxicity was linked to poorer quality of life, mounting debt, children entering the labour market early and patients abandoning therapy. Kochi-based oncologist Dr Aju Mathew was among the researchers.

The costs go beyond the hospital bill. Dr Manjunath lists diagnostic tests, hospital visits, surgery, radiotherapy, supportive therapy, travel and even accommodation, plus income lost when the patient or a caregiver cannot work.

The question not asked

The review also pointed to a gap in the consultation room. "How long will I live and how much will I have to spend for it?" is the basic question every family carries to the oncologist. Busy schedules, and the shock of a fresh diagnosis, often mean it goes unasked.

"It is the right of the patients or family members to ask questions, and at the same time the duty of the treating doctor to explain the disease and treatment," says Dr Mathew, oncologist at MOSC Medical College, Kolenchery. "In some cases a doctor may prescribe chemotherapy to extend life for a couple of months. But the patients assume it would cure them and are willing to take the expenses even if it is beyond their financial capacity." Families in Kerala, he adds, feel social pressure to choose the best hospital whatever their finances.

Dr M R Rajagopal, founder chairperson of Pallium India in Thiruvananthapuram, says this is where the system's design shows. "Clinical medicine often cannot offer the mental, social and spiritual wellbeing of patients. We need more patient supportive initiatives," he says.

He stresses that treatment must be balanced against quality of life. A therapy that adds months but leaves a patient in constant distress, or pushes a family into debt, he says, cannot be counted a success on the strength of the scan alone. He also warns that a health system built around diseases tends to overlook the health-related suffering of the people who have them. Pain, breathlessness, fear and exhaustion go unaddressed because they are not the target of treatment.

CANCER IN INDIA
ON THE RISE

2020 estimate: about **1.3 million** new cases

2020 estimate: about **8.5 lakh deaths**

CANCER IN INDIA, LATEST ESTIMATES

- Estimated new cases rose from 14.26 lakh in 2021 to 15.7 lakh in 2025
- About 8.69 lakh cancer deaths in 2025
- Around 1 in 9 people is expected to develop cancer in their lifetime
- Projected to reach nearly 22.1 lakh cases by 2040

*Source: Union Health Ministry data tabled in Parliament; ICMR

About **60 cases** per one lakh population



MOST COMMON CANCERS

- **Women:** Breast cancer leads with 2.38 lakh cases, followed by cervical (78,499) and ovarian (48,984)
- **Men:** Oral cancer is the most common, at 16% of new cases

*Source: ICMR, JAMA Network Open 2025

FinCan study on Ayushman Bharat

- Diagnostics are only about 3% of cancer care costs but often fall outside Ayushman Bharat packages, delaying treatment
- AB-PMJAY allocates roughly ₹7,700 crore per year for oncology care,
- Full five-year standard of care would need an estimated ₹33,000 crore per year

(AIIMS Delhi)

DRUGS JUST ONE ASPECT, LAB TESTS AND SCANS ADD TO THE BILL

DR Boben Thomas, secretary of the Association of Medical & Pediatric Oncologists of Kerala (AMPOK) and senior consultant in medical and paediatric oncology at SP Medifort Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram, tells **Unnikrishnan S** what the price cap will and won't change for families. Edited excerpts:

Q Will the cap lower hospital bills, and does it apply to expensive or imported treatments?
Yes, it will definitely help lower expenses. How much depends on the drugs being used. For drugs sold exclusively by multinational companies, there won't be much of a decrease, if any.

Q Medicines are only one part of the cost. How can families budget for scans, tests and hospital stays, and what help is available?
Drug costs are just one part of the expenses. Lab tests and scans make up the rest. For cancer patients, these are recurring costs, because they pay for drugs every time, and each visit needs a lab test as well. There are many government schemes, but they are not available in many centres. Even where they exist, many treatments are not covered.

Q Side effects such as nausea, fatigue and low blood counts often mean extra medicines or emergency visits. Can they be managed affordably at home?



INTERVIEW
DR BOBEN THOMAS

Side effects are a reality in cancer care. Many can be managed on an outpatient basis. A few will need admission, and that can significantly affect the budget.

Q Treatment can last months or years and takes an emotional toll on families. How can they manage stress and burnout?
Doctors and nurses take care of the physical issues, but we also need good psychologists and social workers. They can help with the emotional issues patients face.

Q Many families worry that cheaper or generic cancer drugs may be of lower quality. Are they as safe and effective?
With hundreds of brands available for many medicines, choosing the right one is always a challenge. Many drugs are made in unknown places. Unfortunately, we don't have a mechanism to check the quality of drugs, so doctors are forced to rely on companies with a good reputation. Quality should not be compromised for pricing. That would be a disaster.

What are the different management practices for prostate gland enlargement?
(A Kaja Nazimudeen, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu)



ASK A DOCTOR
DR PRIYANK SALECHA
Senior consultant, Citizens Specialty Hospital, Hyderabad

BENIGN prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), or prostate gland enlargement, is a non-cancerous condition in which the enlarged prostate compresses the urethra, restricting the flow of urine. Although age-related hormonal changes, particularly the interaction between testosterone and dihydrotestosterone, play a key role in its development, lifestyle choices can make a significant difference in managing symptoms and preventing complications. Patients should monitor their fluid intake, avoid bladder irritants such as caffeine and alcohol, and adhere to prescribed medications, including alpha-blockers and 5-alpha-reductase inhibitors. Regular physical activity can also support urinary health. Kegel exercises help strengthen the pelvic floor muscles and improve urinary control, while pelvic tilts support core stability. Low-impact aerobic activities, such as brisk walking, are also beneficial for overall health. While lifestyle modifications cannot reverse prostate enlargement or replace medical treatment, they can help manage symptoms. Ignoring BPH, however, can lead to serious complications, including acute urinary retention, recurrent UTIs, bladder stones, permanent damage to bladder muscles and, in severe cases, kidney failure.

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PRICES OF DRUGS CAPPED, BUT GAPS IN ACCESS TO CARE NOT ADDRESSED

UNNIKRISHNAN S @ T'Puram

FOR a woman in Bengaluru on long-term hormone therapy for breast cancer, a month of anastrozole 1 mg costs around ₹2,087. From November 9, the same supply is estimated to cost ₹219.

Oncologists call that a real gain for families. Most also say it is only a first step, because the drug is one line in a bill that runs to scans, surgery, hospital beds and travel. Whether the new price rules are enough depends on what they cover and what they leave out.

"The new cap on drug margins will bring down pharmacy-related costs substantially," says Dr Aju Mathew, consultant oncologist at MOSC Medical College, Kolenchery. Dr Arun R Warrier, senior consultant in medical oncology at Aster Medcity, Kochi, calls it "a welcome change towards reduction of financial burden." The gains are largest in long treatments. Dr Poovanma C U, head of breast oncology at Aster CMI Hospital, Bengaluru, says a 100 mg bevacizumab injection vial falls from about ₹21,768 to ₹5,930, a saving of nearly ₹15,838 per vial. Together with the anastrozole saving of about ₹1,868/month, she says, reductions like these are significant financial assistance for families in treatment for months or years. "These savings will vary from patient to patient depending upon their dosages and treatment regimen," she adds.

Dr Joshi says what is at stake is whether families can continue at all. Those without adequate insurance are often forced to delay treatment or struggle to afford follow-up medication.

What is left out

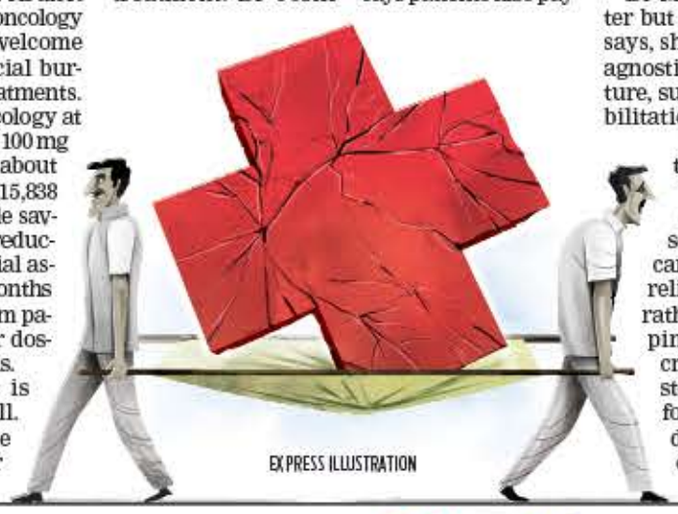
The first gap is coverage. The cap applies to non-scheduled drugs, while 65 single-source, high-cost patented drugs stay at their current prices because of limited competition. Dr Warrier notes the cap is not applicable to all drugs. "Particularly, immunotherapy drugs still remain expensive," he says. Dr Joshi says the real impact will depend on the new price of each drug and on whether it is available in the market.

The second is the rest of the bill. Dr Poovanma points out that investigations, admission, surgery and radiotherapy add to the cost of treatment. Dr Joshi says patients also pay for further tests, hospitalisation and managing side effects. Dr Warrier sounds a caution: "It must also be ensured that reduction in cost should not be offset by an increase in the service charges. Only then will patients get full benefit of the drop in cost of cancer drugs."

The third is capacity. "Governmental capacity to treat cancer based on contemporary protocols in a timely manner is still lacking," says Dr Mathew. "Even now, for basic biopsies, there are insufficient doctors and facilities. The latest treatment modalities mostly remain outside of governmental infrastructure." A cheaper drug does little for a patient who cannot get a timely biopsy or a place in a public facility.

Dr Manjunath says affordable drugs matter but cannot stand alone. Lower prices, he says, should be accompanied by "rational diagnostic services, good treatment infrastructure, supportive and palliative therapy, rehabilitation, and counselling."

Dr Rajagopal of Pallium India argues that the missing piece is community-based support. He advocates involving communities in healthcare delivery so that patients receive comprehensive care — with prevention, treatment and relief of suffering — addressed together rather than left entirely to hospitals. Capping drug margins will save families crores at the pharmacy, a long-overdue step. What the doctors quoted here ask for next is the rest of the system: timely diagnosis, stronger public treatment capacity and care closer to home.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

MYTH BUSTERS

Myth: Capping drug prices solves the high cost of cancer care
Fact: Pharmacy bills are only one part of the invoice. Margin caps lower retail drug prices, but leave PET scans, surgeries, radiation, bed charges, patented immunotherapies, and non-medical costs like travel and lost income unaddressed.

Myth: Paying for the latest, most expensive targeted therapy guarantees a cure
Fact: Modern targeted drugs and immunotherapies often extend survival by months rather than offer a definitive cure. Poor communication in consultation rooms leads families to assume high cost equals a full recovery, driving them into debt.

Myth: Cancer care begins and ends inside the oncology ward
Fact: Hospital treatment targets tumours, but ignores broader suffering. Effective care requires a continuous system, combining early screening, local palliative support, psycho-oncology, and community networks alongside hospital treatment to address chronic pain and trauma.



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A new home

On this day in 1958, the Hope Diamond, which originated in the mines of India, was donated to the Smithsonian Institution

WHAT IS IT?

It is a renowned 45.52-carat blue gemstone with a rich history. It eventually found a home at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C



FIRST APPEARANCE

The initial appearance dates to 1812, when London jeweller John Francillon described it with the permission of merchant Daniel Eliason



MOST VALUABLE DIAMOND

These are rarer than other diamonds because they formed deeper in the mantle, possibly as deep as 250 to 1,800 miles below the surface

Interview with team 'Meethe Mein Kya Hai'

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BOOKED TOGETHER

As reading becomes a shared experience, community libraries are giving book lovers more reasons to turn up and turn pages

RAKSHITHA PRIYA G

LIBRARIES have long been an integral part of growing up, often serving as the first place where reading habits take root. However, the idea of building a community through a library is evolving. Beyond lending books and providing a quiet, nostalgically aesthetic space to read, city libraries are actively creating a reading community through readathons, themed meetups, and reading sessions, transforming an individual habit into a shared experience.

At The Town Library (TTL), Kotturpuram, this shift towards a more community-driven reading experience began with a simple idea — creating "a cosy space where people could just come, spend time, and read books". Founder Shruti Nallappa says the library, which began functioning in June 2024, was born out of a mere observation of the lack of such spaces in Chennai compared to cities like Bengaluru and Chandigarh.

The library actively hosts activities — Kadhai Arangam, a storytelling initiative for parents and children, book-versus-movie discussions; Author Unplugged, an event where members get to interact with authors about their books and journeys; Sunday morning readathons, and full-night readathons from 9 pm to 5 am — allowing participants to spend uninterrupted hours reading. Explaining the thought behind the novel full-night readathons, Shruti observes, "Night somehow seems to be the favourite time for readers to sit and read at a stretch for 8-9 hours." Participants can either bring their own books or pick one from the library's collection. "We break the reading twice at night with some fun activity, in case they have gone into a sleepy mode," she adds.



The Page Turner Club



The Town Library

A similar effort is underway at Easwari Lending Library through The Page Turner Book Club, founded by Mukundan, the library's third-generation entrepreneur. Established in March 2024, the club offers a free, informal space to read or discuss books, without registration or membership fees. As Mukundan explains, "I was reading alone for quite a while, and I wanted to create a safe space for people who want to read for a while and discuss what they have read. Other readers will also have a separate space." However, participants have to bring their own books to these sessions. Apart from its regular weekend reading sessions, the club also organises festival-themed gatherings and Book Lovers' Meets, bringing readers from across the city together. These meetups require registration, with participants receiving a goodie package that includes a book, stickers, and bookmarks. These events take place across the seven branches of Easwari Lending Library, primarily Anna Nagar and Gopalapuram; the latter offers a "vintage and retro feel that people are looking for these days at the library". Other events happen at different cafes in the city.

Shruti has noticed how shared interests can help people open up, even those who consider themselves introverts. "There are some introverted readers who have come to us and opened up, saying that they never knew they could talk to strangers this much. Because of a shared love for a story or a book, people sometimes find their rhythm and vibe in such places," she says.

> **At the night readathons, we break the reading twice at night with some fun activity, in case they have gone into a sleepy mode**
>
> Shruti Nallappa, founder, The Town Library



These interactions also offer an opportunity for the attendees to discover books beyond their usual preferences. Preethi Gupta R, a psychologist and author who attends The Page Turner Book Club, says, "What I find most appealing about these sessions is the sense of connection they create. You get to meet people you might never have crossed paths with otherwise, and books become a beautiful way to connect. We share our reading experiences, recommend books based on each other's interests, and often discover genres we might not have explored on our own. It's interesting how everyone brings a different perspective to a story, and sometimes, hearing someone talk about a book makes you curious enough to pick it up yourself."

The shared experience also helps readers rediscover their reading habits. Bhuvan Ashok, a filmmaker and attendee at TTL, says, "I joined the library because I wanted to find some contemporary must-reads, get out of my reading slump, and make reading a regular part of my routine again. There is always something to look forward to while reading with others. The recommendations, shared excitement, and habit building have made reading feel enjoyable again instead of being a forceful activity."

For both founders, the aim of building such a reading community with the library is largely about keeping people connected to reading and allowing relationships to grow around stories. As Shruti puts it, at TTL, "We want to build a larger physical community, with a great sense of camaraderie and a shared habit of sitting together."

Old threads in new trends

When you upcycle any fabric, a lineage is going to survive; you also save a small amount of waste that goes into the landfill, and in a way contribute to sustainability. One should always consider sustainable fashion over fast fashion.

Sangeetha Maruthapandian, Anjaz Studio

SONU M KOTHARI

IN our households, the life of a garment rarely ends even when it is worn out. An old cotton sari would often find its way into the kitchen as a cleaning fabric, while other patches of clothes are stitched together to make quilts, curtains, or even cushion covers. Repurposing fabric, in many ways, was an everyday practice long before sustainability became a buzzword.

Come the 2010s, however, this domestic practice began taking a commercial turn. Old saris belonging to mothers and grandmothers were being reimagined as frocks, lehengas, kurtas, and contemporary ensembles. By 2017, the trend found a niche footing in Chennai, with boutiques and designers exploring ways to turn preowned fabric, particularly silk, into wearable pieces.

Today, the idea has moved beyond fashionable clothing choices. Old saris are finding their way into fabric journals, table runners, pouches, backpacks, baby blankets, and a range of other products. While some customers want to retain the original character of the fabric, others are keen to experiment with silhouettes and designs that they may not have otherwise considered, thanks to this upcycling trend. *CE* speaks to three Chennai-based businesses that are giving old fabrics a new lease of life.

Memories at every stitch

For the founder of Sushdeva Studio, Pushpa Devariya Balu, the inspiration for sari upcycling came from home. Recalling her mother, who wore silk saris regularly, she says, "Even the apron she wore was made out of one of her silk saris." She adds that the availability of advanced resources today makes repurposing an easier way out and "we should learn to use what we already have."

Having established the studio in 2019, Pushpa and her team work with different kinds of fabric and offer customised designs. From mother-daughter matching outfits and kurtas to skirts, lehengas, and Indo-Western ensembles, the possibilities depend largely on the fabric available and the customers' requirements. Even the leftover fabric from stitching is put to use, with smaller scraps turned into scrunchies and other accessories.

However, not every old sari is suitable for a makeover. The first step, she explains, is to check the strength of the fabric. The team tests the material, particularly around the borders, to see whether it can withstand stitching and wear. If the fabric is too weak, customers are advised against spending money on the conversion. Sometimes, additional fabric is required to achieve a particular design, especially in the case of lehengas. In such cases, the studio incorporates complementary material through patchwork, ensuring that the final piece looks cohesive.

Fabric-led fashion

At the other end of the city, Thiyas Boutique, run by Nithya Priya, prefers to retain the originality of the sari wherever possible. She says matching new material with an older fabric can be difficult, particularly when there are differences in colour, shine, and weaving. She therefore suggests ready-made additions such as pants or dupattas when customers want to complete an ensemble without increasing the cost of customisation.

Nithya, who has been in the business for two years, approaches upcycling largely as customer-led, just like most outlets. Some want their grandmother's sari transformed into an outfit for their granddaughter, while others prefer to give traditional silk a contemporary twist through corset-style outfits and blazers, keeping up with emerging trends.

The process, she points out, is considerably more demanding than stitching a garment from new fabric. The original borders, motifs, and designs need to be carefully positioned to retain their visual appeal. "It takes a lot of time and passion to make a dress from an old sari. The quality of the fabric can sometimes tear when you cut it in a particular direction. It is really challenging," she explains.

Scaling up

Another challenge in remodelling a sari into modern silhouettes is skepticism. At Anjaz Studio, Sangeetha Maruthapandian digitally sketches the reimagined outfits for customers' understanding. "With AI and ChatGPT coming in, it has helped us create a look and show options to the customers that would suit their body type," she says.

After confirming the outfit, Sangeetha sits with the client and studies the quality of the yarn to see if it can be reused. If not, then those bits of fabric are made into rubber bands, photo frames, tablecloths, etc.

Sangeetha sees this upcycling as a way of generating less fashion industry waste. "When you upcycle any fabric, a lineage is going to survive, and you also save a small amount of waste that goes into the landfill, and in a way contribute to sustainability. One should always consider sustainable fashion over fast fashion," she concludes.

As Chennai's upcycling businesses continue to experiment with old textiles, the idea of giving a garment another life is taking on newer forms. What was once an instinctive household practice is now being approached as a business opportunity. And if you are unclear as to what to wear for the year-end parties, raid your sari closet, and you may find your outfit there!





7,073 KILOTONNES OF TEXTILE WASTE

A February 2026 Ministry of Textiles report estimates that India generates 7,073 kilotonnes of textile waste annually, of which 4,100 kilotonnes (58%) is post-consumer waste.



STANDING OUT IN STANDUP

Comedian Alexander Babu, known for blending music into his performances, staged his new show for an audience in the city on Friday. The show, with its working title #ALEX3, is set to premiere in December | JOSHUA V

To lend a listening ear

NIDHARSHANA RAJU

IF a room full of men try to come up with solutions for women's issues, without involving women, is that going to work?... In the same way, if we — adults — keep coming up with solutions for issues plaguing the children of today without consulting them, how can we expect it to work?" asks Mahima Poddar, founder of The Kindness Foundation.

With this question as the focal point, the non-profit is hosting The NextGen Forum this children's day weekend. The two-day event will entail a youth summit on day one that will bring together 220 students from various schools in Chennai — from international to non profit — to share their lived experiences in today's fast-paced cyber-exposed world.

Their conversations will touch upon themes including digital and social risk literacy, adolescent health development including substance abuse, boundaries and belonging, psychological and emotional wellbeing, and legal and institutional accountability, with mental health being the central thread across all topics of discussion. Mahima shares that the aim is to "bring their voices on board without triggering them." To ensure the same, the founder says that two floating counsellors and psychotherapists will be present at the venue to provide care in case any child feels distressed or needs support.

Borrowing from their conversations, on the second day, parents and professionals from across sectors such as healthcare and education, and legal experts will drive a cross-sector dialogue. "I want to make it clear that we aren't trying to immediately come up with solutions. What we aim to do is take stock of the issues, allow all experts to brainstorm, and thereafter, put the learnings towards the white paper," Mahima informs. The white paper is an intended guideline on youth safety and well-being that can be adaptable across sectors. The paper will be put together by a committee which will also comprise college students, to ensure it isn't estranged from the needs of the youth. "We want to publish it in the summer of 2027," she concludes.

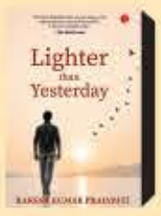
The NextGen Forum's Day 2 is open to all. It will take place at Taj Coromandel, Nungambakkam, between 10 am and 4 pm on November 14. Tickets are priced at ₹2,000.

BOOK NOOK



It Matters A Lot
by Shubhra Saxena

Explore questions we ask through different stages of a life, from the identities we inherit to the choices we make in love.



Lighter Than Yesterday
by Rakesh Kumar Prajapati

Jai spent his life pursuing an inherited dream. Armed with his grandfather's faith and his own discipline, he cracked one of the toughest exams and stepped into the world of power.



From Muddle age to Middle age to Me
by Indu Balachandran

From a carefree girlhood through decades of peoplepleasing and pressure, women arrive at midlife: the Me-Age. A time for reinvention, self-care, and freedom. Indu's irreverent wisdom tackles questions from hair and health to spirituality and romance.



Becoming Kismet
by Vaishali Hamlai

Four girls, one city, and friendships that refuse to stay simple. For Kismet, Maya, Kusum, and Mahika, there's college to survive, crushes to decode, secrets to keep, and mothers to outsmart.



STRIKE A POSE

Young women spotted bringing high energy and moves to the shores of Besant Nagar beach. | PRAVIKUMAR

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL



MEESAYA MURUKKU 2 (Tamil)

The film follows Jeeva, a spirited Gaana singer determined to take his street-rooted music to the global stage. As he battles societal barriers, personal flaws, and generations of unfulfilled musical dreams, he sets out to put Gaana on the map.

Cast: Hiphop Tamizha Adhi, Ketika Sharma, Chaithra J Achar

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

THE VVAAN: FORCE OF THE FOREST (Hindi)

An urban man inadvertantly rouses a primordial goddess-like entity in his village and becomes drawn into a conflict against a supernatural danger.

Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Tamannaah Bhatia, Shweta Tiwari, Sunil Grover

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



FOREIGN

A DOG'S PERFECT CHRISTMAS (English)

When a medical emergency pulls the Goss family apart, determined dog Winstead will do all he can to bring his humans back together before Christmas Eve.

Cast: Dennis Quaid, Milo Ventimiglia, Brooke Lena Johnson

- **Watch on:** Netflix



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5 EXERCISES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR PELVIC FLOOR AND SUPPORT PELVIC HEALTH

The pelvic floor is a group of muscles that supports the bladder, bowel, and other pelvic organs. These muscles also play an important role in bladder and bowel control. When they become weak or do not function effectively, they may contribute to urinary leakage and pelvic organ prolapse. Regular, correctly performed pelvic-floor exercises can improve muscle strength and coordination. Here are five exercises that can support pelvic health and overall stability.

KEGEL EXERCISES

- Sit or lie comfortably and gently contract the muscles at the base of your pelvis, as though lifting them inwards and upwards.
- Hold for a few seconds while breathing normally, then release completely before repeating.

GLUTE BRIDGE

- Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat on the floor.
- Gently engage your core and lift your hips towards the ceiling.
- Lower slowly, maintaining steady breathing, and avoiding excessive arching of the back.

BODYWEIGHT SQUATS

- Stand with feet shoulder-width apart and lower your hips as if sitting on a chair.
- Keep the movement controlled and exhale as you return to standing.
- Avoid holding your breath or straining.

PELVIC TILTS

- Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat.
- Gently tighten your abdominal muscles to bring your lower back towards the floor.
- Hold briefly, then relax, and return to your natural position.

BIRD-DOG EXERCISE

- Begin on your hands and knees, keeping your back neutral.
- Extend one arm forwards and the opposite leg backwards without rotating your hips.
- Return to the starting position and alternate sides.

Consistency matters more than intensity. Start with a manageable number of repetitions and increase gradually. Learning to relax the pelvic-floor muscles fully between contractions is just as important as strengthening them. Avoid practising Kegels by repeatedly stopping urine midstream. If you experience pelvic pain or persistent urinary leakage, consult a pelvic-health physiotherapist before beginning a strengthening routine.



By Ashwini V Rai, fitness expert, Cult—a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

RADISH WALNUT CHUTNEY

INGREDIENTS

- **White radish:** 1 (big size)
- **Crushed walnut kernels:** 1/4 cup
- **Salt:** 1/4 teaspoon
- **Yoghurt:** 1 cup
- **Roasted cumin powder:** 1/4 teaspoon
- **Green chillies:** 1 or 2, finely chopped

METHOD

- Whisk the yogurt until smooth.
- Add chopped green chillies, roasted cumin powder, and crushed walnuts to the yogurt.
- Grate the radish. Squeeze out the water and add it to the yoghurt.
- Stir until well combined, adjust salt if needed, and refrigerate before serving.



Photo via Whisk Affair

Contributed by **Sheetal Das**, Delhi

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

A stage to be you!

Some stories are meant to be told and some emotions need to be expressed. And sometimes, all you need is a stage where you can be unapologetically you. This weekend, be a solo performer, a duo, or just be a cheerleader at Vaazh's 'The Unfiltered Open Mic'. For more details, contact 7358350374.

WHEN: November 15, 4 pm to 7 pm
WHERE: Backyard, Adyar



Fun and flavour

Treat the little ones, this Children's Day, with Anise's Wonderland Brunch, a specially curated afternoon that promises to make childhood memories even sweeter, for both the young guests and adults. For more details, call: 044 66002827 or 7824862310

WHEN: November 15, 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm
WHERE: Anise, Taj Coromandel



Art of hosting

Bring warmth and colour into your household this festive season through art while hosting, with Fête Home and Plate & Peonie's curated edit of tableware, serveware, and home accents.

WHERE: fetehome.in



Bright as the festival

Why let the festive spirit fade just yet? Keep the celebration alive with Amethyst's Festive Shopping Edit, featuring an exciting selection of statement pieces from Tribe Amrapali, alongside an exclusive curation of leading designer labels.

WHEN: Till tomorrow
WHERE: Amethyst, Whites Road

Time for a swap

Spend your Saturday evening learning (or unlearning) from peer women. At '10 Skills x 10 Minutes : Skill swap for women', ten women share ten 10-minute everyday skill, idea, or knowledge. Participants will trade diverse micro-lessons covering creative makeup techniques, practical wellness routines, and more. Exclusively for women-identifying individuals only.

WHEN: November 14, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
WHERE: Backyard, Adyar



Donut over mithai

Mad Over Donuts has launched 'The Diwali Luxe Edit', a limited-edition collection of three premium donuts made for gifting, sharing and celebrating together. The line-up is built on three festive flavours: rich chocolate, creamy cashew, and crunchy almond. Each donut is handcrafted, 100% vegetarian, and designed to deliver a distinct mix of textures. Each donut is priced at ₹199.

WHEN: Till November 15
WHERE: Mad Over Donuts stores and on online aggregator platforms

Back to the past

Experience the beauty of postcard culture at Art Houz's 'Postcards From Elsewhere', an ongoing exhibition that brings together artistic interpretations of places, memories, and moments that linger long after they have passed.

WHEN: Monday to Saturday, 10 am - 6.30 pm
WHERE: Art Houz, Nungambakkam



A way of looking

Ashvita's has opened 'Modern: A Way of Looking', an exhibition that brings together significant artworks, books, archival material, and conversations that offer a closer understanding of the artists and ideas that shaped the Indian Modern Art.

WHEN: Till December 19

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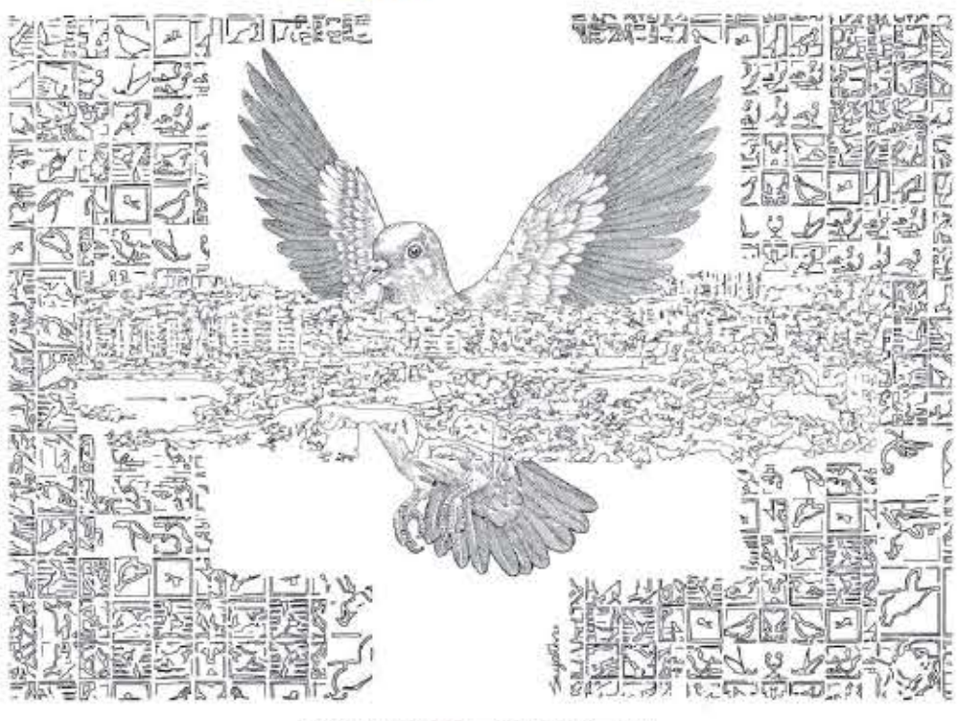

WITHIN THE CITY

Artist Sujeeth Shakthi explores the intersection of photography and art by reworking photographs with lines and pen on paper. Through pigeons and urban landscapes, the work explores migration, belonging, peace, conflict, and the changing experience of city life.







KRISHNA P S

A HOME AROUND A MANGO TREE

CE ZOOMS IN ON 'KAAVU', WHICH WENT VIRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA IN RECENT TIMES. THIS MODERN BIOPHILIC HOUSE, BUILT BY ARCHITECT ARJUN JOSHY, HAS NATURE AT ITS SPIRITUAL CORE.

A FEW weeks ago, a social media post went viral across the world. It featured just four images of a rural Kerala home and a mango tree.

What made them travel far and wide was a beautiful detail — a tree growing right inside the house. The sprawling 6,250 sq ft property, named 'Kaavu' (sacred grove), is located at Irinjalakuda in Thrissur.

Sharan K R, a software engineer, wanted to rebuild his ancestral home "without losing its connection with nature and the past". He had a discussion with architect Arjun Joshy of Naked Volume.

"My main requirement was preserving the trees here," says Sharan. "I wanted this local mango tree, a rare variety called 'Mayilpeeli', to be here even after building a new house. I grew up relishing its fruits. They are very sweet."

'Kaavu', also referred to as 'Shivoham' in discussions, is one of Arjun's latest projects, where nature blends seamlessly with the built environment. "The mango tree is the heart of the home," he says.

During mango season, the fruits can be plucked by hand from inside the house. "That's like a dream, isn't it?" asks the architect.

Every room, Arjun says, opens into the courtyard where the tree stands proudly. Whether one moves from the kitchen to the bedroom, downstairs to upstairs, or into the study, the courtyard is impossible to avoid.

"The courtyard becomes the green space inside the home, where everyone gathers together," he says.

This mattered particularly to Sharan, whose family of six — his wife, two children, and parents — wanted a spacious, modern home that retained the character of their ancestral house that stood there.

"As an architect, my principle has always been to preserve the heritage of Kerala architecture while blending it with modern practices," Arjun explains.

This philosophy is evident in almost every aspect of 'Kaavu'. The tiles, sloping roof, wooden elements, and other relics salvaged from the old house before its demolition, the *nadumuttam* (central courtyard) and the puja area beside it, the front yard, and the Athangudi floor tiles — everything evokes an old-world charm.





KAAVU CORE

- 6,250 sq ft property
- The courtyard where the mango tree stands is the heart
- Built blending Kerala traditional architecture and modern design concepts
- House has all modern amenities, including a lift

ARCHITECT SPEAKS

"The tree needs sunlight. That was one priority. A glass roof above it can be opened during the day and closed at night or when it rains. Evenings are particularly breathtaking. The light creates art in the air and on the glass. It is a spectacle."
Arjun Joshy, architect

"One of the main complaints of people living in houses with tiled roofs is that they inevitably leak during the monsoon. Having concrete panels underneath takes care of that issue," he says.



Inside, however, is a whole different world. Expansive glass windows, strategically positioned to maximise natural light while minimising heat, illuminate the interiors.

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The interiors, meanwhile, are minimal, allowing the tree and other plants to take centre stage. "The woodwork does not feature the elaborate designs found in old homes. The railings are simple and functional. The home is not a closed box," Arjun says.

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Sharan K R

Another important consideration was ensuring that the tree's roots and branches remained unharmed during construction. "We managed it with a bit of careful planning," he says.

Even the elevator in the three-storey bungalow follows this philosophy, with no conspicuous industrial design to interrupt the aesthetics. Everything flows around the tree.



"Ultimately, the tree became the spiritual core of the home," says Sharan. "The puja room is nearby, not a separate entity, but coherently placed next to the courtyard, where everything converges," he says.

Nearby, there is a unique Shiva sculpture, something Sharan says was not easy to source. "In Kerala, Krishna and Ganapathi idols are more common," he notes.

For his wife Dipthi M B, who is a teacher, the house is more than an architectural achievement. It was an emotional experience. "I cried as I first stepped into the newly built home," she says.

"Nature, love, peace, and togetherness. And that is what our home is."

The couple's youngest has attempted to climb the mango tree once, but Dipthi and Sharan are keeping a close watch, hoping the children will wait before attempting "their own Tarzan adventures".

"Now, we don't have to pick the mangoes up from the ground; we can pluck them directly from the tree," Dipthi laughs.

This is one of four projects by Arjun, whose building philosophy is guided by nature and traditional Kerala architecture. 'Kaavu', he believes, is a testament to that spirit.

Kalanchoe: The blooming succulent



MANISHA V C S

WE all love succulents. Easy, compact plants that can thrive even when neglected. And among succulents, Kalanchoe is a beautiful tropical plant that can grow indoors, and guess what?

It can also gift your garden a colourful bloom. Kalanchoe (Kalanchoe blossfeildiana) is a native Madagascar shrub. With its mushy, plasticky leaves and long-lasting blooms, it has become a staple part of table decor in recent years.

When well cared for, this plant can give you tiny flowers in pink, yellow, red, orange, white, or peach, adding charm to your indoor plant collection. In this article, let's see how to grow it well.

This plant can be easily grown into a pot-sized shrub even from a tiny rooted stem. It thrives inside your house in any corner indirectly lit by sunlight for 6 to 8 hours.

Exposure to direct sun for long hours will scorch its squishy leaves. If your plant starts to stretch or become leggy, move it closer to a window to help maintain compact, strong growth.

For potting, use a well-draining sand or perlite-mixed succulent soil. Watering every 2 to 3 weeks is enough — only after ensuring the topsoil is completely dried out.

They can be fertilised during their growing season, avoiding winter. Using compost tea or seaweed-extract liquid fertilisers is suggested.

Since they are flowering plants, occasional pruning can help them maintain the shrubby shape and encourage healthy blooms. They have to be repotted every 1–2 years with fresh soil to refresh nutrients.

Indoor succulents bloom every winter or during the early spring. They have great drought tolerance, making them a good choice for beginner gardeners as well. If you have pets at home, please note that the plants can be toxic to pets if ingested.

And for curious gardeners, here is a fun fact: Kalanchoe species was one of the first plants to be sent to space! It was sent on a resupply mission to the Soviet Salyut 6 space station with flowering tulips in 1979.



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HOBBY SPACES AT HOME







RECENTLY, many of us have been gravitating towards our personal interests and creativity, leading to a significant rise in demand for a hobby room or corner. These are dedicated spaces or zones for a personal reset, a pet project, or just to reconnect with oneself.

People are discovering the benefits of such spaces, whether it is music, arts, writing, or gardening. Side hustles and long-term businesses also start from seeds of thoughts planted in these spaces.

But this space also becomes an escape from everyday life and personal activities, letting one move away from the concept of multitasking and constant availability to letting one be fully present in the moment.

The first and most important aspect of this space is the location and layout. It is crucial to check whether the equipment, storage, and area required for that particular hobby can be accommodated comfortably. For example, a drummer would need more space than a baker. It is also important that it is tucked away in a space to relish the hobby.

Lighting, an underrated design element, needs to be planned. It has the power to transform a space. It also influences how one experiences and perceives that area.



A space with really good natural light is like a lottery and should be utilised in the best way possible. Imagine a reading corner or home library with a cosy seat near the window, or a kitchen where fresh cookies are made at the golden hour, with light piercing through the windows.

Storage is the next big thing to plan for. Certain hobbies require just the person and one piece of equipment; some require a lot more. A person practising guitar might not need as much storage as someone into gardening. This difference in requirements changes as per where your hobby spaces can or cannot be accommodated.

These could also turn boring corners of your living rooms or kitchens into a dedicated activity zone. It is more about planning the space right, making use of vertical heights, and putting single use furniture pieces to multiple usage.

Make it yours, fully! These spaces are designed for spending time alone, while doing what one loves. Hence, the interiors should reflect that.

From wall art you resonate with, or art you created, to colours and soft furnishings, this is your space, and nothing should hold you back from making it tell your story.

Décor and soft furnishings are the simplest, most economical ways to add character to any space. Be it tablecloths from old fabrics, DIY lampshades, or relics collected over time — the space should feel curated, not styled.

A hobby space doesn't need to depend on the availability of a spare room. These can be part of the smallest apartments with some careful planning.

In these overwhelming times, spaces like these help us stay calm, connected to what is really important, and rejuvenate us personally and professionally. If you have been thinking about pursuing a hobby, take this as a sign.

Ram Pothineni joins *Dharman*



ON the occasion of Deepavali, the makers of the Rajinikanth-starrer *Dharman* announced that Ram Pothineni has joined the cast of the film. Kamal Haasan is producing *Dharman* under the Raaj Kamal Films International banner alongside R Mahendran. Ram Pothineni was long rumoured to be part of *Dharman* in the antagonist's role. However, details regarding his role are yet to be confirmed.

Writing about joining the film through his social media handle, Ram Pothineni wrote, "When two of India's biggest living legends come together to make a film and you're a part of it. One made me love cinema - Rajinikanth sir. One made me respect cinema - Kamal Hassan sir." Directed by Ashwath Marimuthu, and with music by Anirudh, *Dharman* also stars Nayanthara, Simran, Yogi Babu, Raashi Khanna, and Sreeleela.

PASSION Studios, the banner behind *Demonte Colony 3*, have confirmed that the third instalment in the supernatural horror franchise will have a Pongal 2027 release.

The film is directed by Ajay Gnanamuthu, based on a screenplay he has written along with Venkatesh VSA and Arun Haiku Sakthi, with dialogues by Pattukkottai Prabakar. The third chapter was initially scheduled to release in September this year. Apart from Arulnithi and Priya Bhavanishankar, the film also features Guru Somasundaram, Meenakshi Govindarajan, Archana Ravichandran, Muthukumar, Miya George and GM Kumar. With music by Sam CS, *Demonte Colony 3* has cinematography by Sivakumar Vijayan and editing by D Kumaresh. The film is produced by Sudhan Sundaram, Manish Singhal, Durgaram Choudhary, and Ajay Gnanamuthu. On the other hand, Arulnithi is also part of M Selvakumar's *Vettai Saami*, along with Ameer.



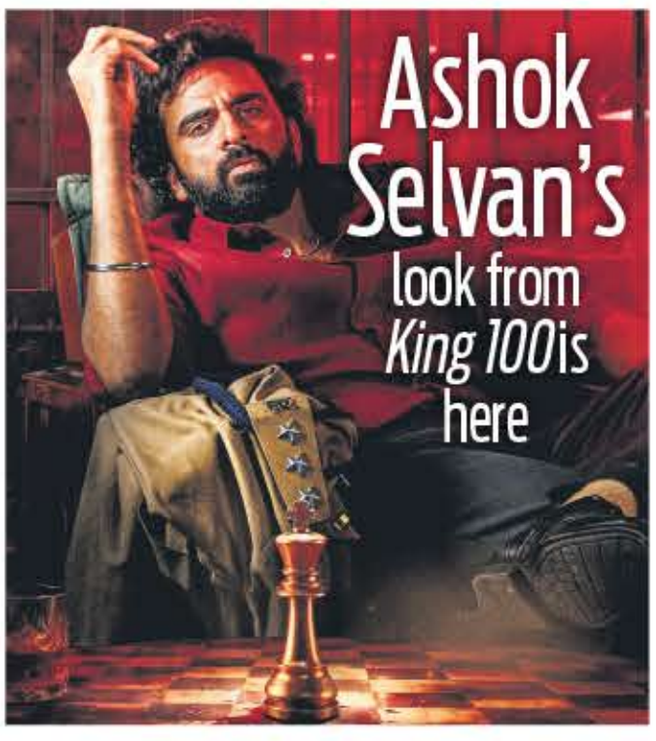
Demonte Colony 3 gets Pongal release



JACKIE BEGINS FILMING

DHRUV Vikram's next film with debut director, Karan Arvind Kumar, titled *Jackie*, officially went on floors on Monday. *Jackie* was first announced on September 18, where the first glimpse at the film featured Dhruv as a stuntman. It is worth noting that the director worked as a co-writer in *Karuppu*.

The cast of the upcoming film also includes Sai Dheena, Prudhvi Raj, and Arunachaleshwaran Pa. Santhosh Narayanan is composing music for *Jackie*, which will feature lyrics by Dhruv, Asal Kolaar, and Paal Dabba. The crew of the film also includes cinematographer Viki, editor Jayasuriya S, and stunt choreographer Vikram Mor. Naveen Yerneni and Ravi Shankar are producing *Jackie* under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. Dhruv Vikram was last seen in Mari Selvaraj's Bison.



Ashok Selvan's look from *King 100* is here

THE makers of Nagarjuna's *King 100* unveiled Ashok Selvan's look from the film on the occasion of his birthday on Saturday. Ra Karthik, the director of *King 100*, wrote, "Happy birthday Ashok Selvan. Happy to be collaborating with you once again. Unleashing his madness as Karna. A force with no rules, no limits from the mighty world of *King 100*."

The upcoming film will reunite Ashok Selvan and Ra Karthik after the latter's directorial debut, *Nitham Oru Vaanam* (2022). The upcoming film will also reunite Tabu with Nagarjuna after *Avida Maa Avide* (1998). Also starring in *King 100* are Aishwarya Rajesh and Sushmitha Bhat. With Devi Sri Prasad composing music for the upcoming film, the crew also includes cinematographer Raja Mahadhevan and editor Naveen Nooli. *King 100* will hit the theatres on December 24.

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A still from *Meethe Mein Kya Hai*

'PEOPLE LIKE VIOLENT OR LARGER-THAN-LIFE FILMS NOW'

Meethe Mein Kya Hai actors Rohini Hattangady, Ritwik Bhowmik, Ayesha Raza Mishra, along with director Radhika Bansal, talk about their slice-of-life film, why fewer makers are now investing into comedies, and more

Ritwik Bhowmik, Radhika Bansal, Ayesha Raza Mishra, Rohini Hattangady

ANYONE who grew up watching 80s Hindi cinema has an indelible impression of Rohini Hattangady. The veteran actor has played memorable roles in films like *Arth*, *Chaalbaaz*, *Saaransh* and *Agneepath*. Many of them had strong mother roles for her, a trope largely missing from contemporary Hindi films, which is possibly why we don't see much of the BAFTA-winning actor currently, she says. Rohini reflects with self-deprecating humour, "Hindi makers are not offering enough roles for sure. I was slotted as a mother very early on, and now there are rarely any mother's roles in our films."

Meetha Mein Kya Hai, the recent Netflix film, marks Rohini's comeback to Hindi cinema after nearly four years. Talking about what drew her to the role, she notes, "The whole script was simple and subtle. There is no big drama here, just these characters placed in front of each other. That creates drama. When I finished reading it, the script lingered in my head." In Marathi cinema, Rohini in 2023 headlined *Baipan Bhari Deva*, which was a massive Marathi blockbuster. A film entirely centred on women, a trend rarely seen in Hindi movies nowadays. Rohini says, "Marathi films today are coming up with different subjects, handling different themes. That's not happening in Hindi. The Hindi audiences are influenced by films like *Dhurandhar*. People like violent or larger-than-life films more now; these genres are overpowering others. So there has to be somebody who can show that other types of films can work too. I hope ours will be that film."

Debutant filmmaker Radhika Bansal shares why she felt compelled to write this story of an affluent family in Lucknow. And it comes down to how Lucknow has been portrayed in Hindi cinema. "I just wanted to write about a family, following the characters and their relationships, without artificially introducing a conflict. I have seen how family unions happen at festivals, where people always arrive with big news. There is always that big revelation, invariably one intervention, and that drama. We are naturally dramatic people, so there is always a conflict." Radhika adds, "I don't see our families anymore. It's always Punjabi families. So the idea was to stay true to that family and their dynamics." Ritwik Bhowmik, who plays Jai Rastogi, the protagonist in *MMKH*, too has been rather selective. One would expect the actor to be more frequent in his on-screen projects following the breakout success of *Bandish Bandits*. Ritwik clarifies the notion, "I feel like I have to keep working. I come from a middle class household, and it's our innate characteristic to keep working, no matter how much money or fame we earn. We can't sit idle. I am also working on other things besides acting, trying to build things. But honestly, the way everything's going, it's all good." In *MMKH*, Ritwik plays a grieving 35-year-old man who is amidst a transitory phase in life when he strikes a friendship with his 13-year-old neighbour Meera, and the two bond over their shared grief. The film navigates a tricky space for a relationship between the two. Ritwik credits his director for sensitively handling the subject. He notes, "It was a very important scene, where Meera confesses to Jai, and it could go either way. It was important to be in the center. I completely surrendered to Radhika's vision. All I had to do was stay open enough to be regulated and guided by her."

Meanwhile, Radhika Bansal talks at length about the Jai-Meera friendship. "When I was writing it, I thought of it as the most innocent thing; a 13-year-old having a crush on a grown man. It's a universal feeling, the purest form of love. I knew it could be tricky. I was conscious that it shouldn't become uncomfortable. Also, Jai is not a shady person. When a girl has a crush on him, you understand. Also, I didn't want any adult to tell Meera her feelings are not valid, or that she will get over it. Jai had to navigate her gently without looking down on her, and Meera is smart enough to take the cue." Films like *Meethe Mein Kya Hai*, with minimal drama and quiet pacing, are very rare nowadays. Why exactly, though? Ayesha Raza Khan, who plays Jai's mother Amrita in the film, has strong views on the subject. The actor reflects on the influencer culture and how it impacts the audience's taste for comedy. "I was talking to a director friend who has made many hit comedies. He said, 'Now, the audience's comedy quotient is getting fulfilled with reels. Why would people go to comedies then? That's why people are talking about larger-than-life experiences in films now. That's a big factor in why people are not investing in making slice-of-life dramas anymore."

Rohini Hattangady, meanwhile, expresses a hope about the times of simpler films coming back to popularity. "People are getting bored of OTT too now. If you see Marathi theatre, it is blooming now. *Log bheed kar rahe hain* (people are flocking to auditoriums for theatre plays). Shows are housefull. So maybe, it's a cycle." Radhika agrees with Rohini, "For long enough now, people have been trying to create a community around sending forward messages. You don't ask about each other's lives, you send a forward. But I feel this has been in our ecosystem long enough now where people are tired. I feel exhausted, being wired in. Now, people want to watch something which is pleasant and not at a hectic pace. Which is why K-dramas have picked up so much. I think there is room for everything. I hope more such films are made. Ultimately, one also needs comfort," she concludes.



Regena Cassandrra's next titled *Rx*

MYTHRI Movie Makers announced that its upcoming film with Lokesh Kanagaraj's G Squad banner has been titled *Rx*. Directed by Vishal Venkat, the film stars Regena Cassandrra, Ramesh Thilak, and Nasser, among others. The upcoming film is based on a story by Hariharan Raju, and has dialogues by Ashameera Aiyappan. The film's technical team includes composer Hesham Abdul Wahab, cinematographer Selvakumar SK, editor Prasanna GK, and art director Manoj Kumar K. With a release date yet to be announced, production on *Rx* has been wrapped.



IDRIS ELBA TO DIRECT *IN LAWS*

IDRIS Elba will feature in and helm the upcoming action-comedy film *In Laws*. He will be seen playing Carson Hughes, who gets a chance at redemption after getting blacklisted. The filming is set to commence in Spain in March 2027. Last seen in *Masters of the Universe*, his upcoming films include *Above the Below* (which he also co-directed), *Children of Blood and Bone*, *Sonic the Hedgehog 4*, *This Is How It Goes*, *Extraction 3*, and *Luther 3*.