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JUSTICE B R GAWAI IS 52ND CHIEF JUSTICE
Justice B R Gawai after taking oath as the 52nd Chief Justice of India, at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday, as President Droupadi Murmu looks on. The 64-year-old Gawai succeeded Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who demitted office on Tuesday | P11

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● INCLUDES 3 NEW HYDRO PROJECTS ● CONVERTING RUN-OF-RIVER PROJECTS INTO STORAGE STRUCTURES

Plans for more Indus basin projects readied for Cabinet

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

AFTER putting the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in abeyance, the government is considering three new hydropower projects on the Indus River Basin besides fast-tracking two other projects. Additionally, discussions are underway among top officials to convert the existing run-of-river hydro projects into storage projects.

The treaty signed in 1960 restricts India's usage of the western rivers—Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab—to benefit Pakistan. Ever since, Pakistan has been stalling Indian proposals to construct hydropower plants on the three rivers under various pretexts.

India put the treaty in abeyance following a horrific terrorist attack on April 22 in Pahalgaon, killing 26 people.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has prepared detailed project reports for submission to the Cabinet. The proposed projects are Sawalkot Stage II (1,856 MW), Kirthai Stage II (930 MW) and Dulhasti Stage II (260 MW) on the Chenab.

Besides, the ministry has requested Cabinet nod to projects that had either slowed down or been abandoned due to Pakistani roadblocks. They include the Bursar project (800 MW) on the Marusudar river within the Indus basin. Also, the Uri Stage II (260 MW) on the Jhelum commissioned in 2013-14 is yet to realise its full potential.

"As many of our projects have not moved forward in the past four decades, the government is aiming to scale up operations as soon as possible. Since the treaty is on hold, the government will not entertain any objections from Pakistan," said a senior officer in the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

The Permanent Indus Commission, mandated to meet annually, has been on the back burner since two years. Many of India's projects on the Indus basin have been stalled since 1984. The Sawalkot hydropower project (1,856 MW) had to be shelved despite its conceptualisation in 1984 following Pakistani opposition. While the Kirthai-II (930 MW) was conceived in 1984, work on Kirthai I is in pre-construction stage.



BSF jawan Purnam Shaw after being handed over to India | P11

21 PAK CREW BARRED FROM DISEMBARKING

PARADIP: Security agencies have barred 21 Pakistani crew members from disembarking a crude oil tanker that arrived at Paradip Port on Wednesday. Sources said the decision was taken keeping in mind the tense situation with Pakistan.

HOW INDIA BYPASSED CHINESE AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS TO HIT PAK

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

DISPLAYING the technological might of India's armed forces, the government on Wednesday said Chinese air defence systems supplied to Pakistan were hoodwinked during Operation Sindoor, with the mission wrapped up in 23 minutes.

"Air Force bypassed and jammed Pakistan's Chinese-supplied air defence systems... demonstrating India's technological edge," the government said.

All three services of Pakistan have a major presence of Chinese weapons and systems including Air Defence systems, J-10, JF-17 fighters, submarines and warships.

On the night of 7-8 May, Pakistan engaged a number of military targets in Northern and Western India, but those were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) Grid and Air Defence systems.

On May 8, India successfully targeted Air Defence systems in Pakistan. India's multi-tier defence prevented Pakistan attacks on Indian airfields and logistic installations on May 9-10. All strikes were executed without loss of Indian assets.



MP minister booked after HC fiat over gutter language

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AN FIR was filed against state minister Vijay Shah after an appalled Madhya Pradesh High Court on Wednesday lit into him for his scurrilous remarks, saying he used the "language of the gutters" against Col Sofia Qureshi, who was part of the national briefing on Operation Sindoor against Pakistan.

The court took suo motu cognisance of media reports and digital evidence, after which it ordered the police to file an FIR against him on charges of promoting enmity and hatred. Shah had obliquely referred to Col Qureshi as the "sister of terrorists".



Vijay Shah

Castigating Shah, the bench said the armed forces were perhaps the last institution in this country that reflect integrity, discipline, sacrifice, character, honour and indomitable courage. It directed that the matter to be listed on top priority for Thursday. "At the function in Raikunda village in Mhow (Indore), the minister made nauseating remark against Col Sofia Qureshi by way of an innuendo," the court observed.

Sources said the BJP top brass in New Delhi is extremely angry. Shah may be asked to step down as cabinet minister soon, they added.

V-C search panels told to file report to govt, not governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN first such orders issued for state universities under higher education department, the search panels constituted to choose vice-chancellors for four universities have been mandated to submit their recommendations to the state government and not the Governor-Chancellor as has been the practice so far.

The Tuesday notification, issued after the landmark verdict of the Supreme Court regarding assent to bills that allowed Tamil Nadu government instead of the governor to appoint vice-chancellors, also extends the tenure of these search panels appointed earlier to August 13, 2025.

The four universities are Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University (TNTEU), Annamalai University (ANU), Anna University (AU) and Madurai Kamaraj University

PETITION IN HC AGAINST UNIV AMENDMENT ACTS

Chennai: The Madras High Court on Wednesday sought TN's reply to a petition seeking to declare ultra vires the amendment Acts and gazette notification that took away the powers of governor-chancellor to appoint V-Cs to state universities and vest those powers with the state government | P2

(MKU). Though three-member search panels were constituted and notified for these universities on October 19, 2022, December 9, 2024, December 13, 2024, and January 10, 2025, respectively, these committees could not complete their work due to the tussle between Governor R N Ravi and the state government with the governor insisting on the inclusion of a nominee of UGC chairperson as the fourth member in each of these search panels. P7

EXPRESS READ

TN gives ₹25L each to Pollachi rape survivors

Chennai: Chief Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday said the survivors of the Pollachi sexual assault case will get ₹25 lakh each as relief assistance from the state government in addition to the ₹85 lakh overall compensation awarded by Mahila Court | P4

Cabinet nod for chip joint venture in UP

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹3,706 crore semiconductor plant at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, to be set up by the HCL-Foxconn joint venture to manufacture display driver chips for mobile phones, laptops and automobiles | P14

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Plea in HC against laws stripping governor of power to appoint V-Cs

Petitioner cites violation of UGC regulations, court directs TN govt to file reply in a week

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennai

THE Madras High Court on Wednesday sought the state government's reply to a petition seeking to declare ultra vires the amendment Acts and a gazette notification which take away the powers of the governor-chancellor to appoint vice chancellors to state universities and vest with the state government.

A division bench of justices GR Swaminathan and V Lakshminarayanan directed the government to file the reply within a week while admitting the main petition which prayed for the declaration.

However, he adjourned the hearing of the connected petitions seeking interim stay on the operation of the amendment Acts and the notification and further proceedings by a week. The petitioner K Venkatachalapathy alias Kutty, who is also associated with the BJP, has challenged the legality of TN Fisheries University (Amendment) Act, 2020, TN Veterinary and Animal Sciences

University (Amendment) Act, 2020, TN Universities Laws (Amendment) Act, 2022, Chennai University (Amendment) Act, 2022, TN Siddha Medical University Act, 2022, TN Dr Ambedkar Law University (Amendment) Act, 2022, TN Universities Laws (Second Amendment) Act, 2022, TN MGR Medical University (Amendment) Act, 2022 and the TN Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (Amendment) Act, 2023. These acts were notified by the state government on April 11, 2025 subsequent to the orders of the Supreme Court passed on April 8, 2025 declaring that these Acts were deemed to have been assented to by the governor on the date on which these bills were presented to him for assent. The petitioner has also challenged the legali-

ty of the notification.

Advocate VR Shanmuganathan, appearing for the petitioner, told the bench that the acts and the notification are inconsistent with the Central Act (UGC Act) and the regulations, thereunder, particularly regulation 7.3 and so, shall be declared unconstitutional. Advocate General PS Raman said a detailed counter affidavit to the petitions has to be filed and the matter involves different government departments and so, the petitions may be taken up after vacation but the bench did not agree to it.

Senior counsel P Wilson, representing the higher education department, also submitted certain petitions connected to the issues are pending with the Supreme Court and there is no urgency in hearing the current petitions

within the short duration of time. He informed the bench that it is within the powers of the state government under List II Entry-32 of the Constitution to regulate the universities and their administration.

According to the petition, the legislations to transfer the powers of appointing the V-Cs from the governor-chancellor to the state government violate rule 7.3 of the UGC regulations, 2018, which mandates the V-C be appointed by the chancellor from a panel recommended by a search committee constituted under the regulations.

It said the UGC regulations on minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff in universities and colleges, apply to all the central, state, provincial universities and affiliated or constituent colleges.

The petitioner said the April 11 notification is challenged as illegal and unconstitutional on specific grounds not addressed by the apex court in its verdict.

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CCTV footage from the area helped police identify the suspect | EXPRESS

Bid to assault IT staff on OMR, hotel worker held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE Greater Chennai Police on Wednesday arrested a 25-year-old hotel employee for sexual assault bid on a young IT professional who was returning home from work on Tuesday night. The suspect was identified as Logeswaran of Ram-anathapuram district.

Police said the woman, a native of Kerala, was returning home from work around 8 pm after finishing her shift at an IT firm in Thoraipakkam, along the Old Mahabalipuram Road (OMR).

While the woman was walk-

ing through a well-lit lane, Logeswaran allegedly grabbed her from behind and covered her mouth before attempting to sexually assault her. The woman managed to bite his hand and raised an alarm. Hearing her screams, locals rushed to her assistance and Logeswaran fled the spot, police said.

Based on her complaint, the Thoraipakkam police registered a case and launched an investigation. CCTV footage from the area helped identify the suspect as Logeswaran, who is an employee at a small hotel in Perungudi. He was subsequently arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

More women in police will make force stronger, says Nityanand Rai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

UNDERLINING the crucial role of women in maintaining law and order, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai on Wednesday said increasing the number of female personnel in police force not only transforms public perception of police but also strengthens the force's overall effectiveness. He was speaking after inaugurating the 11th National Conference of Women in Police at the Tamil Nadu Police Academy at Unamancheri near Chennai.

The minister, who spoke in Hindi, lauded the Tamil Nadu Police and the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) for organising the conference and urged all states to implement its key recommendations. Acknowledging the dual responsibilities borne by women, in policing and at home, the minister stressed on the need for adequate workplace facilities and support system for them. He also underscored that the three new criminal laws (BNS, BNSS, and BSA) introduced by the Centre include special provisions to better address crimes against



DGP Shankar Jwal presenting a memento to Nityanand Rai | MARTIN LOUIS

women. The two-day conference brings together woman police officers from across the country to share insights, challenges, and forward-looking solutions for empowering women in law enforcement. Rajeev Kumar Sharma, Director General of Police, BPR&D, highlighted the new criminal laws' focus on women's safety through stricter penalties, victim-centric provisions, and digital tools like e-FIR and zero FIR. B Bala Naga Devi, Additional Director General of Police, Economic Offences Wing, delivered the welcome address, while Sandeep Rai Rathore, DGP of Training, delivered the vote of thanks.

After the inaugural ceremony, Rai also unveiled an exhibition marking the Golden Jubilee of Women Police in Tamil Nadu.

Govt initiatives boosted TN's Class 12 pass rate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE state government on Wednesday said various initiatives implemented in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare department schools have resulted in higher pass percentage among Class 12 students. According to a release, students from these schools are now gaining admission to top institutions such as the NITs and National Law Universities (NLUs).

The government has spent around ₹108 crore on constructing new classrooms and science laboratories, while infrastructure works worth ₹125 crore are currently under way to further upgrade the schools. Coaching for competitive entrance exams, including JEE, NEET, is also being offered to students in tribal residential schools, the release stated.

The government highlighted several welfare measures

such as internship grant of ₹10,000 for final-year law students from Adi Dravidar and tribal communities, and the Anna Ambedkar Overseas Higher Education Scheme, under which 176 students pursuing higher studies abroad are receiving scholarships of up to ₹36 lakh per year. Other initiatives include the Tholkudi Research Fellowship Scheme to support research on tribal culture and the High-Skill Incentive Scheme, which provides ₹25,000 to enhance the employability of graduates, the release said.



Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin presenting certificates to students at an event held at Anna Centenary Library in Chennai on Wednesday | PRAVAKUMAR

Udhayanidhi launches Kalloori Kanavu 2025 to guide students

Chennai: Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Wednesday inaugurated the Kalloori Kanavu 2025 programme aimed at providing career guidance to students who have completed Class 12 this year. At the event, he distributed shields to 58 candidates who cleared the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) and SSC exams after undergoing training under the Naan Mudhalvan scheme. Addressing the gathering, Udhayanidhi said Kalloori Kanavu will help one lakh students every year transition into higher education. Encouraging students to explore emerging fields such as data science, cybersecurity, AI, and quantum computing, Udhayanidhi urged them to pursue areas of interest based on the guidance received through the programme. Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi and senior officials were present.

Low pressure over Bay of Bengal; Erode sizzles at 41.2°C

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

A low pressure area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal by weekend and it may intensify further according to certain weather models although there is no official confirmation from the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) so far.

The latest update from the Met department on Wednesday

said, "Upper air cyclonic circulation over Andaman Sea persists and now extends up to 3.1 km above mean sea level tilting southwards with height."

Weather blogger K Srikanth said the system is likely to move towards Andhra Pradesh coast or move further up north towards Odisha and Bangladesh. "The north interior districts of Tamil Nadu might re-

ceive some rain from this system." Forecast for south peninsula says scattered to fairly light/moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning, and gusty winds with speed reaching 30-50 kmph over coastal Andhra Pradesh & Yanam, Rayalaseema, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe in the next 5 days.

"Isolated heavy rain is likely over Tamil Nadu Puducherry and Karaikal during 14th-16th," forecast says. On heat stress, there was a dip in maximum temperature by 1-3°C at a few places over Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, but some districts continue to report above normal temperatures. On Wednesday, Erode recorded the highest temperature of 41.2°C.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

15th May: We live in an amazing world. I have told you before about the multiverse, which contains many universes. We know that this is really an ancient idea, described in the Vedas, and astronomers are now catching up. There might be an infinite number of multiverses, going on into space and time for ever and ever. What I want to know is what astrology is like in the multiverse!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Think carefully before setting anything of any importance over the next few days. It's time to face important, long-term questions involving professional and personal matters, together with those issues concerning your material security and finances.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Discipline and self-control will be vital in all matters of communication. In other words, marshal your arguments and prepare your case with great care. Other people will be persuaded by the facts and nothing else, so your natural charm may not be enough.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon is now acting as a planet, drawing you towards a sentimental view of your home and family background. There is little pressure from the planets for you to do anything that goes against your wishes, especially if it's likely to cost you money!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have to demand only the highest standards from yourself. Don't expect others to back off or modify their demands. You must attempt to live up to all challenges and surmount every obstacle, no matter how imposing or off-putting they seem. Nothing less will do.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

You now have the perfect opportunity, not to mention the time, to decide what your next move should be. With so much happening behind the scenes, though, you may complain that you have too many choices. But, then, it seems that some people are never happy, are they?

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Few can manage finances like a Virgo, and now that the Moon is heading towards a part of your chart closely connected by your property, you can be sure that a question of family security will be raising its head once again. It's also a suitable sociable moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Although you may have to give others the benefit of the doubt, this does not mean that they are right. It may be that you are, very seriously, concerned to avoid a pointless and fruitless conflict. But make sure that you're not just afraid to face up to the truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Lunar alignments in emotional regions of the sky are making you feel better. You will cooperate with all around you, even when they seem intent on raising objections or saying that it can't be done. You suspect that they don't really understand what you want - and you may be right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Jupiter is the planet which normally offers you fabulous freedom of action. But right now this remarkable celestial body is about to feel the pressure of that brilliant planet, Mars, seriously curtailing your available options. You'll have to drop irrelevant sidelines and press ahead with what is really important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You're still shaken by recent emotional confrontations but, as next weekend approaches, a new set of powerful patterns is about to blow you off course. Seize the chance to sail into uncharted waters, and invite a close partner to join you - if they're willing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your financial star is looking relatively healthy, so you have little to worry about on that score. It is spiritual and metaphysical questions which are uppermost at the present moment. That's why you have to raise your sights a little higher than perhaps they have been recently.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

The stars are in a touchy mood, and there must have been several occasions recently when you came close to throwing in the towel. If you stay the course, I know that you'll be glad in the end. But you are wondering whether somebody else is really up to the challenge.

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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.

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ACROSS

- Bottom team after defender (8)
- A dramatic take-off (4)
- Weapon that is a double-edged knife (5)
- Unusual way to display anger (7)
- Medically speaking not a place for a second helping (5-3,4)
- Dangerous fuse an explosion reveals (6)
- You'll find me introducing very French measures (6)
- Heartbroken and sadly is not solved (12)
- Base for soldier in retreat; one of rank (7)
- The cause of the rising is as yet uncertain (5)
- Witnessed a Pole cut to pieces (4)
- Good man to encourage a high-priced swimmer (8)

DOWN

- Ruth as an infant? (4)
- Sow rice round about the seashore perhaps (7)
- They're not sown in the minds of certain people (5,2,5)
- Gloomy sergeant-major with face put out (6)
- Fighting finish in a knockout (5)
- I restate revised dissertation (8)
- He considers the contract after the deal is made (6,6)
- Natural source of heat dehydrates various items (8)
- Go back round the terrace (7)
- A trail that leads to the summit (6)
- Wines may be blended for strength (5)
- Aslound without ado (4)

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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THOUGH NOT RELATED, AFTER DONATING A KIDNEY TO HIS FRIEND, THEY BECAME ---

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

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Yesterday's Jumbles: QUEST BRISK HINDER SONATA
Answer: The glove and mitten factory employees met to discuss the — BUSINESS AT HAND

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Courtisan, 8 Orlins, 9 Variety, 10 Eghet, 11 Cannon, 12 Customer, 15 Military, 18 Lahore, 20 Lush, 21 Agility, 22 Orlins, 23 Lost cause.

Down: 2 Omaha, 3 Belongs, 4 Estancia, 5 Nuyget, 6 Strains, 7 Helms, 11 Chameleon, 13 Slight, 14 Loosens, 16 Travel, 17 Thelma, 19 Rates.

EPS has a habit of lying: CM on centre funds claim

Palaniswami had said funds released after his meeting with Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Nilgiris

CHIEF Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday took on AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami for his recent claims on the release of central funds to the state after the latter's meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

"Palaniswami claimed that the central government released funds for the Metro Phase II works in Chennai and the pending wages of MGNREGA workers in Tamil Nadu only after he met Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi and sought funds. This is humbug. Speaking lies and deception is the habit of EPS. People know about it very well," the chief minister said while interacting with the media in front of the HADP Open Air Stadium in Ooty during his morning walk.

Palaniswami has a habit of lying. The country knows the reason behind the meeting, he added.

Citing the Pollachi rape case, the CM said the verdict shows the government's determination to secure conviction.

"During the 2019 parliamentary election campaign, we made an assurance that the DMK government would take steps to punish whoever was involved in the Pollachi rape case, and now that has happened," he said. "The culprits in the Kodanad case too will be punished."

Reacting to former AIADMK's minister Sellur Raju's criticism of the DMK alliance rally supporting 'Operation



Chief Minister MK Stalin talking to a patient admitted to the Nilgiris Government Hospital, on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Sindoor', Stalin said, "He doesn't want to make an issue out of it as he (Raju) was deemed a clown even during the AIADMK regime."

Speaking about Operation Sindoor, the CM said, "We held a rally in Chennai in support of Operation Sindoor as it was executed well."

The chief minister also spoke on the attention paid to sports development in the state. "Since the DMK came to power, the state government has been improving facilities for the sportspersons. No one knew about the sports minister during the AIADMK regime, and now you know the sports minister. Foreign players are getting trained in Tamil Nadu, and the state is getting awards in various sports events."

CM Stalin conducted a sur-

prise visit to the recently opened Nilgiris Medical College and Hospital on Wednesday. He reviewed the functioning of various departments, including the emergency ward, and enquired about the facilities with doctors and patients.

Speaking to the media, he said patients who had been spending money for scans at private hospitals are taking them at this hospital at no cost. He revealed that 1,300 outpatients are getting treated there every day.

"Medical students conveyed to me that the hospital facilities are good. I told them the state government is ready to establish additional facilities," said Stalin.

Stalin visited the Doddabetta Peak in the evening.

CM Stalin arrived in the Nilgiris on Monday as part of a five-day official visit. He is set to inaugurate the Ooty Flower Show on Thursday.

EPS: Had Stalin dealt Pollachi, it would have met AU fate; DMK: Case filed only after stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE war of words between the ruling DMK and the principal opposition party - the AIADMK - continued for the second day on Wednesday, with leaders of both parties trading charges against each other.

At Udhagamandalam, Chief Minister MK Stalin told reporters that during the 2019 Lok Sabha election, he had promised the people that those involved in the Pollachi sexual assault case would be punished irrespective of their status and now that has come true.

Joining the issue, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, in a hard-hitting post on the X handle, said neither the DMK government nor Stalin had any role in this verdict. Still, the latter has claiming credit shamelessly, he said.

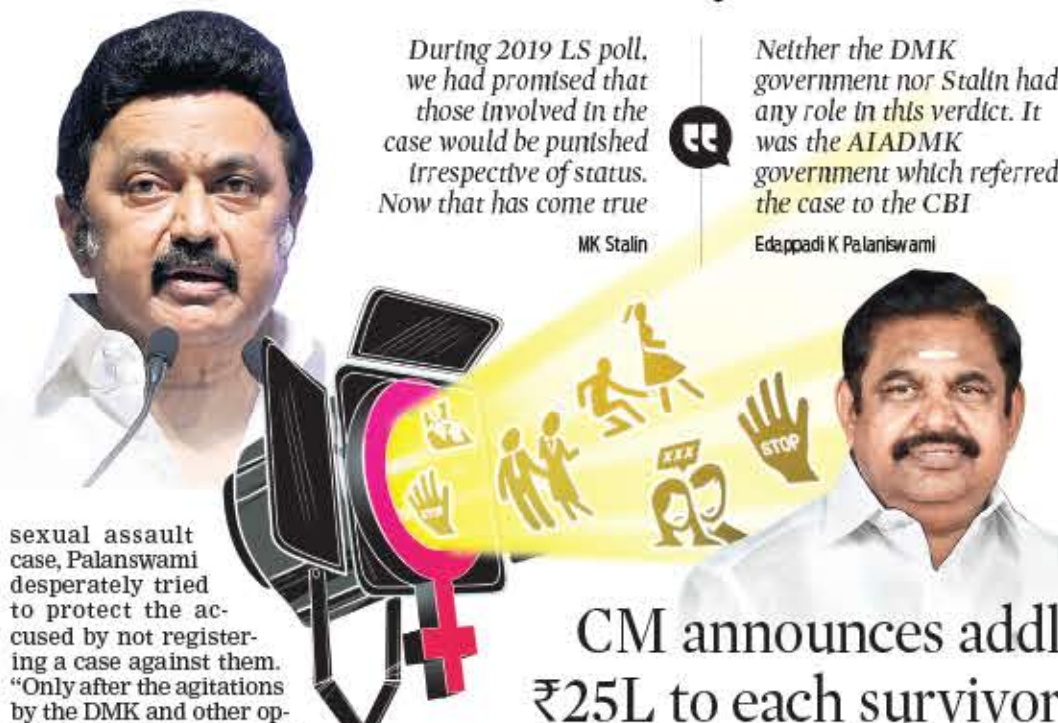
Palaniswami also said it was the AIADMK government which referred the case to the CBI. He also said had Stalin dealt with the Pollachi sexual assault case, it would have met the fate of the cases relating to the Anna University sexual assault and that related to the sexual assault of a girl in Anna Nagar.

Further, Palaniswami also said the AIADMK government arrested the accused in the Kodanadu robbery case and filed the charge sheet. But a DMK lawyer had appeared for an accused from Kerala in the case.

Palaniswami also took exception to CM describing as humbug the AIADMK taking credit for the allocation of funds by the union government for MGNREGA and Chennai Metro Second Phase after pressure from the party. The AIADMK leader said, Stalin had indeed called his (EPS) four years in office as real humbug. "Stalin, who mocked our efforts to obtain funds in the past, now refuses to acknowledge when we do succeed," Palaniswami added.

Meanwhile, Natural Resources Minister S Regupathy, in a statement here, took exception to Palaniswami's remark that the current DMK government had no role in the present verdict.

Regupathy said after knowing that persons linked to the AIADMK were involved in the



sexual assault case, Palaniswami desperately tried to protect the accused by not registering a case against them. "Only after the agitations by the DMK and other opposition parties, the case was transferred to the CBI, having no other option. Now, Palaniswami is enacting a drama, thinking that the people had forgotten what had happened then," the minister added.

Regupathy also said if Stalin had not raised this issue, the AIADMK men would have continued with such atrocities against women.

The minister also said Palaniswami's awkward campaign 'Yaar Andha Saar' got defeated, and the Madras High Court hailed the action taken in the Anna University sexual assault case by the state government.

CM announces addl ₹25L to each survivor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

CHIEF Minister MK Stalin on Wednesday announced that the survivors of the Pollachi sexual assault case will get ₹25 lakh each as relief assistance from the state government. This is in addition to the ₹85 lakh overall compensation awarded by the Coimbatore Mahila Court.

A release said the perpetrators could be punished and justice could be delivered to the survivors only because the women came forward to file complaint. Besides, they also fully cooperated with the judicial process.

Commending the courage of the women, the release said the incident that came to light in 2019 had shattered the people of Tamil Nadu. This verdict will serve as a stern warning to those who indulge in such heinous crimes in the future, the release said.

The release also said the state government has recently amended laws to impose stringent punishment on those who commit crimes against women.

Meanwhile, sources said the compensation announced by the court is only applicable to seven of the eight survivors, as one of the survivor did not appear for the court proceedings.

Temple chariot entry in Dalit area: Officials summoned

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE vacation bench of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Wednesday directed the district collector of Karur and its superintendent of police (SP), and the IGP (Central zone) to appear before it on Thursday in connection with a plea seeking a direction to the authorities to have the temple chariot of the Aravayee Amman temple at Senappadi taken to the SC community-dominated Nerur for rituals during the upcoming Vaikasi festival.

A Division Bench of Justices P Velmurugan and KK Ramakrishnan passed the directions on a PIL petition moved by P Ramesh (52) of Nerur in Manamangalam taluk of Karur. Ramesh in his plea stated that the Aravayee Amman temple at Senappadi belongs to members of both the SC and caste Hindu (Vanniyar) communities.

On the second day of the three-day festival during the Tamil month of Vaikasi, the chariot of the Amman temple is usually brought to the Mariamman temple in Nerur during which residents hailing from the same SC community as I prepare Pongal and perform poojas in front of the chariot before it is taken back to Senappadi. This year the festival falls during May 21-23, the petitioner stated.

However, for the past 15 years, the chariot has not entered our area despite repeated requests to the committee members of the temple.

The committee turned down their requests this year too, the petitioner added.

A petition seeking the revival of the custom submitted to the district collector was forwarded to the HR&CE department as well but the latter refused to entertain it stating that the temple under contention does not come under its purview, the petitioner further said. A second petition with the collector also yielded no positive response, he added.

Following this, the court directed the authorities concerned to appear before it and adjourned the case to Thursday.

Ex-chief secy's father dies at 90

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Salem

HEALTH Minister Ma Subramaniam and Tourism Minister R Rajendran paid floral tributes to former Chief Secretary V Irai Anbu's father Venkatachalam, who died at his residence in Sooramangalam in

Salem, on Wednesday. He was 90.

Chief Minister MK Stalin, in his condolence message, stated that Venkatachalam was a stellar example of giving Tamil names to his children, showing his attachment to the Tamil language.



People attending the procession of warrior god Aravan on a chariot are busy capturing the moment on their phones. The procession was held on Wednesday, a day after the ritual marriage ceremony of trans women with Aravan during the Koothandavar Temple festival at Koovagam in Kallakurichi | SRIRAM R

VIRTUAL REALITY

Submit records on implementation of schemes for conservancy workers, court tells govt

Chennai : A division bench of the Madras High Court consisting of Justices GR Swaminathan and V Lakshminarayanan on Wednesday directed the authorities of the state government to submit on Friday the records relating to the Implementation of Anna Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme of the state government and National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem of the Centre which are aimed at empowering the conservancy workers belonging to SC/ST communities. The direction was issued on a PIL petition filed by Youtuber Savukku Shankar. He had alleged the implementation of the schemes was handed over to a private entity-Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Instead of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises department. He also alleged that TNCC president K Selvaperunthanal had played a key role in facilitating the implementation through the private entity and had enrolled members of his party's SC/ST wing into the scheme.

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HC summons Pudukai collector in Vadakadu clash

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

THE vacation bench of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court on Wednesday summoned Pudukkottai district collector, IGP Central Zone, Superintendent of Police to appear before it on Thursday in a case seeking compensation to Scheduled Caste people whose properties were damaged in the recent caste violence at Vadakadu village in the district.

A Division Bench of Justices

P Velmurugan and KK Ramakrishnan gave the direction while hearing a PIL filed by S Shanmugam (47) of Thirumancheri at Karambakudi taluk in Pudukkottai, seeking justice for the victims.

The petitioner stated that on May 5 caste Hindu people questioned some SC youths who were standing near Muthumariyamman Temple in the village and attacked them. After the SC youths defended themselves, the

caste Hindu youths returned with a group, attacked SC people and damaged their properties.

Stating that Vadakadu police did not register case against caste Hindus who were involved in the incident, the petitioner sought a direction to the SP and range DSP to investigate the case through CCTV footage and cell phone videos to identify the those who have been left out and include their names in the FIR.

"Though detailed representations submitted via post to the authorities concerned including request to provide compensation and to declare the village as atrocities-prone, no positive steps have been taken," he stated.

Further, he sought the court to issue direction to constitute a team comprising members of National Commission for Scheduled Castes and social activists to inspect the village and submit a report so that compensation could be paid for the injured.

PIL in HC seeks CBI probe into corruption at Tasmac

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Madras High Court on Wednesday directed the state government to file a reply to a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking a CBI investigation into the FIRs registered by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) in connection with the alleged corruption and swindling of money by certain officials and employees of Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation (Tasmac) which runs liquor retail business.

A vacation bench of Justices G R Swaminathan and V Lakshminarayanan issued the direction when the PIL filed by K Venkatachalapathy, an advocate belonging to Tirunelveli who is associated with the BJP, came up for hearing.

While Additional Advocate General (AAG) J Ravindran requested for granting a two-

week time to file a detailed counter-affidavit to the petition, the bench gave a week's time to file it.

The AAG submitted that the FIRs had been registered since 2017 but "the petitioner was in deep slumber" and filed the PIL only now seeking a CBI probe, Ravindran said.

Venkatachalapathy stated an attempt to stall the investigation was made by the state government and the Tasmac by filing a "frivolous writ petition" against the money laundering proceedings.

"The respondents are resorting to various tactics to stall the investigation into the around Rs 1,000-crore scam and are creating hindrance to the probe," he stated.

The petitioner further said since the allegation involves huge amount of money, it is warranted that the probe against the officials is carried out without any impediment.

Adequate faculty in med colleges, NMC notice won't affect admissions: MaSu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

AFTER the National Medical Commission (NMC) issued show-cause notices to 35 of 36 government medical colleges in the state, citing various shortcomings, including inadequate faculty strength, Health Minister Ma Subramanian on Wednesday indicated that the notices will not affect student admissions in these colleges.

Addressing the reporters, the minister said 26 colleges have already sent their replies with appropriate explanation to the NMC last Friday, and three others will send their replies on Wednesday. The director of medical education and research has also issued guidelines for the remaining colleges to submit their explanations by next Friday.

Although such notices citing

certain discrepancies are issued to a few colleges every year, it raised concerns this year since almost all government medical colleges in the state had received notices.

On the alleged shortage of doctors, Subramanian said all vacancies in medical colleges were filled up as per the sanctioned strength. There were 415 vacancies, of which 328 were filled initially, and the remaining 87 were filled on Tuesday. A few months ago, 2,246 doctor vacancies were filled by the Medical Services Recruitment Board (MSRB), keeping in mind the vacancies that were going to arise, he said.

Not only those with MBBS qualification, but doctors who completed their PG were also selected in the re-

cruitment process. The minister further said that steps are being taken to fill vacant posts of associate professors and professors, through promotion counselling.

Commenting on the allegations of AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and BJP leader K Annamalai that the NMC sent notices due to the state's failure to fill vacancies, Subramanian said they should verify the facts before commenting on the matter.

Blaming the opposition for creating an impression there are no doctors in hospitals, he said the NMC sending such notices is a routine affair every year. He pointed out that the commission has sent notices not only to colleges in Tamil Nadu, but to

around 400 medical colleges across the country, including those in BJP-ruled states. Every year the NMC sends notices and upon receiving proper explanations, accepts them. He further said that the deficiencies pointed out were of a minor nature such as inadequate biometric attendance records and non-filling of faculty posts.

Subramanian said the NMC asked for Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance records, which led to some discrepancies. The NMC also asked for entry and exit time records of doctors, but a few doctors associations were against the idea of using such a system. Principals of medical colleges have now been advised to make the Aadhaar-enabled biometric attendance and entry and exit time records mandatory, he added.



EXPRESS READ

21 suburban trains cancelled for maintenance

Chennai: Southern Railway on Wednesday announced the cancellation of 21 suburban train services in the Chennai Beach-Sullurpeta section between 5.30 am and 6.30 pm on May 15 and 17 to facilitate engineering maintenance between Kavarippettai and Ponneri. To ease passenger inconvenience, 10 special services will be operated in both directions in the same section between 10.30 am and 4.45 pm, an official said. ENS



File pic of a neighbourhood in bustling Velachery

B'luru realtor buys site in Velachery for ₹441 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

BRIGADE Enterprises Ltd of the Bengaluru-based Brigade Group has acquired 5.41 acres of land in Velachery for ₹441.7 crore, marking a significant step in the company's expansion in the city's residential market.

The site, adjacent to Phoenix Market City and offering proximity to both the IT corridor along OMR and the central business district, is expected to yield a project with a gross development value of approximately ₹1,600 crore. The development potential is estimated at around 800,000 square feet.

Brigade is already developing a high-rise project on Anna Salai formerly owned by Sundaram Motors. Known as Brigade Icon, it includes a 150-metre tower with 38 floors and a second tower of 15 to 16 floors. It is being constructed using a premium floor space index of 4.87 among the highest allowed on that stretch and is expected to be completed in four to five years.

The Anna Salai site was believed to be acquired for over ₹500 crore and forms part of Brigade's broader investment commitment in Tamil Nadu. Brigade Group has pledged ₹8,000 crore in investments and plans to triple the number of its Chennai projects by 2030. The company currently holds a land bank of approximately 130 acres.

"Chennai has become our second-largest market after sustained investments in land and development," said Pavitra Shankar, Managing Director of Brigade Enterprises.

Pet dog dies at farmhouse, fear grips Erode

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Erode

IN the wake of a recent double murder in Vilakethi village, district police are investigating the suspicious death of a pet dog at an isolated farmhouse near the LBP canal in Chennimalai. The dog belonged to Baskar (50) and his wife Kalaiyani (42), whose house is close to the canal. Two of their other pet dogs have gone missing.

Police are on alert as the double murder of an elderly couple in Vilakethi was preceded by the death of their dog. The Chennimalai incident unfolded after the couple heard continuous barking on Tuesday night. By Wednesday morning, one dog was found dead and two others were missing, prompting a complaint.

Superintendent of Police A Sujatha inspected the site with special teams. A veterinarian performed an autopsy on the deceased dog. Officers suspect possible poisoning, but await the report.

The house's CCTV cameras were found faulty and were fixed on Wednesday.

Surveillance has been stepped up in the area as police continue to investigate any links between the two incidents.



As part of its comprehensive cancer care, Apollo Proton Cancer Centre, Chennai, launched a dedicated bone marrow transplant unit on World Thalassemia Day. It was officially inaugurated by Minister for Industries TRB Rajaraj [EXPRESS]

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS (NIB)

No. 6264

Date: 13.05.2025

C-156: The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, Jal-O-Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha on behalf of the Government of Odisha in Panchayat Raj and Drinking Water Department invites bids through e-procurement in conformity with terms and conditions of the Detailed Tender Call Notice (DTCN) in double cover system for the following work. The bids should be submitted on-line in website www.tendersodisha.gov.in by eligible reputed registered manufacturing agencies/Authorized Distributor/Dealer having sufficient experience in similar type of works. The bidder should have the necessary portal Enrolment (with his own Digital Signature Certificate).

Sl No	Name of the Rural Water Supply Project	Bid Identification No.	Cost of Bid document (in Rs.)	Online	From	To
1	Supply and delivery of 5 Nos. truck mounted Mobile Water Treatment Plant having 1000 ltr/hr. capacity for treating turbid/flood water/brackish water and make it potable on spot, disinfection through ozonation including provision of polythene pouch marking facility of 4000 pouch/hr and 2000 millilitre bottling plant capacity (Polythene thickness not less than 50 micron) with operation and maintenance for 05-years.	EIC/RWSS/114040015	10,000		16.05.2025	31.05.2025

Name & address of officer inviting Bid: Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS Jal "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar Ph: 0674-2395734/ 0674-2531533, e-mail: cerwssodisha@gmail.com
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>
OIPR-25003/1/0019/2526 Sd/- Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY / e-Tender Notice
Tender No: 01/25-26/SE/PHC/PKD
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)- Vanniyankulam -Additional- Work for Har Ghar Jal Declaration (HTC)-Pipeline Work. EMD : Rs. 200000, Tender fee : Rs. 13010 (Including GST), Last Date for submitting Tender : 03-06-2025 03:00-pm, Phone : 04912544927
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INVITATION (EOI) NOTICE
EOI are invited from accredited agencies possessing Project Management Consultancy (PMC) status for undertaking and executing the construction and electrification works for the proposed Net Manu Seelam Unit at Neendankulam, Kollam District. Interested agencies are requested to submit their EOI's indicating the percentage-based consultancy fee.
The Estimated Cost of Project is Rs.23 Crores
* Last date for submission of EOI is on or before 2:00pm on 23.05.2025 at Matsyafed Head Office, Kamaleswaram, Manacaud P.O., Thiruvananthapuram
* Date of opening the EOI's on 23.05.2025 at 3:00pm in the presence of bidders.
Further clarifications/queries in this regard if any shall be put up only on Matsyafed Website: matsyafed.in Phone: 0471-2458606
D3/386/2025 Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

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DC 125/25/2025
Notice Inviting e-Tender
On behalf of the Rajiv Gandhi Ayurveda Medical College & Hospital, Mahe invites Request for Proposal from Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs)/State Government Public Sector Undertaking and other registered firms, for providing comprehensive design, engineering and project management consultancy (PMC) services for planning and designing of construction of various buildings at Rajiv Gandhi Ayurveda Medical College & Hospital, Mahe under the scheme "National AYUSH Mission".
Last date of submission of bid : 25.05.2025 up to 10.00 AM
Bid opening on : 26.05.2025 at 12.00 PM
Approximate cost of Project : Rs.6.47 Cr.
Cost of tender document : Rs.1,000 + 5% GST
Tender documents can be downloaded from e-tender portal from 17.05.2025, 12.00 PM onwards.
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Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 /w Rule 3 of the COTBS Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
The undersigned have issued a demand notice in following NPA account/s under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, calling upon the under mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors to repay the amounts outstanding for the Credit facilities granted to them/upon their guarantee, within 60 days from the date of that Notice. Notices issued to certain addresses were returned as unserved. Hence this notice is being published for the information of those addressees who have not received the aforesaid notice and all concerned as provided under the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Please take notice that if you fail to repay to the Bank the below mentioned amount with further interest and expenses and other charges etc. then in terms of the Notice u/s 13(2) of the Act, the bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section 13 and under other applicable provisions of the said Act. You are also put to notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed below of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. The details of the amounts and Secured Assets along with Amount outstanding are given below:

Name and Address of Borrowers/ Date of Demand Notice / Amount Outstanding (as per Demand Notice)	Description of Property
Sl.No.1: Name & Address: Borrower: 1.Shri P.Mohan S/o Panchatcharam C/o Borrower: 2.Shri Panchatcharam D, Both are residing at: V.M N-2 1st Floor, Block-C, Flat No. Fives Apartments, 17th Street, Balaji Nagar, Anakaputhur, Chennai-600 070 Also at: No.44, Pettai Street, Anakaputhur, Chennai 600 070. Name of the Mortgagee: Shri.P.Mohan NPA Date: 30.09.2017	Details of the title deed: Sale deed No.7294/2016 dated 04.11.2016 with S.R.O: Pammal. All that piece & parcel of the land with building bearing 420 Sq.ft. Undivided Share of Land Out of total extent of 1800 Sq. Ft. in Plot No 1-A, comprised in Old Survey No.158/242, Patta No.3253, as per Patta New Survey No.158/242, in the 1st floor, Flat No. F-2, in Block-C, along with one Car Park in the Ground floor, in the Building named "V.M.NIVAS", having a plinth area of 750 Sq.ft., including common area with all fixtures & fittings, electrical installations, TN&B, Service Connections with its deposit and all the amenities attached to the building, situated at Old Village No.99,87, New Village No.1, Anakaputhur Village, Balaji Nagar, 17th Street, Palayam Taluk, Kanchipuram District, within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub-Registration District of Pammal, 420 Sq.ft., Undivided share of land out of total extent 1800 Sq.ft., in the 1st floor, Flat no. F-2, in Block-C, along with one car park in the Ground floor, in the building named "V.M. NIVAS", having a plinth area of 750 Sq.ft. This plot having got a for Member Secretary, CMDA & Commissioner, Anakaputhur Municipality, Chennai-600070, vide PPA.No.142/2012/C1, dated 13/07/2012, PPL.No.44/2012-2013. House Tax No.9980, M.E.S. Connection No.247-351-821. Property bounded on the North: Plot No.1-B; West: Plot No. 2; East: 20 Feet Road; South: Land in Survey No. 158/3, Measuring : 2 to West: 50 feet on the Northern Side; East to West: 50 feet on Southern Side; North to South: 36 feet on the Eastern Side; North to South: 36 feet on Western Side.

Facility	Date	Amount	Account No	Present Sum Due (as on 30-04-2025)
HOME LOAN	26.09.2016	Rs.32,00,000/-	05661200000493	Rs. 62,29,330.61
HOME LOAN/Repair/Renovation)	19.05.2017	Rs.6,00,000/-	05661200000578	Rs. 11,30,180.88
Sl.No.2: Name & Address: Borrower: 1.Ms Aishwarya P, D/o Panchatcharam 2. Mrs.P.Mythili, W/o Panchatcharam Both are residing at: Flat No A Ground Floor, Door No-2A, Sree Lakshmi Narayan Nagar 1st Street, Pammal, Chennai 600 075 Also at: A2/3, Bhuvaneshwari Apartments, Bharatidasan Colony, KK Nagar, Chennai 600 078 Name of the Mortgagee: Ms. Aishwarya.P NPA Date: 31.03.2018				
Details of the title deed: Sale Deed: Registered deed No.2858/2014 dated 17.04.2014 with S.R.O: Pammal Schedule A: All that part & parcel of the Vacant land situated at Pammal Village, Tambaram Taluk, within the Sub-Registration District of Pammal, and Registration District of Chennai South, measuring 1 ground and 613 Sq. ft (i.e. 3013 Sq. ft) in Survey No 69/2, comprised in pammash Nos 330,333 in Door no 2A, Sri Lakshmi Narayana Nagar 1st Street, Pammal, Chennai, Bounded on the North: 20 Feet Road, West: Plot No. 2; East: 20 Feet Road; South: Plot No. 12; Measuring: North to South on the Eastern Side: 65 1/2 feet, North to South on the Western Side: 65 1/2 feet, East to West on the Northern Side: 46 feet, East to West on the Southern Side: 46 feet. Schedule B: 397 Sq.ft. undivide share of land out of 3013 Sq.ft. in the schedule A mentioned property. Schedule C: Ground Floor flat bearing no. A, measuring an extent of 690 Sq.ft. inclusive of the proportionate common area in the building.				
Facility	Date	Amount	Account No	Present Sum Due (as on 30-04-2025)
HOUSING LOAN	16.04.2014	Rs.30,00,000/-	09991200000248	Rs. 51,25,161.96
Place: Chennai Date: 02.05.2025				
Authorized Officer, Punjab and Sind Bank				

Place: Chennai
Date: 02.05.2025

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the 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 19.06.2025 (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:

S.No.1: Borrower Name & Address: 1. Mr. Aranganathan Kathirvel, S/o. Kathirvel, 2/95 Mettu Colony St Arpakkam Vil Kancheepuram Tk, Tamil Nadu 631603. 2. Anusuya A, W/o. Aranganathan, 95 Mettu Colony Arpakkam Vil & Po, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603.			
Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.11,22,174/91- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Ninety One Only) plus further interest from 01.05.2025			
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Property-I: All that Piece and Part of the Land and Building situated at Kanchipuram District, Kancheepuram Registration District, Walajabad Taluk, within the Jurisdiction of Kancheepuram Joint-2, Sub-Registrar Office, No.8 Arapakam Village, a house site in Mettu Street, bearing Plot No.7, as per Gramanatha Patta No.75, comprised in Sy.No.495/14, (Old Sy.No.495/2 Part), measuring to North to South 65.5 Feet on the Western side, 60 Feet on the Eastern side, and East to West 32 Feet on the Northern side, 43 Feet Southern side, Total area 2367.2 Sq. Feet (220 Sq. Mtrs). Boundaries: On the North by: Mr.Rajendhiran's Plot, On the South by: Mettu Street, On the East by: Mr.Varadhan's Plot, On the West by: Mr.Kishan's Plot. Owner of the Property : Mr. K Aranganathan			
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S.No.2: Borrower Name & Address: 1. Mr. Gopalakrishnan M S/o. Mununay 67 Kannikulam Puthall Street Magaral Vay Uthiramerur Kancheepuram Tamil Nadu - 631603. 2. Mr. Moorthy, E S/o. Elumalai, 30 B Adhavapakkam Vill Adhavapakkam, Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603.			
Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.12,37,657/63- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Seven and PAISE Sixty Three Only) plus further interest from 01.05.2025 and costs and expenses etc.			
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Property-I: All that Piece and Parcel of the Vacant site and Building constructed thereon situated at Kancheepuram District, Uthiramerur Taluk, within the jurisdiction of Uthiramerur Sub-Registrar office, No.51 Kannikulam Village, Gramanatham House site, comprised in Gramanatham Sy.No.134/26A, in Patta No.174, measuring an extent of East to West 16 feet, North to South 135 feet, as per Patta No.174 Total area 197 Sq. Mts, (2119 3/4 Sq. Feet, as per patta) Boundaries: On the North by: Panchayath Cement Road, On the South by: Emrose Mudalair property, On the East by: Pandiyan Mudalair's Plot, On the West by: Rathina Vel Chettiyar's Plot, Owner of the Property : Mr. M GOPAL KRISHNAN.			
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S.No.3: Borrower Name & Address: 1. Mr. Iyyanar M.S/o. Mannan, 265/1 Vinayagar Kovil St Karuvempampundi Vil, Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu 631603. 2. Mr. Madhavan M, S/o. Murugan, No.85/A Baramanar St, Ozhugural Vill Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603.			
Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.7,09,340/81- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty and PAISE Eighty One Only) plus further interest from 01.05.2025 and costs and expenses etc.			
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Property-I: All that Piece and Parcel of the property situated at Kancheepuram District, Chengalpattu Registration District, Uthiramerur Taluk, Within the jurisdiction of Uthiramerur sub-registrar office, No.49 Thirupulivanam Village, punja land comprised in Old Survey No. 254/1, 0-10 Acres out of 0.40 Acre (i.e.,) 4360 sq feet, Boundaries: On the North by: Canal, On the South by: Smt. Lakshmi Ammal Property, On the East by: Smt. Lakshmi Ammal Property, On the West by: Kanchipuram Road. Owner of the Property : Mr. M.IYANNAR			
RESERVE PRICE ₹ 12,94,000/- EMD ₹ 1,29,400/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 10,000/-			
S.No.4: Borrower Name & Address: 1. Mrs. Muniyammal V W/o. Veeraraghavan, 103 Pulivoy Col, Pulivoy Po, Uthiramerur, Kancheepuram Tamil Nadu 631603. 2. Mr. Selvaraj V S/o Veeraraghavan, 103 Kannikulam Vil Puthali Po, Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603. 3. Mr. Aiyappan A S/o. Adhikesavan, 127 Manalmedu Colony, Pulivoy, Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamilnadu - 631603.			
Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.1,15,634/85- (Rupees One Lakh Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four and PAISE Eighty Five Only) plus further interest from 01.05.2025 and costs and expenses etc.			
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Property-I: All that Piece and Part of the Land and Building situated at Kanchipuram District, Chengalpattu Registration District, Uthiramerur Taluk, Jurisdiction of Uthiramerur Sub Registrar Office, No.51, Kannikulam village in a House Property in Mariyamman Kol Street bearing Door No.9, as per Grama Natham as per Patta No.146 comprised in New S.No. 106/9 as per the sketch measuring North to South 33 Feet, and East to West 31.66 Feet, Total Area 1045 Sq. Feet (as per Patta 91 sq.Mtrs.) which electric service connection No.330-015-331 (Old S.No.106/1). Boundaries: On the North by: Land comprised S.No.106/1, On the South by: Puthali Theer Road, On the East by: Murugan House, On the West by: Ponnammal House. Owner of the Property : Mrs. Muniyammal			
RESERVE PRICE ₹ 10,26,000/- EMD ₹ 1,02,600/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 10,000/-			
S.No.5: Borrower Name & Address: 1. Mr. Selvasakar C S/o.Chinnayan 23 Mariyamman Kovil St, Puthali Vill & Po Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu 631603. 2. Mrs. Rukmani S W/o Selvasakar, No.30 Mariyamman Kovil St Puthali, Puthali Po Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603. 3. Mrs. Jansirani S, D/o. Selvasakar, No.30 Mariyamman Kovil St, Puthali, Puthali Po Uthiramerur Tk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu - 631603.			
Outstanding Amount: 30.04.2025 as on Rs.14,24,780/20- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and PAISE Twenty Only) plus further interest from 01.05.2025 and costs and expenses etc.			
DETAILS OF PROPERTY: Property-I: All that Piece and Parcel of the Vacant site and Building constructed thereon situated at Kanchipuram District, Chengalpattu Registration District, Uthiramerur Taluk, within the Jurisdiction of Uthiramerur sub Registrar Office, No.54, Puthali village a vacant site bearing grama Natham Patta No.62 and 88, (New Patta No.579) comprised in grama Natham Sy.No.20/581, (old Sy.No.20/58) and Sy.No.20/582 (New survey, Number 20/583) Total area 2616 Sq ft half of the area 1308 Sq ft, measuring East to West 22 feet, North to South 32 feet, RCC building house area is 704 Sq.ft. Total area 1308 Sq feet with electric service connection number and its deposit etc. Boundaries: On the North by: Selvasakar's Plot (The applicant's plot), On the South by: Cement Road, On the East by: Mr. Selvam's Plot (Allotted "D" Schedule), On the West by: Varalakshmi Plot, Owner of the Property : Mr. C. Selvasakar.			
RESERVE PRICE ₹ 42,86,000/- EMD ₹ 4,28,600/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 10,000/-			
DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 19.06.2025 Between 11.30 AM & 12.30 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each.			
Inspection of Property Date & Time : 18.06.2025 between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.			
The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 18.06.2025 till 5:00 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 may Contact: Canara Bank Authorised Officer, Sl.No.1 to 5: Pulivoy(16500) Branch (Mob: +91-9994020366) e-mail id: cb16500@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day. (or) The service provider M/s. PSL alliance (Ebkay), Help Desk No: 829122020, eMail : support.ebkay@pslalliance.com , Mr.Kashyap Patel Mobile Number 7016716557, E Mail ID: kashyap@procure247.com .			
Portal of E-Auction: https://baanknet.com			
Date : 09.05.2025 Place : Pulivoy		AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK	

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

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL+HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udayog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015, (Haryana) and Branch Office at: '99, Kakkalur, Chennai To Thiruvallur Highway, Poonga Nagar, Thiruvallur Tamil Nadu-602002" under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer (AO) of IFL+HFL has taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/proposed nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFL+HFL's dues; The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: www.iffonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price
1. Mr. Tiruvallur Kuppaswamy Venkatesan 2. Mrs. Venkatesan Sarala (Prospect No. IL10330878)	15-Apr-2024 Rs. 10,24,849/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Eight Hundred and Forty Nine Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No.53, Northern Side, Survey No. 5152 in New Survey No.5154/B, Patta No. 3511, Situated At No.76, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Nagar, Thiruvallur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk And District, Tir. India. 602021 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, Area: Built Up Area: Carped Area Property Area: 8776.00, 623.00, 529.00	04-July-2024 Total Outstanding As On Date: 09-May-2025 Rs.11,11,643/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Three Only)	Rs.14,34,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.1,43,400/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property 30-May-2025 11:00 hrs -14:00 hrs
EMD Last Date 2-Jun-2025 till 5 pm.
Date/Time of E-Auction 4-Jun-2025 11:00 hrs-13:00 hrs.

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

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.iffonehome.com>, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
- The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
- The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFL HFL.
- Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.iffonehome.com> and <https://www.iffone.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale and auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider email ID: care@iffonehome.com, Support Helpline no. 1800 2672 499.
- For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email: care@iffonehome.com.
- Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFL+HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
- After the physical possession, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles simultaneously shall be sold in accordance with Law.
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
- AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFL+HFL will be final.

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

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

Place: Chennai, Date: 15-05-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFL Home Finance Limited.

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(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)

CAD-411 Regd. Office: OPTCL Tech Tower, Janpath, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Bids Are Invited From Reputed Bidders :

E-Tender No.	Tender Description:	Estimated Cost
CPC-03/2025-26	Supply of 95 nos. SF6 Gas in Cylinders (50 kg capacity).	71,25,926.00
ED-SZ-BAM-02/2025-26	Package 1: PCC and remetalting work of 132kV & 33kV S/Y at 132/33kV Grid S/S Phulbani under EHT (O&M) Division, Bhanjanagar. Package 2: PCC and re-metalling work of 132kV & 33kV S/Y and construction & repairing of retaining wall, drain and cable trench wall at 132/33kV Grid S/S Therubali under EHT (O&M) Division, Rayagada under Southern Zone, Berhampur.	41,18,004.00 75,11,979.00
ED-SZ-BAM-03/2025-26	Transportation with loading & unloading of S/S materials from Mancheswar, Choudwar & Banarpal store to 220/132/33kV Grid S/S, Narendrapur under EHT (O&M) Division, Berhampur for Diversion work of 220kV Narendrapur-Attri D/C Line & 220kV Therubali-Gunpur D/C line under Southern Zone, Berhampur.	4,04,572.00

Complete set of bidding documents are available at www.optcl.co.in.

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RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.
C/o Superintending Engineer (TD-II), 5th Floor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Jaipur

E-TENDER NOTICE: TN-07 (RVU2526GLOB00340)

Online tenders are invited by RVUNL for Supply of MS Steel for various Power Plants of RVUN. Tender details are available on websites <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> (for e-tender), www.eenergy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj Samardh/C/25/2269 RVUN/PR-4196 Superintending Engineer (TD-II)

KMML The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Kollam-691 583
Phone: 0476-2651215 to 2651217, e-mail: md@kmml.com, URL: www.kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmml.com

Sl No.	Tender ID	Items
1	2025_KMML_764124_1	For the supply of Roaster Discharge Grating Assembly
2	2025_KMML_764155_1	For the supply of Pellets for Digester-36 M2
3	2025_KMML_763975_1	AMC for Electric Hoists/Mechanical Hoists for 2025-2026

Chavara 14.05.2025 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

Indian Overseas Bank
NESAPAKKAM BRANCH: No.7, Ramasamy Salai, K K Nagar West, Chennai 600078 Ph: 044 - 2366 1031 / 4523

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS / MORTGAGORS / GUARANTORS UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

1. Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank, under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice dated 06.05.2025 calling upon the following Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

2. The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrower / guarantor. Hence the Bank by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice. Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned and the said Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor, may, if they so desire, collect the said copies from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

3. Against the above background, Notice is hereby given, once again, to said Borrower / guarantor / mortgagor to pay to Indian Overseas Bank, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated / payable as given below under the loan & other documents. As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to Indian Overseas Bank by the respective parties as below.

Name of the Borrower: Devi A. Permanent Address: No. 5/12-1, Nathamedu, Manavasi, Uppidamangalam, Karur-639 108, Communication Address / Office Address: No.15/7, Muthamali Street, B V Nagar, Nanganallur, Chennai - 600114; Nature of Facility: RSUBH - 131203464000032; Limit: ₹ 38,70,000/-; Rate of Interest (including overdue interest) & rests: 11.00%; Last Interest Debit Date: 27.04.2025; Total dues* as on 06.05.2025: ₹ 40,44,762.86;

NPA Date: 24.04.2025

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSET

Nature of Security: Mortgage, Schedule 'A'. All that piece and parcel of vacant land measuring Total extent of 117.40 cents, comprised in the Survey Numbers mentioned below : Schedule 'A' Survey No.437/1B2 measuring -66.90 Cent, Survey No.437/2C measuring -03.70 Cent, Survey No.437/1B1 measuring -23.30 Cent, Survey No.437/1A1C measuring -23.50 Cent. Total 117.40 cents situated at Village No.71, Chettipunnivay Village, Chengalpatt Taluk and Chengalpatt District within the Registration District of Chengalpatt and Registration Sub-District of Joint II Chengalpatt and Bounded on the North By: S.No.437/1A1B, 437/1A1A, South By: S.No. 436, East By: S.No.439, West By: 12m wide Road in S.No.381 & 383.

Schedule 'B': 510 square feet undivided share of land out of 'A' schedule mentioned property with Apartment bearing No.A-309 measuring 1020 sq.ft Block-A in Third Floor including one Car Parking known as 'Sterling Hill View'.

* payable with further interest at contractual rates/other charges as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

4. If the said borrower / guarantor / mortgagor fail to make payment to Indian Overseas Bank as aforesaid, then Indian Overseas Bank shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act and Rule entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the said borrowers' guarantor.

5. Further, the attention of borrower / guarantor / mortgagor is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

6. The said Borrower / guarantor / mortgagor are prohibited under the SARFAESI Act from transferring the secured assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Indian Overseas Bank. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules shall be liable for imprisonment and/or fine as given under Section 29 of the Act.

Date : 06.05.2025 Authorised Officer
Place: Chennai Indian Overseas Bank

Indian Bank STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - CHENNAI
55, Elnring Salai, Zonal Office Building 11 Floor, Wellington Estate, Chennai - 600 008. Telephone: 044-28216711. email: smabchennai@indianbank.co.in

The possession dated 29.08.2022 stands withdrawn and this notice is issued in lieu of the same.

POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas the Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under the Section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 17.02.2025 respectively, calling upon the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) : (1) M/s. Perg Electro Mechanical Pvt Ltd, (Borrower), Directors : Mr. Ibrahim Shah, Mr. P. Suresh and Mr. B. Manivannan, Reg Off : No.3022, 6th Main Road, South Ram Nagar, Madipakkam, Chennai - 600 091, (2) Mr. Ibrahim Shah, (Director/Guarantor), S/o Mr. Munaf, 718, 6th Main Road, Ram Nagar, Madipakkam, Chennai - 600 091, (3) Mr. P. Suresh, (Director/Guarantor), S/o Mr. Prabhakaran, B-4, Indhu Flats, No.24, T.V Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031, (4) B. Manivannan, (Director/Guarantor/Mortgagor), S/o Mr. Balasubramani, No.002, 3rd Cross, Hemanth Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 36, (5) B. Anusuya, (Guarantor/Mortgagor), W/o Mr. Balasubramani, Door No.5 (Old Door No.43), New Ward-7, Murugavel Nagar, 3rd Cross, K.K. Nagar, Trichy - 21, (6) B. Sudharshan, (Guarantor/Mortgagor), S/o Mr. Balasubramani, Door No.5 (Old Door No.43), New Ward-7, Murugavel Nagar, 3rd Cross, K.K. Nagar, Trichy - 21, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice for OCC INDSME SEC-MICRO A/C No.6837224303 is Rs.2,12,04,292.79 (Rupees Two crores twelve lakhs four thousand two hundred ninety two and paise seventy nine only), INDSME Covid A/C No.6882067693 is Rs.8,29,909.35 (Rupees Eight lakhs twenty nine thousand nine hundred ninety nine and paise thirty five only), GECLS A/C No.6887712266 is Rs.19,51,934.89 (Rupees Nineteen lakhs fifty one thousand nine hundred thirty four and paise eighty nine only), FITL A/C No.7033854513 is Rs.10,69,236.16 (Rupees Ten lakhs sixty nine thousand two hundred thirty six and paise sixteen only) and GECLS 1.0 A/C No.7035175551 is Rs.2,74,717.37 (Rupees Two lakhs seventy four thousand seven hundred seventeen and paise thirty seven only), totalling to Rs.2,53,30,090.56 (Rupees Two crores fifty three lakhs thirty thousand ninety and paise fifty six only) as on 16.02.2025 together with interest from 17.02.2025 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The amount due as on 11.05.2025 together with further interest till date of repayment : OCC INDSME SEC-MICRO A/C No.6837224303 is Rs.2,20,35,732.83 (Rupees Two crores twenty lakhs thirty five thousand seven hundred thirty two and paise eighty three only), INDSME Covid A/C No.6882067693 is Rs.8,50,654.50 (Rupees Eight lakhs fifty thousand six hundred fifty four and paise fifty only), GECLS A/C No.6887712266 is Rs.20,02,355.58 (Rupees Twenty lakhs two thousand three hundred fifty five and paise fifty eight only), FITL A/C No.7033854513 is Rs.11,10,381.60 (Rupees Eleven lakhs ten thousand three hundred eighty one and paise sixty only) and GECLS 1.0 A/C No.7035175551 is Rs.2,80,513.76 (Rupees Two lakhs eighty thousand five hundred thirteen and paise seventy six only), totalling to Rs.2,62,79,638.27 (Rupees Two crores sixty two lakhs seventy nine thousand six hundred thirty eight and paise twenty seven only) as on 11.05.2025 payable by you with further interest from 12.05.2025 costs, charges, expenses etc., thereon.

The Borrower & Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers & Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with said rules on this 13th day of May 2025.

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 property will be subject to the charge of Indian Bank for an amount of Rs.2,62,79,638.27 (Rupees Two crores sixty two lakhs seventy nine thousand six hundred thirty eight and paise twenty seven only) as on 11.05.2025 payable by you with further interest from 12.05.2025 costs, charges, expenses etc., thereon.

"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities".

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

Mortgaged assets owned by Mr. B. Manivannan, Mr. B. Sudharshan & Mrs. B. Anusuya : All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.28, Murugavel Nagar 3rd Street, K. Sathanur Village, measuring an extent of 2400 Sq. ft., comprised in Old S. No.1/3 part, T.S. No.40, Ward AH, Tiruchirappalli Corporation, Ariyamangalam Zone, Tiruchirappalli East Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, in the layout approved in D.D.P.L/P(T.T) No.32/79 and bounded on the - North by : 20 feet Road, South by : Plot No.29, East by : 20 feet Road, West by : Plot No.27, Measuring - North side : 40 feet, South side : 40 feet, East side : 60 feet, West side : 60 feet. In all measuring 2400 Sq. ft. of land together with building thereon and lying within the Registration District of Tiruchirappalli and Sub Registration District of Keelsathanur and also lies within the limits of Corporation of Tiruchirappalli.

Date : 13.05.2025 Authorised Officer, Indian Bank,
Place : Tiruchirappalli SAM Branch, Chennai - 600 008.

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20,21 Kamarajar Street, Kancheepuram - 631501. Ph: 2722 5360, 2722 3165, 2722 3131. Email ID: 2000law@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSETS

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Secured Assets under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No 54 of 2002) read with proviso to Rule 13(2) and 13(4) of the Security Interest (enforcement) Rules 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers and guarantors that the below mentioned immovable properties Mortgaged / Charged to the secured creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank, the Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 31.05.2025 for recovery of Bank's dues from the borrowers / guarantors. Details of Present dues, Name of Borrower and Guarantor, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit etc., are given below.

1. Alapakkam Branch - Phone: 044- 2279 4235

Name & address of the Borrower : 1.M/s TKM Marketing, (Borrower) Prop: Mr.B.Kareem Plot No 6, Devaraj Nagar, Nedungundam, Chennai - 800 127. 2. Mr. B Kareem (Borrower and Mortgagor) No.146, Perumalpuram, Phase 3, Puthur, Mappadu, Chennai- 600126.

Short Description of the Property with known encumbrance, if any : Not Known : All that piece and parcel of vacant house site, bearing Plot No.6 measuring an extent of 1882 Sq.Ft comprised in survey no. 28771, Patta No. 562 in the approved layout approved No.9/2009, "Sri Lakshmi Nagar", Polambakkam Village, Cheyoor Taluk, Kancheepuram Dist. The above said layout bearing by President of Polambakkam First Grade Panchayat, Chittimamoor Union, Resolution No.9/2009, Dt.11.02.2009. Boundaries : North by : Plot No.5, South by : 23 feet Road, West by : Plot no.7 and 8 and East by : vacant land.

Outstanding Dues (Rs.)***	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Multiplier	Name of the Branch & Contact Number
Rs. 4,98,629.15 as on 12.05.2025	Rs. 3,15,000/-	Rs. 31,500/- for Loan A/c No & IFSC code see website	Rs.25,000/-	Alapakkam Branch Mr.Rohitash, Manager Ph: 89259 53596.

2. Kannathur Reddykuppam Branch - Phone: 044-2744 2255

Name & address of the Borrower : 1. M/s Valavan's Super Market, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. M. Rajasekar, S/o. Mr. Mani, Old Door No. 2/52 New Door No.3/116, Bajanaikol Street, Kovalam, Chengalpattu District - 603112.

Short Description of the Property with known encumbrance, if any : Not Known : All the piece and parcel of land and building measuring an extent of 1035 sq ft and constructed building area of 1000 sq ft comprised in Gramanatham Old S.No.50/1B1A1 as per patta no. 159, bearing New S.No.81/20 at building at Old No.2/52, New No.3/116 Bajanaikol Street, Kovalam (erstwhile No.16, Kovalam Village) Thiruporur Taluk Within the registration Sub- District of Thiruppurur and Registration District of Chengelpet, standing in the name of Mr.M. Rajasekar. Bounded - North By: Sandhu (Small Way), South By: Road, East by: House Belongings to Mr.Desinguz, West by: Bajanaikol Street.

Outstanding Dues (Rs.)***	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Multiplier	Name of the Branch & Contact Number
Rs. 41,79,829.83 as on 30.05.2022	Rs. 26,10,000/-	Rs. 2,61,000/- for Loan A/c No & IFSC code see website	Rs.50,000/-	Kannathur Reddykuppam Branch Mrs. Malini M, Manager Ph: 9245481428

3. Kunrathur Branch - Phone : 044-24782356

Name & address of the Borrower : Mr. S Murali (Late) (Borrower/Mortgagor) S/o Mr. K Seshadri, 6/6, Dhanush Flats, Rase Vive, Colony, 2nd Street, Guindy, Chennai 600032. Address 2: No. 81, LAS Towers, 3rd Floor, Velacherry Main Road, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai 600015. To all The Legal Heirs of Mr. S Murali (Deceased Borrower), Mr. K Seshadri (Father of Mr. S Murali) & Mrs. S Rajam (Mother of Mr. S Murali), 6/6, Dhanush Flats, Rase Vive, Colony, 2nd Street, Guindy, Chennai 600032.

Short Description of the Property with known encumbrance, if any : Not Known : Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of property at Door No.18/15, totally measuring 3194 sq.ft., at Gandhi Street, Door No.18/15, comprised under Survey No.231/3, at Jaladipattai Village, Kanchipuram District, TN. Bounded on:- North - Mr. Murugesan's Plot, South - Road, East - Mr. Andavan's Plot, West - Mr. Krishnan's Plot. Measuring on: East to West Facing, North by: 47ft. 08 inches; South by: 50ft. 00 inches North to south facing East by: 82ft.08 inches, West by:88 ft. 08 inches, And lies within the Registration District of South-Chennai and sub-Registration District of Joint-I, saidapet. Schedule - B : 490 Sq.ft of Undivided Share in land out of Schedule "A" mentioned property, along with all its easement rights. Schedule-C : Flat no. F2, in the First Floor, having plinth area of 942 sq feet (Including the common area, one covered car parking) in the building proposed to be named as "SVM - TULIP" presently Named as Gokul Construction.

Outstanding Dues (Rs.)***	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Bid Multiplier	Name of the Branch & Contact Number
Rs. 41,79,829.83 as on 30.05.2022	Rs. 26,10,000/-	Rs. 2,61,000/- for Loan A/c No & IFSC code see website	Rs.50,000/-	KUNRATHUR BRANCH Mr.P Dinesh Babu Ph: 925950160 / 9087055377

4. Madambakkam Branch - Phone: 044-2228 0065

Name & address of the Borrower : 1. M/s. Jai Sai Heavy Engineering (Borrower), Prop: S.M.Lakshmanan, D No: 1/480, old S No: 12/12, Perumal Koil Street, Nanmangalam, Tambaram, Chennai - 600117. 2. Mr. S.M.Lakshmanan (Borrower & Mortgagor), D No: 1/480, Old S No: 12/12, Perumal Koil Street, Nanmangalam, Tambaram, Chennai - 600117, 3. Mrs. Nagammai, W/o S M Lakshmanan (Borrower & Guarantor & Mortgagor) D No: 1/480, old S No: 12/12, Perumal Koil Street, Nanmangalam, Tambaram, Chennai - 600117.

Total Outstanding Dues as on 13.05.2025: Rs. 1,52,60,356.50

Short Description of the Property with known encumbrance, if any : Not Known : Property 1 : Residential Flat which is located at Flat No: G1, Ground floor, Block A, "Ashok Manor Apartments", Plot No. 1, 2 & 3, Medavakkam Main Road, Kovilambakkam, Chennai- 600117 in S.No: 135/1-D1, 135/3-D1, 135/4-D1 and 135/5 of Kovilambakkam Village, Tambaram Taluk, Chengalpattu District property standing in the name of Mr. S.M.Lakshmanan. Measuring an extent of 722 Sq.ft. UDS 347 Sq.ft Boundaries: North: Property owned by Mr.Ramachandra Naicker, South: Property owned by Mr. Pandia Nadar, East: Plot no: 4 and existing house, West: Medavakkam Main road.

Reserve Price Rs. 27,05,000/-	EMD Rs. 2,70,000/-	Bid Multiplier Rs.50,000/-
Property 2: Residential Flat which is located at Flat no.46, Second Floor, B' wing, "Bhadra Gokulam", Plot no: 6, Mettu street, Rani Anna Nagar, Guduvanchery, Chennai - 600302 in S.No: 261/5A, Nandivaram Village, Vandalar Taluk, Chengalpattu District property standing in the name of Mr. S.M.Lakshmanan. Measuring an extent of 589 Sq.ft. UDS 444 Sq.ft. Boundaries: North: Road (Mettu street), South: Patta Land, East: Vedagiri Nadar's land, West: Road.		

Reserve Price Rs. 14,40,000/-	EMD Rs. 1,44,000/-	Bid Multiplier Rs.25,000/-
Property 3: Residential Vacant land Plot No: 134, Sri Ponniamman Nagar, Aranvoyal village- 802 025 in S.No: 129/9, Aranvoyal Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Thiruvallur District property standing in the name of Mr. S.M.Lakshmanan. Measuring an extent of 3363 Sq.ft. Boundaries: North: Plot No: 133, South: Approved Layout, East: Approved Layout, West: 30' feet Layout Road.		

5. Madambakkam Branch - Phone: 044-2228 0065

Name & address of the Borrower : 1. Mr. E Rajendran S/o Elumalai (Borrower) No 12, Kuselar Street, Paramasivam Nagar, Thirukalukundram, Chengulupattu District -803109. 2. Mr. T K Elumalai S/o Kanniyappan (Co Borrower) No 12, Kuselar Street, Paramasivam Nagar, Thirukalukundram, Chengulupattu District -803109. 3. Ms. E. Ramanachi W/o Elumalai (Guarantor and Mortgagor) No 12, Kuselar Street, Paramasivam Nagar, Thirukalukundram, Chengulupattu District -803109.

Short Description of the Property with known encumbrance, if any : Not Known : 1) All the piece and parcel of vacant land measuring an extent of 1472 Sq. ft., along with 0.56 Sq.ft., of vacant land (Out of 00282 Sq.mt.) comprised in Gramanatham Old S. No. 48/13-part, New S.No. 860/8, bearing Patta No.2045, Kuselar Street, 11th Ward, at No.42, Paramasivam Nagar, Thirukalukundram Village & Taluk, bounded on the North by : House and Plot belongs to Mr. T. K Elumalai, South by : Remaining extent of Mr. Kumaraswamy, East by : Kuselar Street and West by : Gramanatham vacant land.

2) All that piece and parcel of vacant land measuring an extent of 16 Sq. ft., and extent of 1814 Sq. ft., measuring a total extent of 1830 Sq. ft., of vacant land (out of 00282 Sq.mt.) comprised in Gramanatham Old S. No. 48/13-part, New S.No.860/9, bearing pattaNo.2045, Kuselar Street, 11th Ward, at No. 42, Paramasivam Nagar, Thirukalukundram Village & Taluk bounded on the North by : Mrs. E.Ramanachi's purchased property, South by : House and plot belongs to Mr Umapathy Vagairah East by : Kuselar Street and West by : Gramanatham vacant land.

Outstanding Dues (Rs.)***	Reserve Price (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.) A/c No. where the EMD to be deposited / IFSC Codes	Bid Multiplier	Name of the Branch & Contact Number
Rs. 34,79,832.69 as on 13.05.2025	Rs. 22,27,800/-	Rs. 2,22,780/- for Loan A/c No & IFSC code see website	Rs.25,000/-	Thirukalukundram Branch Mr.Gowthaman N Branch Manager : 8925952729

*** Payable together with further interest as applicable, expenses, costs etc...

The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal (<https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration>). This may be treated as notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above mentioned date.

* As Per Section 194 1A of IT Act 1961, the bidder has to bear 1% of TDS additionally wherever the property value/ reserve price/ bid amount is Rs.50 Lakh and above.

Date & Time of E-auction: 31.05.2025 from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm<

Identify Agamic temples in TN, SC requests HC panel

Once temples are identified, for the time being, don't appoint new priest, says court

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

IN a significant development, the Supreme Court on Wednesday requested the Madras High Court-appointed panel to identify Agamic temples as against non-Agamic temples in Tamil Nadu and submit a report in three months.

The petitioner, Srirangam Koil Miras Kainkaryaparagal Matrum Athanai Sarntha Koilgalin Miraskainkaryaparagalin Nalasangam, who filed an appeal in the interests of Agamic temples, said there were very few Agamic temples left.

A two-judge bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Rajesh Bindal said after the identification of the Agamic temples, status quo must be maintained and no archakars (priests) must be appointed for the time being. The court fixed the matter for further hearing to September.

"Whatever the committee identifies as Agamic temples... don't touch it," Justice Sundresh told senior advocate Dushyant Dave and Tamil Nadu Advocate

General (AG) PS Raman. During the hearing on Wednesday, the court said the committee headed by Justice M Chockalingam, a former judge of the Madras High Court, would conduct the identification exercise in ascertaining the Agamic temples as against non-Agamic temples in TN, and submit the report to the SC in three months.

The court also made it known that MP Sathyavel Murugan would not be a part of the panel anymore as objections were raised against his membership.

It further directed the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department of Tamil Nadu to fill up the existing vacancies of archakars and manyams (temple workforce) in Rameswaram Ramanathaswamy Temple. An intervention application was filed by advocate Elephant Rajendran, who submitted to the top court about the vacancies in the Rameswaram Temple, said the appointments must be made in accordance with the traditions.

Driver, conductor suspended as baby falls off TNSTC bus and dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore

A driver and conductor of the TNSTC Coimbatore were suspended on Wednesday, after a 9-month-old fell from a running bus on Monday in Salem.

Sources said T Rajadurai (31), from Karungalur in Dharmapuri district, who works as a mason at a construction company in Coimbatore, had recently visited his hometown. He was heading back to Coim-

batoor with his wife and two children, one aged seven and the nine-month-old, on a government bus operated from Salem to Coimbatore, on Monday night.

Around 10.15 pm, while on Valaiyakaranur flyover on Salem-Coimbatore NH, the driver A Sivanmani suddenly applied brakes, causing the infant to slip from Rajadurai's

lap and fall onto the road, through the open door. The infant died on the way to the hospital. Subsequently, Rajadurai filed a complaint with Thevur police station,

stating that the conductor and driver had failed to close the door, sources added.

Following this, TNSTC Coimbatore warned that drivers and conductors would face departmental action if they operated buses without closing doors. Police in Salem registered cases against the driver and conductor on Tuesday. The Managing Director of TNSTC suspended the driver and conductor K Palanisamy of Coimbatore for alleged negligence.

In another incident, TNSTC driver Arulmoorthy from Virudhunagar district, alleg-

edly started operating a bus from Pollachi bus stand to Sivakasi with 40 passengers on Wednesday afternoon in an inebriated state. After the driver allegedly drove the bus for a few kilometres, passengers stopped him on Udumalai road. The driver then dozed off in the bus. Gomangalam police secured him. The passengers were taken in another bus. After a video of the incident went viral, TNSTC Madurai region suspended the driver.

Krishnagiri health officials bust sex determination gang in AP's Chittoor

SIVAGURU S @ Krishnagiri

A team from the Krishnagiri district health department led by District Health Officer Dr G Ramesh Kumar busted a sex determination racket in Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh on Wednesday. The arrested were identified as B Clara Menaka Devi (40), a scan operator, and two mediators S Nalini (49) and V Sunitha (32) of Chittoor.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Krishnagiri DHO Dr Ramesh Kumar said, "A ten-member team was formed to bust the racket. Based on information received from brokers Rajammal of Krishnagiri and N Sathyaaraj of Tirupathur, ₹15,000 was sent to Sathyaaraj for identifying the sex of a fetus. A team including Tirupathur DHO Dr S Vinod Kumar went to Chittoor bus stand on Wednesday, and then



Krishnagiri health officials busted a sex determination racket in Chittoor on Wednesday | EXPRESS

the mother was taken to a house in the outskirts of Chittoor in Chittoor Municipal Corporation. The scan operator and two middle women were caught red handed with an ultrasound scan machine."

He added 11 antenatal mothers were here to check the sex of the fetus, among them seven already had two female children each and hailed from Chennai,

Salem, Tirupathur, Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and other districts.

"Menaka was involved in sex determination for the past two months and worked in another scan centre in Chittoor, according to her statement," DHO Ramesh said. Krishnagiri Collector C Dinesh Kumar informed Chittoor Collector Sumit Kumar, who assured to take action. The Chittoor health department team lodged a complaint at Chittoor 1 town police station. Sumit told *TNIE* that three persons were arrested and few more will be arrested in the case. Ramesh added that in the past two years, his team conducted eight decoy operations in Salem, Tirupathur, Krishnagiri and Chittoor, in which four scan machines were seized and police filed a case in six operations.

Chennai student killed in Kovai by 4 college mates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Coimbatore

TWO days after an unidentified man's body was found on a plot at Vellalore in Coimbatore, four private college students were arrested on Wednesday by the police for murder. According to police, the four friends allegedly injected the 21-year-old victim with drugs and smothered him with a pillow for talking to the girlfriend of one of the accused on video call. Police identified the deceased as Surya, a native of Madurai who was studying in a university in Chennai.

The accused have been identified as Karthi (21) of Avaniyapuram in Madurai, Naren Karthick (20) of Sundarapuram, Madesh (21) of Kinathukadavu, and Mohammed Rafi (21) of Podanur in Coimbatore. They were students of a private college at

Kuniyamuthur in the city and were staying in a rental house at Postal Colony Perur, police said. According to Podanur police, the body was recovered from the plot of land housing the unfinished integrated bus stand in Vellalore.

As per police investigation, girlfriend of Karthi, one of the accused, allegedly spoke to Surya often over video calls, and the two had developed enmity over this. On Thursday night, Karthi and his friends invited Surya over to their house, injected him with drugs and smothered him with a pillow, police said. On Friday night, they transported the body in a car and dumped it at the vacant plot in Vellalore and fled the spot.

All the four were secured by police on Tuesday and remanded to judicial custody on Wednesday. Further probe is on.

Realtor announces 15% discount for armed forces on premium plots across south cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu-based real estate developer G Square has announced a 15% discount on all its premium plots for serving and retired defence personnel under a new initiative titled 'Dream land for real heroes

Scheme'. The offer is applicable to members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and can be availed of across G Square's plotted developments in major south Indian cities. Immediate family members such as spouses and children can also initiate the purchase, provided the registration is made in the

name of the defence personnel. A valid Defence Service ID will be required at the time of booking. "Our defence personnel have made immense sacrifices for the country. This initiative is our way of honouring them," said Bala Ramajeyam, founder and Managing Director of G Square Realtors.

Petrol bomb hurled at DMK functionary's house in Nellai

TIRUNELVELI: An unidentified four-member gang hurled a petrol bomb at the house of a DMK functionary in Keezha Munnerpallam near Palayamkottai, triggering panic in the neighbourhood in the wee hours of Wednesday. According to the sources, Selva Sankar (45), the treasurer of Palayamkottai South DMK union was asleep inside his house with his

family when they were jolted awake by a loud noise around 3am. "On stepping out, they found the front portion of the house ablaze. The family quickly doused the fire and informed the Munneerpallam police immediately. Based on the CCTV footage checked from the area, police confirmed that a four-member

gang was seen throwing the bomb at the functionary's house and fled the scene. Sankar's wife, Saraswathi, is a union councillor," added the sources. The same gang is suspected to have carried out two other crimes reported in the district in the early hours. They allegedly target-

ed a private two-wheeler showroom located on South Mount Road near Tirunelveli town arch by hurling a petrol bomb at the entrance and fled the scene. Similarly, in Thalathisamudram, the gang is said to have allegedly robbed ₹20,000 from a petrol bunk staff after filling petrol. The Tirunelveli city and rural police have launched a manhunt. *ENS*

Homage paid to Pahalgam victims at BJP's Sindoor Rally in Chennai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai



THE BJP, led by its state president Nainar Nagenthiran, on Wednesday took out a 'Sindoor Rally' in Chennai to celebrate India's success in counter-terror operations. Former Telangana Governor Tamilsai Soundararajan, senior leaders Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy and H Raja addressed the gathering. They hailed the Indian Army's action against terrorist bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's response to the attacks. Speaking at the event, Nainar Nagenthiran said precision strikes had destroyed nine terrorist camps and 11 launch pads. As part of the event, BJP cadre and functionaries observed a moment of silence in memory of the 26 people killed in Pahalgam and the army personnel and civilians who lost their lives in subsequent operations. Earlier in the day, Nagenthiran and BJP national secretary and Tamil Nadu in-charge Arvind Menon called on Governor RN Ravi at Raj Bhavan.

Search panels set up earlier for 3 varsities have also been revived

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THROUGH the orders issue on Tuesday, the government has extended the tenure of these panels till August 13, 2025 to finish their selection process and recommend a panel of three names to the government.

The orders also amended certain portions of the earlier notifications that mentioned that the panel of three names to be submitted to the Governor-Chancellor. These portions have been now been altered to say that the submission will be done to the government, which is now the appointing authority as per the amended acts of the universities that were granted "deemed assent" by the SC and has since come to force.

The orders on Tuesday also amended the earlier notifications that said the Governor-Chancellor's nominee in the panels of all these four universities will no more act as conveners of the search panel. They will just be another member like the other two members of the panels. The members earlier nominated for these panels have not been altered.

These four are among the 11 of the 22 state-run universities that are functioning

at present without V-Cs.

Following the SC verdict, the government already issued notifications for search panels. Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Tamil University and Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University, which are respectively governed by Agriculture Department, Tamil Development and Law Departments.

Sources in the higher education department said the search panels constituted through earlier notifications for Bharathiar University, Bharathidasan University and Periyar University have also been "revived". However, there is no confirmation on whether an order has been issued in this regard since the earlier notifications for these three universities also mentioned that the recommendations of the panels will be submitted to "Governor-Chancellor". Academics said an amendment would be warranted so that these panels also submit their recommendations to the government. Interestingly, these three universities did not have a Governor-Chancellor's nominee in their panels as the composition mentioned in respective acts governing these universities were different.

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SI.No.1: Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1. Mr.SARAVANAN S/o.Vajiravel, 2.Mrs.Parameshwari W/o.Saravanan, Both are residing at
No.4/67(1)Anna Veedhi, Srikalakapuram Post, Srikalakapuram, Palipattu, Thiruvallur-631302.
Loan Account No:- SEARKNM0268176, Claim Amount Due Rs.8,94,881/- as on 21-03-2024 with
further interest from 22-03-2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding
being Rs.12,55,733/- as on 05-05-2025).
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of land and building, Comprised in S.No.252/2C, with an extent of 2660 Sq.ft., Situated at Srikalakapuram Village, Palipattu Taluk, Thiruvallur District, and bounded on the North by Vacant Land, South by Street, East by Vacant Land and Belongs to Mr.Subramanyam West by Vacant Land Belongs to Mr.Veerasingh, Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Rameswaram Taluk and Registration District of Kancheepuram. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easements / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Authorised Officer Name & Contact:
Mr.Karthik Kumar.A : 8939729580; Mr.Boopalan E : 8608578142

Reserve Price: ₹ 14,97,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 1,49,700/-

SI.No.2: Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1. Mr.Kumar.M S/o.Murugesan, 2. Mrs.Mithili W/o. Kumar, 3.Mr.Murugesan S/o.Thoppalan
4. Mrs.Nallammal W/o.Murugesan, All are residing at No.31, Perumal Koil Street, Idayanankulam,
Thangal Perumballam, Thiruvallur Dist-601205.
Loan Account No:- SERDHL0159284, Claim Amount Due Rs.2,69,547/- as on 19-04-2023 with
further interest from 20-04-2023 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding
being Rs.4,52,020/- as on 05-05-2025).
Description of the Immovable Property: All that Piece and parcel of land and building, Comprised in Old S.No.109 Part, New S.No.109/5 with an extent of 2443 Sq.ft., Situated at Thangalperumkulam Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Bounded on the North by Land Belongs to Mohammed Abdul Nizam South by Passage East by House Belongs to Mr.Murugesan West by House Belongs to Mr.Mari. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Ponneri and Registration District of Chennai. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easements / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Authorised Officer Name & Contact:
Mr.Karthik Kumar A : 8939729580; Mr. Prakash J : 9080615491

Reserve Price: ₹ 6,11,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 61,100/-

SI.No.3: Borrower's & Guarantor's Name & Address Total Due + Interest from
1.Poonkodi P C/o. Pandiyan, 2. Elancheliyan K C/o-Kalitheerthankottayan, Both are Residing at
No.17B, Thillai Nagar Main Street, Korattur, Tiruvallur, Tamilnadu - 600080
Loan Account No:- SEPLVRM0356622 / 200001955299, Claim Amount Due Rs.14,85,086/- as on
05-12-2024 with further interest from 06-12-2024 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc.,
(Total Outstanding being Rs.16,95,039/- as on 05-05-2025).
Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Vacant Land Bearing Plot No.238, "Bismillah Golden City" Comprised in Old Patta No.151, S.No.603/1, as per Patta No.5297, New S.No.603/13, S.No.603/14, S.No.603/1A1A1A & S.No.603/7A, with an extent of 2400 Sq.ft., Situated at No.35, Pammadhukulam Village, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District, and bounded on North by - 30 Feet Wide Road, South by Plot No.227, East by Plot No.237, West by Plot No.239 Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easements / mamool rights annexed thereto.

Authorised Officer Name & Contact:
Mr.Manu Needhi Chozhan : 9888541554; Mr.Karthik.S : 9941294245

Reserve Price: ₹ 53,28,000/- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 5,32,800/-

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— Ramnath Goenka

REPAIR BREACHES IN JUDICIAL CONDUCT, DISCARD OPACITY

THE just-retired Chief Justice of India, Sanjiv Khanna, has forwarded the internal inquiry report on the recovery of burnt cash from the residential premises of Justice Yashwant Varma, formerly of the Delhi High Court, to the President and the Prime Minister. Under the in-house procedure, it means enforcing the resignation and voluntary retirement options on the judge have been exhausted. The last resort is for the government to initiate a motion in Parliament to remove him. The latest incident of a sitting judge's controversial conduct has re-centred focus on judicial accountability, and it is a reflection of the legacy of goodwill that the people still look to the judiciary for answers. Justice Khanna's efforts to lock the case are seen as an attempt to stem any erosion of public confidence in the judiciary's impartiality and integrity. He followed it up by mandating the declaration of assets by Supreme Court justices.

Accountability is the *not just* today when people are more aware of their rights and, vexed by allegations of corruption, expect fair justice from an unblemished judiciary. Growing complaints about judges' conduct weaken the halo of judicial supremacy and independence. Data compiled in 2021 lists a whopping 1,631 complaints, including of corruption, against judicial officers. Some former justices have admitted the prevalence of corruption as well. How the judiciary has dealt with these complaints remains out of the public domain. Similarly, the lack of transparency in the SC's roster system has been questioned even by some justices. The judiciary's internal oversight mechanism has been called opaque. Some have pointed out that the lack of independent scrutiny of the inventories diminishes the efficacy of the asset declaration order as a tool of transparency.

Justice Khanna has cleaned house to an extent, but more needs to be done. Accountability standards require a pragmatic revision to introduce transparency. The judiciary may reconsider the structure of oversight mechanisms. Notably, the SC's verdict is awaited in a case concerning the jurisdiction of the Lokpal, the anti-corruption ombudsman, over sitting high court judges. On other fronts, the call for a mechanism that balances judicial independence with the need for a stainless reputation merits cogitation, while allowing prosecution for judicial corruption can strengthen accountability. The SC may want to revisit its judgements shielding judges' conduct from parliamentary discussion. The judiciary is healthy when citizens are convinced its conduct is above reproach.

SPEEDY TRIAL IN POLLACHI CASE A HOPE FOR OTHERS

THE verdict in the Pollachi sexual assault case, in which all the nine accused were sentenced to life-term jail without remission, may provide the eight survivors of the horrendous crime a level of closure. The grisly crime involved physical torture and sexual assault of college students and other women over years by a group of men, and the circulation of lewd videos to intimidate them. The verdict means that perpetrators will spend the remainder of their natural life behind bars. The first FIR was filed in 2019, nearly two years after several women were repeatedly assaulted by the accused, and only after a distraught 19-year-old college girl found the courage to share her story with her brother. The case was transferred to the crime branch's criminal investigation department, and later to the Central Bureau of Investigation following public outrage over the involvement of two local AIADMK functionaries in the crime and allegations about their link to a senior party leader.

Though many more women were alleged to have been assaulted, only eight came forward to testify. Importantly, none of the 48 witnesses turned hostile during the trial. The prosecuting agency used cyber forensics and morphological comparisons to establish the crime in which most of the evidence were digital in nature. The CBI filed the first charges within three months of taking over the probe, and the court completed the trial in just over two years.

The social stigma associated with crimes against women, particularly in sexual offence cases, and the sluggish legal process usually dissuade survivors from seeking justice—a reality that emboldens criminals. In this case, the fact that only eight women filed complaints when several more could have been affected underscores the need for a robust socio-legal support mechanism that encourages women to fight such heinous crimes.

Between 2022 and 2024, of the cases booked in Tamil Nadu for crimes against women, almost 70 percent pertain to rape, threat of rape, or molestation. In the *Hussainara Khatoun* case, the Supreme Court had held that the fundamental right to speedy trial is an essential aspect of justice under Article 21, and timely justice is essential for maintaining the rule of law. Quick trials and exemplary punishment are the need of the hour to free women from the fears that fetter them while seeking justice.

QUICK TAKE

SUNNY SIDE DOWN

BEFORE the IPL resumes this weekend, Sunil Gavaskar has made an *ad rem* request. Sunny has requested to keep off the in-stadium music and cheerleaders out of respect for the fallen in the recent cross-border conflict, which forced last week's match in Dharamshala to be called off. It's certainly in tune with the nation's solemn mood and might be a cue to re-think the arrangement. When Lalit Modi launched IPL 17 seasons ago, he introduced such in-stadium entertainment to rivet the nation's attention on a new league in a fledgling format. It worked quite well. The music indeed keeps people pepped during breaks. But do we really need the cheerleaders?

FEW things reflect the changing contours of Indo-Pak diplomacy better than the extraordinary tweets of President Donald Trump claiming credit for "mediating" a ceasefire between India and Pakistan in the conflict that had erupted with Indian reprisals, starting May 7, for the terrorist outrage in Pahalgam on April 22.

The tensions between India and Pakistan have long been a focal point in South Asian geopolitics. While Pakistani apologists have attempted to frame India's actions as aggressive, India's position is fundamentally defensive: as a status quo power that prefers to focus on its own growth and development in peace, India does not seek conflict, but is compelled to respond to persistent cross-border terrorism.

Through careful diplomatic and strategic decisions, India responded to the Pahalgam attack in a calibrated manner, targeting terrorist bases rather than civilian areas, doing so at night to minimise collateral damage to civilians, and avoiding all Pakistani government and military installations. The signal was clear: India's operations are not offensive in nature, but precise responses to terrorist activities originating from Pakistan. They were portrayed from the start as a one-off retaliation rather than the opening salvo in a protracted war. This distinction is crucial in establishing India's intent—defence, rather than escalation.

Pakistan's response was disproportionate, as befits a revisionist power with territorial ambitions over India's Jammu and Kashmir, actively sponsoring terrorist activities to destabilise India. Such provocations compel India to adopt a stance of calibrated resilience, ensuring that threats are countered without escalating into full-scale war. When Pakistan indiscriminately shelled Indian civil areas, India shelled back; when it sent swarms of Turkish drones and Chinese missiles against Indian cities and air bases, India responded by attacks on Pakistani military bases. India's restraint suggested throughout that the responsibility for de-escalation lies squarely with Pakistan—if you hit us, we will hit you back hard; if you stop, we will stop.

It is this asymmetry of approach that the Trump tweets failed to acknowledge. India has continuously expressed its preference for peaceful coexistence, focusing on internal development rather than territorial conflict. Despite numerous provocations, India has exercised patience, demonstrating a willingness to pursue diplomatic resolutions—provided Pakistan dismantles its terrorist infrastructure.

Additionally, India's nuclear policy reflects its commitment to regional stability

Trump deviated from the established understanding of India's strategic significance in US foreign policy. He needs to be briefed better and the two sides need to communicate clearer

INDIA-US PARTNERSHIP: MOMENTARY RIPPLE, NOT FUNDAMENTAL RUPTURE

SHASHI THAROOR



Fourth-term Lok Sabha MP from Thiruvananthapuram and the Sahitya Akademi winning author of 24 books, most recently *Ambedkar: A Life*



SOURAV ROY

Unlike Pakistan's dangerous stance, implying it could resort to a first use of nuclear weapons if it felt the need, India adheres to a 'no first use' doctrine, reinforcing its intent to avoid unnecessary aggression. This policy is a testament to India's strategic maturity and unwillingness to engage in reckless confrontation.

Trump's pronouncement on May 10 concerning the ceasefire presents a complex and potentially delicate moment in the landscape of South Asian diplomacy and, particularly, within the evolving US-India relationship. The statement—which lauded both nations with seemingly equal emphasis for a ceasefire purportedly facilitated by American mediation—reveals the inherent challenges of navigating the region's intricate geopolitical dynamics. By framing India and Pakistan in a manner that suggests parity, and by concurrently offering promises of enhanced trade and a

willingness to engage with the longstanding Kashmir dispute, the statement appears to deviate from the established understanding of India's strategic significance within the US foreign policy framework. Specifically, the statement's implication that the US played a mediating role in the cessation of hostilities strikes a discordant note in the otherwise harmonious symphony of US-India relations.

Trump's post is disappointing for India in four important ways. First, it implies a false equivalence between the victim and the perpetrator, and seemingly overlooks the US's own past unwavering stance against Pakistan's well-documented links to cross-border terrorism. Second, it offers Pakistan a negotiating framework which it certainly has not earned. India will never negotiate with a terrorist's gun pointed at its head. Third, it 'internationalises' the Kashmir dispute, an obvious objective of

THE ADOLESCENT MIND: BATTLEGROUND OF IDENTITIES

AMRUTH G KUMAR



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As described by Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development, teenagers grapple with the question, "Who am I?" This includes exploring their social identities, and national identity. Identifying with a nation provides a sense of belonging, shared history, culture, and values, contributing to a more cohesive self-concept. If not national identity, there are worries that militancy or terrorist ideologies could impress them.



Adolescents are deeply drawn to war narratives. It's a crucial phase for identity formation and a strong national identity can foster a sense of belonging. Parents, teachers and the media need to show them the value of peaceful coexistence, too, so that they become responsible global citizens

Thus the institutional system, including schools and the media, holds the responsibility of exposing them to healthy feeds for building positive identities.

The development of abstract thinking is a very important contributor to the development of national identity at this stage. As they develop the skill, they will have a better understanding about social constructs like nation and patriotism. They try to grasp meaning out of symbolic concepts like narratives about their nation. This growing phase is a strong reason why adolescents are more emotionally connected to their patriotic feelings.

Access to information through print,

visual and social media acts as a corroborator of national identity among adolescents. War is a season of emotionally heightened writings and presentations by journalists and TV anchors. Social media, in the age of AI, presents a carnival of war visuals, both real and unreal. All these war narratives strongly reinforce the "us versus them" dynamic among the adolescents, more than any other age group. They, with their developing sense of belonging and idealism, readily absorb these narratives, solidifying their identification with the national sentiment.

The incessant flow of information that supports their nation would evoke strong emotions of patriotism, solidarity, and a shared destiny, effectively weaving individual identities into a collective national consciousness. This intense period of information consumption and emotional engagement through media serves to deeply ingrain national identity during these formative years.

Adolescents' strong sense of national identity has implications for schools, curriculum, and teachers. Schools are crucial sites where these intense emotions are navigated to foster a sense of national unity, civic responsibility and critical engagement of militant and terrorist ideologies that are presented to them in the form of neutral perspectives. This has to be carried out very carefully without slipping into jingoism. While they are very sympathetic to the victims, they should understand that their patriotism and sympathy for the war-affected civilians on the other side can coexist. Schools must find time to discuss the historical context of war; ethical considerations of conflicts, the human costs on all sides, and the importance of peace and diplomacy.

Teachers must strike a balance between acknowledging and respecting students' patriotic feelings and encouraging critical thinking, empathy for diverse perspectives, and the development of nuanced understandings of war and its consequences, thus shaping them into responsible and globally aware citizens.

(Views are personal)

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Balanced ties

Ref: *Cold light of reason through fog of diplomacy* (May 14). While we celebrate the victory of Operation Sindoor, there is more work to be done. We must cultivate a balanced relationship with other countries, including the US. India's concessions to the US, including tariff reductions and nuclear policy changes, have led to perceptions of capitulation.

P Prema, Thanjavur

Kohli's sharpness

Ref: *A captain who always went for the jugular* (May 14). With Virat Kohli's arrival, the face of Indian cricket transformed. His aggression, sharp captaincy, game sense, and electrifying presence made him a standout across all formats. A true inspiration and role model, his Test exit marks the end of an era.

Mohan P N, Thiruvananthapuram

Protect coastline

Ref: *Longer coastline: Prospects vs security* (May 14). The legacy of the Chola Empire reminds us of our maritime supremacy, while the 26/11 attacks underscored the importance of robust coastline security. Corals, mangroves, crocodiles, and migratory birds form a vital ecosystem. We must take the lead in combating climate change, which poses a significant threat to our coastlines.

Tejaswini Nayak, Semiliguda

Tariff response

Ref: *Now, India plans to strike US with retaliatory tariffs* (May 14). Donald Trump's attempt to rewrite the rules of global trade in favour of his country has faced strong resistance from both allies and adversaries. In today's interconnected world, such protectionist policies are destined to fail.

DV G Sankarao, Vizianagaram

Setting benchmark

Ref: *Modi makes Adampur point to call out Pak propaganda* (May 14). During his visit to the Adampur Air Force Station in Punjab, Prime Minister Narendra Modi rightly remarked that terrorists now have no safe haven in the world. He emphasised that Operation Sindoor should serve as the benchmark for India's future response to terrorism.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Speedy relief

Ref: *Implement cashless scheme for road accident victims: says SC* (May 14). A cashless scheme for road accident victims is the need of the hour. The government should implement this promptly, ensuring victims can access the scheme's advantages without incurring personal expenses.

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● India transitions from being arms importer to major exporter; self-reliance powers production ● 'Vajpayee rejected Clinton invite during Kargil war'

34-fold defence export jump in 10 yrs



MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE country's defence exports are picking up steadily, having increased by 12% from 2023-24, or more than ₹2,500 crore.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in a post on X on Monday, "India's defence sector is growing stronger than ever, driven by the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliance). Defence exports have jumped from ₹686 crore in 2013-14 to ₹23,622 crore in 2024-25, a 34-fold rise."

In April 2024, the Ministry of Defence had said, "Defence exports have touched a record ₹21,083 crore (approx. \$2.63 billion) in FY 2023-24, a growth of 32.5% over the last fiscal's ₹15,920 crore."

This newspaper earlier reported that India's rising production of defence equipment and systems was changing its narrative as the world's second-largest arms importer. The Economic Survey 2024 highlighted that India's defence pro-

Modi chairs CCS meet, first after ceasefire

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, the first since the halt in the India-Pakistan military standoff, and is learnt to have discussed the security situation in the wake of the pause on Operation Sindoor, situation and India's preparedness. The prime minister later chaired a meeting of the Union Cabinet.

duction grew substantially from ₹74,054 crore in FY2017 to ₹108,684 crore in FY23, boosting defence exports.

Between 2015 and 2019, India was known as the world's second-largest arms importer. However, the picture has since changed, as the Economic Survey pointed out that "India has transitioned from being an arms importer to securing a place in the list of the top 25 arms-exporting nations."

The survey credits the defence industry's efforts, including those of the private sector and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), for achieving the highest-ever defence exports figure. Additionally, the number of export authorisations issued to defence exporters has risen.

"In FY2023, there were 1,414 export authorisations, which increased to 1,507 in FY2024. About 100 domestic companies are exporting a wide range of defence products and equipment, including aircraft like Dornier-228, artillery guns, BrahMos Missiles, Pinaka rockets and launchers, radars, simulators, and armoured vehicles," the survey reported.

The government has implemented several policy initiatives over the past decade to boost defence exports.

Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly, with end-to-end online export authorisation reducing delays and facilitating ease of business. Further, the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives have encouraged indigenous design, development, and manufacture of defence equipment, thereby reducing dependency on imports in the long run.

The policy push towards indigenousisation includes lists of items that will cease to be imported in a staggered timeline. Additionally, the government is allocating funds to support private manufacturers in the defence sector.

However, despite the push for self-reliance, India remains a top arms importer, indicating its dependence on imported arms and equipment.



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3 Bayraktar Akinci (Turkey)

4 Indigenous Burraq & Shahpar

5 Also developing loitering munitions, boosting autonomous strike options



LOSS OF FACE AS FAR AS DIPLOMACY IS CONCERNED: SINHA

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

INDIA has suffered some major diplomatic losses during the India-Pakistan conflict and one of them was the 'internationalisation of Kashmir' and the efforts to hyphenate the two by other countries, said former External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha.

In a conversation with this newspaper, Sinha said, "Our diplomacy has taken a hit as Pakistan has not been condemned by any countries" for sponsoring cross-border terrorism against India and being responsible for the killing of 26 innocents in the Pahalgam attack.

Sinha, who served as a minister in the Vajpayee government from 2002-2004, said during the Kargil war, the entire world supported India. Quoting an interview of Vajpayee, Sinha said that Vajpayee turned down an invitation by Washington during the Kargil war.

"Nobody ever told us that we were wrong, or that Pakistan was right, or that we should ask our troops to call off the operations. The most telling example is that the then US President Bill Clinton invited Vajpayee to Washington and to settle the issue as Nawaz Sharif was also there. But he refused to go," said Sinha.

However, India stood isolated during the current conflict, he said. Despite strong opposition by India, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) allotted



a loan package to Pakistan. "No other country stood with us even as we abstained from the meeting."

Pakistan had the clear support of China throughout the conflict, he said. "Pakistan could not have used Chinese equipment without their permission. During that period, even Nepal was advising us to de-escalate. The fact of the matter is that Pakistan had the open support of Turkey and Azerbaijan," he added.

While the US claims that it has averted a 'nuclear war between the two countries by its effective intervention, Sinha said that it is a departure from the stated position taken by India since 1972.

Sinha asserted that by entering into a conditional ceasefire, India has raised the threshold. "Gola and golie rhymes very well, but that raises the threshold. It means that if they fire a bullet at us, we'll fire a cannon at them. We raised the threshold for ourselves by this statement."

Cong Jai Hind rally over PM's 'silence' on Trump claim of halting conflict

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE Congress on Wednesday accused the BJP of "politicising" Operation Sindoor and said that it would take out rallies to question the Prime Minister's "silence" on US President Donald Trump's claims of mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan.

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) reiterated the demands made by party president Mallikarjun Kharge and LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for an immediate all-party meeting chaired by the PM and the convening of a special session of Parliament.

AICC leader Jairam Ramesh criticised BJP for attempting to project the military action as a "brand of its own". He said the operation belongs to the armed forces and the nation.

The party would soon organise 'Jai Hind Sabhas' in states to demand accountability from the government. Rahul may address a press meet on Friday.

A resolution adopted by the CWC criticised the end of In-

Tharoor warned

The Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Wednesday pulled up MP Shashi Tharoor for crossing the party line on his praise of 'Operation Sindoor' and the ceasefire announcement. "When Tharoor speaks, it does not reflect the view of the party," Jairam Ramesh said.

dia's retaliatory actions against Pakistan, saying that the lack of clarity had caused concern. It highlighted the statement made by Trump claiming he used trade pressure to broker a ceasefire, calling it "deeply problematic". The government's silence, it said, was "inexplicable and unacceptable".

Reaffirming that Kashmir is a bilateral issue, the Congress warned that Trump's claim, "unchallenged by the Modi government, has internationalised a matter that must remain firmly within bilateral frameworks." The resolution warned this marked "a dangerous and unprecedented hyphenation of India with Pakistan."

X HANDLES OF FOREIGN AGENCIES RESTORED

The social media accounts of foreign media outlets, Global Times, Xinhua News and TRT World, on 'X' were temporarily withheld in India on Wednesday in response to a legal request.

However, the handles of China's national English language newspaper and Turkish broadcaster were restored by evening. It came in the backdrop of Beijing announcing Chinese names for some places in Arunachal Pradesh, which the neighbouring country claims as the southern part of Tibet. The accounts were withheld following the concerns over misinformation related to recent tensions between India and Pakistan.

Pak crew barred from disembarking crude oil tanker

AMARNATH PARIDA @Paradip

AMID the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan, security agencies have barred 21 Pakistani crew members from disembarking a crude oil tanker that arrived at Paradip Port on Wednesday.

Hong Kong-flagged crude oil tanker MT Siren II, carrying 1,96,580 tonne of crude oil, docked at the single point mooring (SPM) terminal of the port during the wee hours. Its crew includes 25 members - 21 from Pakistan, two from India and one each from Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Sources said the Pakistani crew has been restricted from disembarking for security reasons. Prior to their arrival, the Immigration department had alerted CISE, Indian Coast Guard, Marine police and Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) in Hyderabad to tighten security measures.

After the vessel's arrival, the Immigration department directed all Pakistani crew

members to deposit their passports and visas with the office concerned. The documents will be returned after completion of crude oil unloading operations at the SPM terminal.

Agatsinghpur SP Bhabani Shankar Udgata said all 21 Pakistani crew members have been barred from disembarking for security reasons. A close vigil is being maintained on their movement to prevent any breach of

national security, he added.

Security agencies including CISE, Customs department, Indian Coast Guard, Navy and Marine police have been put on alert. The vessel had sailed from South Korea via Singapore before reaching Odisha coast. Officials assured there is no cause for concern as the vessel is anchored at the SPM terminal, located approximately 15 nautical miles off Paradip coast.

"The Pakistani crew members will remain onboard throughout the unloading process. Once the operation is completed, the vessel will depart immediately," sources added.

Normalcy returns, but fear still grips Uri border villages

FAYAZ WANI @New Delhi

ALTHOUGH normalcy is returning in the border areas affected by heavy Pakistani shelling, yet fear persists among the border residents in north Kashmir's Uri. Dozens of houses and structures were damaged in cross-border artillery shelling after Operation Sindoor.

"There has been no Pakistani shelling since Saturday evening. The situation has im-



proved," said Showkat Chack, a resident of Salamabad, Uri.

Showkat, who with his elderly mother and other family members had fled the place af-

Married 5 mnths ago, tearful farewell to Bihar Jawan

Residents of Basulpur village in Bihar's Siwan district on Wednesday bid adieu to a soldier, Rambabu Singh, who succumbed on Tuesday to grievous injuries during a security operation in Jammu and Kashmir on May 12. Singh leaves behind his wife, Kumari Anjali Singh, who is four months pregnant. They were married on December 14 last year.

ter Pakistani shelling, has returned back to the village.

"Fortunately, there has been no fresh shelling from Pakistan. But we are still living in

fear as you don't when they will break the ceasefire and Pakistani troops will again rain mortars and artillery shells towards the border areas in

J&K," he said.

A woman was killed, 13 others injured and about a 100 houses damaged in shelling.

Ghulam Mohammad, a resident of Kanah sector of Kupwara said they have to bear heavy losses whenever there is cross border firing and shelling. "Although normalcy has returned, we are still apprehensive. We have seen ceasefire violations happening time and again," he said.

India calls out 'vain, preposterous' China claim

JAYANTH JACOB @New Delhi

THE Indian government has firmly rejected China's latest attempt to rename locations in Arunachal Pradesh, calling it a "vain and preposterous" effort to assert territorial claims. In a strongly worded statement, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal reaffirmed India's stance that the northeastern state is an integral part of India.

"We have noticed that China has persisted with its vain and preposterous attempts to name places in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh. Consistent with our principled position, we reject such attempts categorically," he said.

Jaiswal underscored that "creative naming will not alter the undeniable reality" of India's sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. "Creative nam-



ing will not alter the undeniable reality that Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India," he said.

New Delhi's reaction came in response to Beijing announcing Chinese names for 27 places in Arunachal Pradesh, including 15 mountains, four passes, two rivers, a lake and five inhabited areas. Beijing's move marks the latest in a series of

Arunachal an integral part of India: MEA

The MEA spokesperson underscored that "creative naming will not alter the undeniable reality" of India's sovereignty over Arunachal Pradesh. "Creative naming will not alter the undeniable reality that Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always remain an integral part of India," he stated.

similar steps, as China continues to claim the Indian state as part of southern Tibet.

India's sharp response comes at a time when regional dynamics remain tense, particularly with Pakistan, and Beijing's actions are likely to be seen as more than coincidental.

The MEA's rejection also is an indicator of continued friction between the two Asian powers over territorial dis-

putes, with Arunachal Pradesh remaining a consistent flashpoint in bilateral relations.

Beijing's decision comes amid efforts by the two countries to normalise ties hit by the more than four-year-long border standoff in eastern Ladakh along the LAC.

After a gap of nearly five years, India and China last month decided to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, a move that was seen as an attempt to repair the relationship. The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra was suspended initially in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequently because of the military standoff between the two sides on the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

The militaries of India and China completed disengagement of troops at the two remaining friction points of Demchok and Depsang.

'Constitutional right': SC asks states to frame norms for pedestrian walkways

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday directed all the states and union territories to frame guidelines to ensure proper footpaths for pedestrians, calling it their constitutional right.

A two-judge bench, comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan, observed that in the absence of footpaths, the pedestrians were forced to walk on roads, making them vulnerable to risks and accidents.

"Footpaths should be accessible for persons with disabilities, and removing encroachments is mandatory. This court has recognised that the right of pedestrians to use footpaths is guaranteed under Article 21 of

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Pleas against amended Waqf law

The Supreme Court would on Thursday hear pleas against the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025. The matter would be heard by Chief Justice B R Gaval and Justice Augustine George Masih. Former CJI Sanjay Khanna, whose bench was hearing the matter, demitted office on May 13. On April 17, the SC recorded the Centre's assurance of not denotifying waqf properties or making appointments in the central waqf council or boards till May 5.

the Constitution," it said.

One S Rajasekaran has filed a plea in the court, raising concerns about pedestrian safety and emphasising the lack of proper footpaths and encroachments on street roads.

Noting the need for proper

footpaths, the two-judge bench directed the Centre to record its guidelines for protecting pedestrians' rights within two months.

The top court also observed that the safety of pedestrians was of utmost importance.

A man was arrested for allegedly killing a 53-year-old nurse at her home after she resisted rape attempt in Gujarat's Rajkot late Tuesday. "The victim worked as a nurse at a govt-run cancer treatment facility," police said, adding, the accused has confessed.

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Leaders of Sharad Pawar faction who criticised the junior Pawar during poll campaigns must apologise, Deputy CM's lobby insists

Ajit puts forth conditions amid NCP merger talks

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

AMID growing speculation over a possible merger of the Sharad Pawar and Ajit Pawar factions of the Nationalist Congress Party in Maharashtra, both sides are engaged in a tug-of-war to control the narrative.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's faction insists that the merger will be conditional. The condition is that leaders of the Sharad Pawar faction who abused and criticised the younger Pawar in the campaign for the general and assembly elections must first apologise.

Ajit faction spokesperson and MLC Amol Mitkari said there was no talk of a merger with their party, but any merger depends on NCP SP leaders, particularly NCP SP Lok Sabha MP Amol Kohle and NCP MLA Uttam Jankar, first saying sorry for their below-the-belt criticism of Ajit Pawar.

Mitkari said, "We will not tolerate the insult of our leader, Ajit Pawar. If the merger of the two NCPs is at all happening, then it should happen on certain terms and conditions. We cannot take anyone in our party; they must follow the process and fulfil the terms and conditions. Ajit Pawar will make the final decision. Whatever he says, that will be final."



Sharad Pawar has not come up with a clear merger proposal either. He only hinted recently that a group of leaders in his party wants to merge the two parties. However, he quickly clarified that his daughter, Supriya Sule, the NCP SP Lok Sabha MP from Baramati, would decide on this merger.

Pawar also said he does not want to join hands with the BJP. That complicates matters because the Ajit Pawar-led NCP is part of the Mahayuti government, which includes the BJP.

The NCP leaders are not taking the merger well because they feel that it would reduce their space and importance within their party. So, they propound the view that it is not needed at this point.

On the other hand, NCP SP leaders are not vocal on the issue. NCP SP Lok Sabha MP Ba-



jrjg Sonawane said they will accept whatever decision their party leaders, Sharad Pawar and Supriya Sule, take.

He made a vague reference to the merger talks, saying the Pawar family has always remained united in times of trouble and that, therefore, Sharad Pawar will make the decision in larger interest of the party.

Meanwhile, reports suggest Sharad Pawar is likely to call a meeting of his party district leaders to consult them about the merger and review preparations for local body polls.

Political observers said Sharad Pawar may be keeping his cards close to his chest to keep both the factions guessing. An analyst said, "Sharad Pawar is not committing to a merger. It will help him to keep his flock together. Both parties will be reacting cautiously."

PIL seeking to revoke Rahul citizenship nixed

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday dismissed as withdrawn a fresh PIL seeking cancellation of the citizenship of the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and a ban on his foreign travel during the pendency of the case.

The Bench said the petitioner had no new or relevant material to seek the court's indulgence. The judges allowed the petitioner to withdraw the petition with the liberty to file a review of this order.

It was the third plea filed by S Vignesh Shishir, a BJP worker and resident of Karnataka, on the issue. The court had disposed of the previous two pleas without any effective relief.

On May 5, while disposing of his plea, the division bench granted him liberty to explore other legal remedies as the Centre could not say how long it would need to respond to the plea, which claimed Rahul Gandhi also had a UK passport.

Before his plea was junked, the petitioner argued that he had received correspondence from the UK government that it had forwarded Rahul Gandhi's passport to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

He wanted the court to direct the Centre to publicise Gandhi's UK passport. The court asked him to await the Centre's response as he had moved a representation to the MHA.

PM to visit Bihar on May 30, inaugurate mega infra projects

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Bihar's Rohtas district on May 30, lay the foundation stone for various development projects, and inaugurate the new terminal of the Patna airport.

This will be his first visit after the Operation Sindoor, which was launched against terrorists responsible for massacre of 26 people, mostly tourists, at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22.

PM Modi's visit also assumes significance given the upcoming assembly elections, which are due later this year. Bihar BJP state president Dilip Jaiswal said preparations for the PM's visit to Sasaram in Rohtas district on May 30 are underway. Workers from the Shahabad region comprising Rohtas, Kaimur, Bhojpur and Buxar, are expected to attend the rally.

Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary said that the PM will lay the foundation stone for Patna-Sasaram four-lane road to provide better connectivity to the people of Shahabad region. He will also inaugurate the new terminal of Patna airport, which is complete.

The PM is also expected to



Rahul Gandhi to launch 'Nyay Samvad' on May 15

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi is expected to visit Darbhanga on May 15 to launch 'Siksha Nyay Yatra' or 'Nyay Samvad'. This will be his fourth visit to the state in the past five months.

announce some mega development projects for the state. In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the NDA could not fare well and lost important seats like Ara, Buxar and Karakat.

The Opposition INDIA bloc wrested all the three seats from the ruling NDA in the previous Lok Sabha election.

Last month, PM Modi visited Madhubani district from where he issued a stern warning to cross-border terror in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.



PATNA DIARY

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RJD chief eldest son to serve at border?

Tej Pratap Yadav, the eldest of RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav, is known for making ripples in almost every field barring one - politics. Known as a devout 'bhakt' of Lord Krishna and Lord Shiva, Tej Pratap raised several eyebrows along Patna roads after he was spotted furiously cycling down the streets, while sporting the attire of a professional cyclist. However, this time around, Tej Pratap appeared in the attire of a commercial pilot, posting a photograph of the same on social media next to his pilot's license, as he offered to serve the country at the border amid escalations between India and Pakistan.



Cong launches QR code for ticket seekers

The grand old party is not lagging behind when it comes to integrating tech in its affairs. The party has asked ticket seekers for upcoming Bihar elections to submit their application forms online. A QR code has been circulated; a quick scan would take aspirants to a link where they can submit their applications. State chief Rajesh Ram said all those seeking a party ticket in the Bihar polls must apply through this system, put in place to streamline the procedure. However, they must fulfil certain criteria before they are shortlisted for the entry round. The BJP, too, has tagged a QR code on its posters that are emerging along roads of the state capital.

RJD's special session demand sparks row

Tejashwi Yadav's demand to convene a special session of Parliament following the ceasefire between India and Pakistan has sparked a political row. Assailing Tejashwi, ruling BJP and JD(U) said that Parliament would convene soon and there was no need for a special session. BJP-JD(U) insisted that Tejashwi should express his gratitude to the Indian Armed Forces, instead of asking for special session to question the government. The RJD leader had earlier said the Centre should reveal date-wise data since the Pahalgam attack to the ceasefire and take the country into confidence.

Gujarat ATS nabs B'deshi nationals with fake IDs; BJP, Cong letters misused

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested an agent involved in fake documentation and a Bangladeshi national from Ahmedabad's Narol area who was illegally living in India for over 12 years using a forged passport.

The duo had created fake Indian identities, including Aadhaar and PAN cards, using counterfeit documents. Investigators found that letterheads of local BJP and Congress corporators were misused to fabricate ID proofs. A probe into the infiltration and the document forgery network is on.

The Bangladeshi national has been identified as Rana Sarkar alias Mohammad Deedar Alam. Operating a mobile and money transfer shop beneath his residence, Sarkar had obtained an Indian passport using forged ID documents. The agent has been identified as Shoaib Qureshi.

Investigations revealed Sarkar, along with Robyul Islam and Shoaib Qureshi of Alkuresh Enterprises - oppo-

site Maniyar Petrol Pump in Narol - ran a large-scale fake document syndicate. The trio forged Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, election IDs, and Indian passports for multiple Bangladeshi nationals.

Following the arrest, a raid on Sarkar's shop unearthed his fake Indian documents, a Bangladeshi ID card, a labour card from the Indian government, and a Bank of Baroda passbook. Crucially, fake ID proofs of 13-14 other Bangladeshi nationals were also recovered, all reportedly prepared by Shoaib Qureshi at the behest of Robyul Islam.

A search at Qureshi's premises led to the seizure of 22 counterfeit documents, over 300 fake PAN cards, forged Aadhaar certificates, birth records, and digital evidence from computers and laptops - all linked to illegal immigration and ID fraud.

The ATS found that several of these documents were created using the letterheads of municipal corporators from both the BJP and Congress. The corporators' names are now under scrutiny.

SURAT Court: Tutor can terminate her 20-wk pregnancy

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

A Gujarat court has allowed the 23-year-old tutor, accused of abducting and sexually assaulting a 13-year-old student, to terminate her 20-week pregnancy. She was arrested after the pair was found on the Rajasthan border, five days after the boy went missing from his Surat home.

Medical tests have confirmed the pregnancy, and authorities have collected DNA samples to determine if the minor is the father. Before DNA results were finalised, the woman sought court approval for abortion. Based on a hospital report confirming the gestation period, the court permitted.

Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act which permits abortion up to 22 weeks under certain conditions, the court approved the request after medical reports emphasised that continuing the pregnancy could lead to serious psychological and social consequences for the unmarried woman.

The abortion procedure has been initiated and police has submitted the documentation to the POCSO court in compliance with legal protocols.

Bird flu scare leads to closure of three UP zoos, lion safari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE death of a tigress in Gorakhpur zoo due to bird flu prompted closure of Lucknow, Kanpur and Gorakhpur zoos in UP as well as Etawah Lion Safari for a week.

All tiger reserves in the state have been directed to be on high alert. Wildlife authorities got alerted after the death of over two-year-old tigress Shakti at Gorakhpur zoo on May 7. Its viscera samples were sent to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIH-SAD), Bhopal, which confirmed bird flu as the cause of death. The viscera examination of the tigress by NIHSAD confirmed the presence of a rare vibrio bacterial infection, which raises the risk of spreading H5N1 (avian influenza) through direct contact.

A sick tiger, Pataudi, was recently transferred to the Kanpur zoo, raising concerns about the potential spread of the virus there. "The monitoring of all animals in the zoo is being done. They are being checked for symptoms of bird flu or other illnesses," said a forest official.

Anuradha Vemuri, PCCF, said the highest protocol was already in place. "The zoos in Lucknow, Kanpur and Gorakhpur districts and the lion safari in Etawah will remain closed for a week," she said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed wildlife authorities to enforce maximum vigilance in all zoos to check the spread of bird flu. He ordered sanitisation of zoo premises and mandatory health screenings of all animals and birds.

Days after tigress attack, officials flout Ranthambore curbs

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

TWO days after a ranger was killed by a tigress in a restricted zone at Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, senior forest officials were caught taking their personal guests on a jeep safari through the same sensitive area in violation of the closure orders in place for public safety.

"A violation has occurred; a notice will be issued to the driver," Ranthambore range officer Ashwini Pratap said on Wednesday.

The ranger's death was the second tiger-related fatality in the reserve in less than a month. On April 16, a seven-year-old boy was killed by the same tigress, identified as Anvi. After the

two incidents, the forest department closed zones 2 and 3 to tourists and staff. There is now a growing demand to tranquillise and relocate Anvi.

Despite such restrictions and heightened alert, the official vehicle of Field Director Anup KR was spotted on Tuesday ferrying guests into the restricted zone. The vehicle reportedly entered Zone 4, reached Jogi Mahal where two tigers were seen, and exited through an unauthorised route.

The video footage of this incident, which surfaced soon after, has drawn sharp criticism and triggered unrest within the department. Chief Wildlife Warden Shikha Mehra, "This is recklessness. Such risks are unacceptable, especially after closure of the zones."

Meanwhile, fear continues to grip villages around the Ranthambore tiger reserve due to frequent tiger sightings.

Hooch toll 23, Punjab flags methanol misuse

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

WHILE the death toll in the Amritsar hooch tragedy rose to 23 after two more people died on Wednesday, the Punjab Police has arrested two traders from Delhi for supplying raw materials used in the manufacture of illicit liquor, taking the total number of arrests in the case to 15.

Amritsar Rural police arrested Ravinder Jain and Rishabh Jain from the national capital for supplying raw material to one of the main accused, Sahib Singh, Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav said, adding that an FIR has been registered under provisions of the BNS and the Excise Act, and further probe is underway.

Sources privy to the developments said, probe has revealed that methanol was procured in bulk to prepare the toxic brew. Methanol, highly poisonous if ingested, is often used as an alternative to ethanol (consumable alcohol) in illegal liquor brewing, as it is cheaper.

Meanwhile, in the wake of



176 liquor deaths in past 5 years

May 2025: Amritsar
23 people killed and 10 others hospitalised after consuming spurious liquor in Majitha area.

March 2024: Sangrur
20 people lost their lives in a hooch tragedy at the native district of CM Bhagwant Mann

August 2020: Tam Taran, Amritsar, Batala
Amid the Covid pandemic, with liquor vendors closed, tragedy struck multiple Punjab districts with over 135 people killed in one of the worst hooch-related deaths in the country.

hooch deaths, Punjab Finance and Excise Minister Harpal Singh Cheema has urged Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal to regulate the use of methyl alcohol (methanol) under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

The minister pointed out the importance of regulation because methanol, in physical appearance and sedative properties, closely resembles ethanol. It becomes a silent killer when diverted to the illicit liquor supply chain.

He pointed out that despite the Centre's powers to regulate industrial alcohol under the Industries Act, methanol continues to fall into a grey area, leading to systematic failures in monitoring and compliance.

He stressed that the present legal framework does not sufficiently address the supply chain vulnerabilities, nor does it mandate tracking mechanisms, buyer registration, or cross-state regulation.

Cheema urged the Centre to treat the regulation of methanol as a matter of national in-

terest, demanding centralised, legally enforceable action. He recommended immediate amendment of the Act to explicitly include methanol as a regulated industry or substance, along with the issuance of specific and binding rules or notifications to regulate its manufacture, possession, sale, storage, and movement.

He also suggested implementing a central mandate to track movement of methanol, including barcoding or electronic tracking, compulsory buyer registration, and strict usage documentation.

He sought framing of supplementary legal provisions or a dedicated national law to establish a uniform enforcement framework across the country and suggested that this framework must be supported by stringent penal provisions, inspection protocols, and swift cross-jurisdictional action.

In the past five years, 176 people have died across the state from consumption of hooch, a locally-brewed liquor made using methanol as base.

Maoist base dismantled in C'garh, 31 killed in 21-day operation: Top officials

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

THE first-ever decisive and strategic crackdown against the CPI (Maoist) - 'Operation Black Forest', launched on April 21 - has "stamped out the safe haven of senior Maoist leaders," senior officials of the CRPF and Chhattisgarh police said, commending the operation as immensely successful.

Executed in Bijapur's south-west forested area adjoining Telangana border, the operation involved thousands of security personnel for 21 days, during which the troops cautiously secured a substantial area of a lesser-known Karreguttalu forested hills surrounded by forests from the grip of left-wing extremists.

During the operation, as many as 31 Maoists were killed in separate encounters. 18 jawans sustained injuries mostly in the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) pressure blasts and their conditions were stat-



CRPF DG and Chhattisgarh DGP examine weapons recovered from Maoists | EXPRESS

ed to be out of danger. They were airlifted to Jagdalpur, Raipur and Delhi for immediate medical attention.

A sizeable Karreguttalu hilly expanse was believed to be a key shelter for senior Maoist leaders including top commanders of the outfit for years.

A joint team of security forces comprising personnel from different units of District Reserve Guard, Special Task

Force, CRPF and its elite unit CoBRA force were engaged in the anti-Maoist campaign that culminated on May 11.

CRPF DG G P Singh and Chhattisgarh police chief Arun Dev Gautam along with senior officials on Wednesday jointly briefed the media in Bijapur (south Bastar) on how the planned Operation Black Forest got executed and the successful outcome of the mission.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Abridged e-Tender No. DCPM-GS-ENG-SDAH-03-25-26 (Open Tender in Two Packet System) Date: 13.05.2025. Tender for e-tendering is invited by Dr. Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Engineering, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 3rd Floor, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **Name of the Work:** Appointment of Project Supervision Agency (PSA) for Providing Project Supervision Services at various construction Sites/ Sections under CAO/CON/RS/PIER in Asansol and Sealdah Division; **Approx. Value (Rs.) :** ₹ 16,73,33,863.56; **Cost of Tender Documents (Rs.) :** Nil; **Earnest Money (Rs.) :** ₹ 9,86,700.00; **Completion Period:** 24 Months. **Date of Opening:** 03.06.2025, 15.00 Hrs. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

SDAH-54/2025-26
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POSSESSION NOTICE Appendix-IV (For Immovable Properties (Rule 8(1)))

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank 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 a Demand Notice dated 30.01.2025 calling upon the Borrower / Mortgagee Sasikala B W/o Mr.S.Baskaran, Address: No.68, Ground Floor, Kasthur 4th Street, Back to Parvathi Amman Koll, Lakshmpuram,Koalthur, Chennai-600059, Address: 2, Flat No-52, Second Floor, Plot No-15, Vijaynagar, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Dist-Kancheepuram, 603102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 58,97,135.17 as on 30.01.2025 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 12th Day of May of the year 2025.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount of ₹ 58,97,135.17 as on 30.01.2025 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is ₹ 60,31,096.17 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section(8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Flat No-52, Second Floor, Plot No-15, Vijaynagar, Varadharajapuram Village, Siperumbudur Taluk, Dist-Kancheepuram, 603102, UDS of 510 Sq.ft. and Built up area of 1190 Sq.ft. Bounded By North- Plot No-16, South- Shops, East-By 30 Ft Road, West-By Plot No-14.

Date : 12.05.2025
Place: Nungambakkam

Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

**STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED**

19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967

(ONLINE ONLY)**e-Tender Notice - NIT. No.SP-IIT.No.26/MDP-O&M - EMI/EMC/2025 dt. 14.05.2025**

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under 'Two Cover System' through online only for the following work from qualified Bidders. Tenders will be received up to 15.30 Hrs (as per server system clock) on 14.07.2025 and the same will be opened at 15.30 Hrs (as per server system clock) on 15.07.2025.

Availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 16.05.2025 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website.

Name of Work	EMD
RFP for Concessionaire for Operation and Maintenance of Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) / Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Testing Facility in SIPCOT Medical Devices Park at Oragadam, Kancheepuram District for a Period of 10 years.	Rs.10,00,000/-

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

The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in>

DIPR/ 2276 / TENDER/2025

MANAGING DIRECTOR

**GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION BRIDGES DEPARTMENT**

Br.D.C.No.B3/0445/2025

e-Tender Notice

e-tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (Bridges) for the following works in Two Cover System as per details furnished below

Improvement works of subways at various locations in Zones - 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12 & 13 (9 Packages). Demolition and reconstruction of bridge across kodungalur canal in South Avenue road in Dn-35, Zone-4 and Construction of Box Culvert (2 vent) 3mx3m in Parameshwaran Nagar at Ennore high road in Dn-38, Zone-4.

Lowest work value: Rs.0.46 Crore, Highest work value: Rs.2.50 Crore, EMD 1% of the Work value.

Tender Last date and Time: 29.05.2025 up to 3.00 P.M

Tender open date and Time: 30.05.2025 at 11.00 A.M

For more information see <http://tntenders.gov.in>

DIPR / 2265 / Tender / 2025

Superintending Engineer (Bridges)

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU**

Directorate of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, Chennai-5.

Tender Notice No.1/2025-26

Dated : 13.05.2025

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu e-Tender for procuring 2000 Nos of Motorised cloth stitching Sewing Machines BIS/ISI/ (IS-1610-2018) by the undersigned with all accessories as per specification mentioned in the Tender document

Tender No.	Description	Due date and Time for submission of Tender	Date of Opening of Tender	EMD Rs.
1/2025-26	Procurement of 2000 No. of BIS/ISI/ (IS-1610-2018) motorised cloth stitching Sewing Machines with all accessories	upto 3.00 P.M on 30.05.2025	4.00 P.M on 30.05.2025	1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

For free download of Tender document and for further details may please visit the Government website: <https://tntenders.gov.in>

DPR/2196/Tende/2025 Commissioner of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Welfare

**THIRUVALUR REGIONAL OFFICE**

M R N Towers, Second Floor, J N Road
Tiruvallur - 600001

MEGA E-AUCTION

SALE ON 30.05.2025

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6)(9)(1) 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic / Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of following Branches of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 30.05.2025 (Time: 11.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m) for recovery of dues mentioned below due to the following Branches of Canara Bank, from the following Borrowers / Guarantors.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagee & Total Liabilities	Description of the Immovable Properties / Reserve Price / EMD
TIRUTTANI BRANCH (DPC: 3799): No.97/2B, Chittoor Road, Tiruttani - 631 209. Ph: 044-2794 5255 / 94442 43799 Email: cb3799@canarabank.com		
1.	Borrowers: 1.Mr.Bhaskaran C (Legal heir & Co Obligated) S/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), 2/122, Bhajanaal Koi Street, Agor, Tiruttani, Thiruvallur-631209 2.Mr.Ayyavoo C (Legal heir & Co Obligated) S/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), 125, Bhajanaal Koi Street, Agor, Tiruttani, Thiruvallur-631209 3.Mr.Gandhi C (Legal heir & Co Obligated) S/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), 144, Bhajanaal Koi Street, Agor, Tiruttani Thiruvallur-631209 4.Mrs.Kannammal C (Legal heir), W/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), 5.Mrs.Ruby (Legal heir), D/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), 6.Mrs.Indra (Legal heir), D/o.T.Chithirai (Deceased), All at, 22/5, Bhajanaal Koi Street, Agor, Tiruttani, Thiruvallur-631209; Amount Outstanding: ₹ 14,36,646.70 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Six and Paise Seventy only) due as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	(Owned by Legal heirs of T Chithirai (Deceased), 1.Mr.Bhaskaran C, 2.Mr.Ayyavoo, 3.Mr.Gandhi, 4. Mrs. Kannammal C, 5. Mrs. Ruby, 6. Mrs. Indra) All that piece and parcel of Land measuring 1402 Sq.ft along with the residential building comprised in Grama Natham Old Survey No.312/7, 312/8 sub division New Survey No.464/11, 464/37, Patta No.754 situated at Agor Village, Tiruttani Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Kancheepuram Registration District, Sub Registration District of Tiruttani bounded on the North by: Elumalai House, South by: Manoharan House, East by: Rice Mill Road, West by: Iyappan House. Measurements: East to West on Northern side 44 Feet; East to West on Southern side 45 Feet, North to South on Eastern side 33 Feet; North to South on Western side 30 Feet. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 14,75,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,47,500/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruttani Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0003799
2.	Borrower: Mr. Anbu M, S/o Mr. Mani, No. 22/55, Kasinathapuram Colony, Pattabirampuram, Tiruttani-631209. Guarantors: Mr.Sudhakar S, S/o.Subramanian, No.2/260, Nagalapuram Salai, Kasinathapuram, Pattabirampuram, Tiruttani - 631209, Mr.Shanmugam K, S/o. Kollupur, Kasinathapuram, Pattabirampuram, Tiruttani - 631209. Amount Outstanding: ₹ 44,92,244.54 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Four and Paise Fifty Four only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	All that piece and parcel of land and building ad measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 60 feet of total 1200 Sq.Ft, comprised in Survey No.44/21, Plot No: 57, Parvathi Street, Sri Moogambigai Nagar, Kasinathapuram, Nagalapuram Road, Pattabirampuram Post, Tiruttani - 631209. The property is owned by Mr.M. Anbu and bounded, On the North by: 20' Wide Road, Parvathi Street, On the South by: Plot No. 46, On the East by: Plot No. 56, On the West by: Plot No. 58. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 15,31,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,53,100/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruttani Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0003799
3.	Borrower: Smt.Usha Rani, W/o.V.Lakshmiipathy (Late), No.1/64, Bajanaal Koi Street, A M Puram Village, Tiruttani T K 631209. Guarantor: Mr. Munsumayy, S/o.Mr.Subramani, No.66, Ramar Koi Street, A M Puram Village, Tiruttani-631209; Amount Outstanding: ₹ 10,04,989/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Nine only) due as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon.	Property: (Owned by Mrs.V.Usharani), All that piece and parcel of property in Thiruvallur District, Tiruttani Taluk, Kancheepuram Registration District, Tiruttani Sub Registration District, Alamelumangapuram Village accounts in S.No 153/22 an extent of 0-17 cents out of 0-45 cents. North by: Lakshmiipathy and Ramamoorthy's Land, South by: Desan Land, East by: Ramadoss Land, West by: Ramamoorthy Land. Measurements: East to West on both sides 31 feet, North to South on both sides 28.6' Feet in Total 886 Sq.Ft Situated within the limits of Tiruttani Municipality. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 18,47,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,84,700/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruttani Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0003799
4.	Borrower: Sri.G.Balaji, S/o.Late Ganesan, No.30, MGR Street, Tiruttani, Tiruvallur - 631209 Amount Outstanding: ₹ 26,25,176.76 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand and One Hundred and Seventy Six and Paise Seventy Six only) due as on 31.03.2025 plus further interest thereon.	Schedule: "A": All that piece of Vacant Site Plot situated at Karthikeyapuram Village, Tiruttani Taluk, Thiruvallur District comprised in S.No 35/2 measuring 0.54 cent, S.No 35/3 measuring 1.46 Acre, S.No 35/4 measuring 0.37 cent, S.No 35/5 measuring 0.20 cent, Survey No. 35/6 measuring 0.15 cent out of total extent 2.72 acres integrated and named layout named as Ashoka Nagar, Vacant Site Plot Nos.2,27,28,29,30,35,36,40,43,54 of 60 totally measuring 23,242 Sq.ft boundaries for all these 16 plots and measurement of all these plots are given in the registered sale deed dated 24.11.2010 and in the encumbrance certificate. Boundaries & Measurement: Plot No.2 : East: 20 ft Road & 30 ft, West: Plot No.4 & 30 ft, North: Plot No.2 & 40 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 40 ft Total Extent 1200 Sq.ft , Plot No.27 : East: Plot No.40 & 39 ft 3 inches, West: 20 ft Road & 37 ft, North: Plot No.28 & 40 ft, South: Vacant Land & 40 ft, Total Extent 1525 Sq.ft , Plot No.28,29,30 : East: Plot No.39,38,37 & 90 ft, West: 20 ft Road & 90 ft, North: Plot No.31 & 40 ft, South: Plot No.27 & 40 ft Total Extent 3600 Sq.ft , Plot No.35,36 : East: 20 ft Road & 60 ft, West: Plot No.31 & 32 & 60 ft, North: Plot No.34 & 40 ft, South: Plot No.27 & 40 ft Total Extent 2400 Sq.ft , Plot No.40 : East: 20 ft Road & 41 ft, West: Plot No.27 & 39.3 ft, North: Plot No.39 & 40 ft, South: Vacant Land & 40 ft Total Extent 1605 Sq.ft , Plot No.43 : East: Vacant Land & 40 ft, West: Plot No.44 & 40 ft, North: Plot No.46 & 47 & 45 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 39 ft 3 inches Total Extent 1685 Sq.ft , Plot No.54 : East: Vacant Land & 67 ft 3 inches, West: Plot No.55 & 93 ft, North: Vacant Land & 9 feet 3 inches + 41 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 23 ft 6 inches Total Extent 2726 Sq.ft , Plot No.55 : East: Plot No.54 & 93 ft, West: Plot No.56 & 16 ft 9 inches, North: Vacant Land & 20 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 40 ft Total Extent 1920 Sq.ft , Plot No.56 : East: Plot No.55 & 99 ft, West: Plot No.57,58 & 59 & 16 ft 9 inches, North: Vacant Land & 20 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 40 ft Total Extent 2057 Sq.ft , Plot No.57,58 & 59 : East: Plot No.56 & 90 ft, West: 20 ft Road & 90 ft, North: Plot No.60 & 40 ft, South: 20 ft Road & 40 ft Total Extent 3600 Sq.ft , Plot No.60 : East: Plot No.56 & 16 ft 9 inches, West: 20 ft Road & 29 ft 6 inches, North: Vacant Land & 40 ft, South: Plot No.59 & 40 ft Total Extent 925 Sq.ft Total Plot Area : 1200 + 1525 + 3600 + 2400 + 1605 + 1685 + 2725 + 1920 + 2057 + 3600 + 925 = 23242 Sq.ft Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Tiruttani & Registration District of Thiruvallur. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 41,83,000/- EMD : ₹ 4,18,300/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank Tiruttani Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0003799
TIRUVALUR II BRANCH : No.3, Pannagal Street, Tiruvallur - 602001 Ph: 044-2766 0294, 94422 03647 Email : cb16100@canarabank.com		
5.	Borrower & Mortgagee: Mrs.Parvathi W/o Ravi, Guarantor: Mr. Ravi, S/o Kasi Both at : Old No.210, New No.323, Bajanaal Koi St, Grandline, Vadakara, Redhills, Chennai - 52. Amount Outstanding: ₹ 26,54,756.46 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six and Paise Forty Six Only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	Property: (Owned by Mrs. Parvathi) All that piece and parcel of Land and Building measuring 3 cents (or) 1308 sq.ft comprised in Gramanatham Survey No.18/1, Sub Division New Survey No.103/34, Patta No.233, situated at Grandline Village, Ambattur Taluk, Tiruvallur District. Bounded on the North by:- K.Kasi House, South by:-K Ravi Vacant site, East by:-K Ravi and Parvathi Vacant site, West by:-Main Road & Krishnaveni Ammal House. Total - 1308 Sq.ft. Situated within the Registration District of North Chennai and Sub Registration District of Redhills. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 29,40,000/- EMD : ₹ 2,94,000/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruvallur II Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0016100
6.	Borrower & Mortgagee: Mr.M.Mohan, S/o.Munusamy K, No.43/16, Jagannathapuram, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031. Amount Outstanding: ₹ 46,37,758.95 (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight and Paise Ninety Five Only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	Property Owned by Mr.M.Mohan (Borrower) SCHEDULE A : Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of Land and Building bearing No. F2 in First floor in Plot No. 5, Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Tiruvallur Taluk comprised in S.No 177/3A2 in Kakkalur Village, Tiruvallur District to an extent of 2280 Sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.4, West by: Plot No.6, Admeasuring North to South on Western side 77 ft, North to South on Western side 75 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub-Registration District of Tiruvallur. Item No. II : All that piece and parcel of Land and Building bearing No. F2 in First floor in Plot No. 6, Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Tiruvallur Taluk comprised in S.No 177/3A2 in Kakkalur Village, Tiruvallur District to an extent of 2210 Sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.5, West by: Plot No.7, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 75 ft, North to South on Western side 73 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub-Registration District of Tiruvallur. SCHEDULE B : All that undivided shares of lands of an extent of 400 sq.ft. in the total extent of 4490 sq.ft forming part of Schedule 'A' mentioned property. SCHEDULE C : Flat bearing No. F2 of a super builtup area of about 700 sq.ft including common area in the first floor in Plot No.5 & 6 in Kishore Enclave. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 9,96,000/- EMD : ₹ 99,600/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruvallur II Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0016100
7.	Borrower : Mr. Kumaravel K S/o Krishnamurthy, Guarantor: Ms.Thirupurasundari, W/o Kumaravel K, Both at : No.52/2, Poondithammal Street, New Washempenet, Chennai-600019 Amount Outstanding: ₹ 57,43,974.20 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four and Paise Twenty only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	Property Owned by Mr. Kumaravel K (Borrower) PROPERTY - SCHEDULE A : Item No. 1 : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Plot No.5 (Layout Sanction vide approval No.LP/DDTCP(CR) Approved No.139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2280 Sq.ft. and the entire property situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub Registration District of Thiruvallur, Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.4, West by: Plot No.6, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 77 ft, North to South on Western side 75 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Item No. II : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Plot No.6 (Layout Sanction vide approval No.LP/DDTCP(CR) Approved No.139/2010), Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2210 sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.5, West by: Plot No.7, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 75 ft, North to South on Western side 73 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. PROPERTY - SCHEDULE B : All that undivided shares of lands of an extent of 350 sq.ft in the total extent of 4490 sq.ft forming part of Schedule 'A' mentioned property. PROPERTY - SCHEDULE C : Flat bearing No. F-5 in the first floor of the building "Kishore Enclave" measuring an extent of 850Sq.ft super built up area including common area in the first floor in Plot No.5 and 6 constructed in the "Schedule A" herein above. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 11,45,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,14,500/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruvallur II Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0016100
8.	Borrower : Mr.Venkatesh, S/o.Thiru, 21, Redhills High Road, Ram Nagar, Ambattur, Chennai - 600053 Guarantor: Mr.Bhoopathi, S/o.Srinivasan, 46/3, V V Kovil Street, Kosapet, Chennai-600012 Amount Outstanding: ₹ 76,07,097.71 (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Seventy Thousand and Paise Seventy One only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	Property Owned by Mr. Venkatesh (Borrower) SCHEDULE A : Item No. I : All that piece and parcel of property being Plot No.5 (Layout sanction vide approval No. LP/DDTCP(CR) APPROVED No. 139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2280 sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.4, West by: Plot No.6, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 77 ft, North to South on Western side 75 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub-Registration District of Tiruvallur. Item No. II : All that piece and parcel of property being Plot No.6 (Layout sanction vide approval No. LP/DDTCP(CR) APPROVED No. 139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2210 sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.5, West by: Plot No.7, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 75 ft, North to South on Western side 73 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub-Registration District of Tiruvallur. SCHEDULE B : All that undivided shares of lands of an extent of 400 sq.ft., in the total extent of 4490 sq.ft., forming part of schedule 'A' mentioned property SCHEDULE C : Flat bearing No. F-4 in First Floor of the building "Kishore Enclave" measuring an extent of 1000 sq.ft., super built up area including common area in the First Floor in Plot No.5 & 6 to be constructed in the schedule 'A' herein above. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 16,00,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,60,000/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruvallur II Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0016100
9.	Borrower : 1.Janakiraman N S/o.V.Natarajan, Guarantors: 2.Kavitha K, W/o.Janakiraman N, Both at : 21, 2nd Street, Vinitha Flats, Aestakshmi Nagar, Kattupakkam, Chennai 600056 3.Ramprasad AR, S/o Ramraj, Avenue Banu Nagar, Pudur, Ambattur, Chennai 600053 Amount Outstanding: ₹ 65,80,991.01 (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety One and Paise One Only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	property owned by Janakiraman N & Kavitha K : Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of property being Plot No.3, Division Plot No.3B (Layout sanction vide approval No. LP/DDTCP(CR) APPROVED No. 139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2400 sq.ft. and the entire property, situate within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub Registration District of Tiruvallur, bounded on the North by:- 23 ft Road, South by: Plot No.5, West by:- Sriram Nagar, East by:-Plot No.2, West by:-Plot No.4. Schedule "B" : All that undivided shares of lands of an extent of 340 sq.ft., in the total extent of 2400 sq.ft., forming part of schedule 'A' mentioned property. Schedule "C" (Flat to be constructed by the builder) : Flat bearing No. F-1 of a super built up area of about 900 Sq. feet including common area in the First Floor in Plot No.3 Sub Division Plot No. 3B in Kishore Enclave. RESERVE PRICE: ₹ 10,40,000/- EMD : ₹ 1,04,000/- EMD Remittance : Canara Bank, Tiruvallur II Branch, A/c No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0016100

10.	Borrower : Mr.S.Bhoopathi, S/o.Srinivasan, 46/3, V V Kovil Street, Kosapet, Chennai-600012 Guarantor: Mr.T.Venkatesh, S/o.Thiru, 21, Redhills High Road, Ram Nagar, Ambattur, Chennai - 600053 Amount Outstanding: ₹ 63,57,217.09 (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Seventeen and Paise Nine only) as on 31.12.2024 plus further interest thereon	Property Owned by Mr. Bhoopathi (Borrower) SCHEDULE A : Item No. I : All that piece and parcel of property being Plot No.5 (Layout sanction vide approval No. LP/DDTCP(CR) APPROVED No. 139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2280 sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.4, West by: Plot No.6, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 77 ft, North to South on Western side 75 ft, East to West on the Northern side 30 ft, East to West on the Southern side 30 ft. Situated within the Registration District of Kanchipuram and Sub-Registration District of Tiruvallur. Item No. II : All that piece and parcel of property being Plot No.6 (Layout sanction vide approval No. LP/DDTCP(CR) APPROVED No. 139/2010) Puttur Main Road, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur Taluk, Comprised in Survey No. 177/3A2, Kakkalur Village, Thiruvallur District of an extent of 2210 sq.ft. Bounded on the North by: 23 ft Road, South by: Sriram Nagar, East by: Plot No.5, West by: Plot No.7, Admeasuring North to South on Eastern side 75 ft, North to South on Western side 73 ft, East to West
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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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Fort St George Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **29.05.2025** (Time 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) for recovery of ₹ 17,07,00,57.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Fifty Seven and Fifty paise only) due as on 30.04.2025 to the Fort St George Branch of Canara Bank from the Borrowers/Guarantors mentioned below.

Borrowers: 1.Ms.Nivedita Raj, D/o Rajasekaran, 2.Mr.N.Rajasekaran, S/o.A.Natarajan, 3.Ms.D.Vasanthi, W/o.N.Rajasekaran, All at: 21/6, 6th Street, First Floor, Gopalarupam, Chennai-96. 4.Ms.R.Mohana, W/o.N.Rajan, No.17/69, Anna Salai, Prakash Nagar, Chennai-600053

DETAILS OF PROPERTIES
Item 1: All that piece and parcel of Vacant Plot bearing No 329 in the layout called VGP Jai Nagar, situated in Attur Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, comprised in Old Survey No. 23 part, New Survey No. 23/7, Patta No. 246, admeasuring an extent of 2400 sq.ft. Boundaries: North by: 30 feet Road, South by: Plot No 324, East by: Plot No 328, West by: Plot No 330. Measuring: East to West on the both side: 40 feet, North to South on the both side: 60 feet.

Item 2: All that piece and parcel of Vacant Plot bearing No 330 in the layout called VGP Jai Nagar, situated in Attur Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, comprised in Old Survey No. 23 part, New Survey No. 23/7, Patta No. 245, admeasuring an extent of 2400 sq.ft. Boundaries: North by: 30 feet Road, South by: Plot No 323, East by: Plot No 329, West by: Plot No 331. Measuring: East to West on the both side: 40 feet, North to South on the both side: 60 feet.

Both plots are situated within the Registration District of North Chennai and Sub-Registration District of Red Hills. The property stands in the name of Mrs.R.Mohana.

Reserve Price ₹ 23,68,000/- EMD ₹ 2,36,800/- Bid Multiplier ₹ 50,000/-

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 29.05.2025
 Time 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 26.05.2025 till 4.00 p.m.

The properties can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on 22.05.2025 between 11.00 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.

EMD Remittance: The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) mentioned above being of 10% of the Reserve Price in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly.

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. 70466 12345 / 63549 10172 / 82912 20220 / 98922 19848 / 81602 05051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com) or may contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Fort St George Branch (Mob: 94443 96484 / 96980 13513) or Divisional Manager, Regional Office Chennai South, (Mob: 94983 46053 / 90252 43215) during office hours on any working day.

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

Date : 12.05.2025, Place: Chennai Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

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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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kotturpuram Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **30.05.2025** (Time 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) for recovery of ₹ 1,35,24,902.77 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Two And Seventy Seven Paise only) as on 13.05.2025 to the Kotturpuram Branch of Canara Bank from the Borrowers / Guarantors mentioned below.

Name of the Borrowers: M/s.Graephic Systems, No.30/55 Teachers Colony, Adsayar, Chennai-600020, Mr.Perumal B, 26/53, Kamaraj Avenue, II Street, Adyar, Chennai- 600020, Mr.Perumal B No.2 & 3, Gangai Amman Street, Karapakkam, Chennai 97, Ms.Paulina P, No.31 Nahar Cora Apartments 1-C, Ellaiamman Koli Street, Adyar Chennai-600020.

DETAILS OF PROPERTY
 All that piece and parcel of land and thereon in Village Flat No.407, 4th Floor, Block No. A2, Adena Apartments, Akshya Home, Annai Therasa Street, Kazhappattur, Chennai-603103, Kazhappattur Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kanchipuram District, built up area 792 sq.ft, within the Sub Registration District of Thirupurur and Registration District of Chengalpattu comprised in Survey No.259/2 and 259/18 and as per Patta Survey No.259/182 and 259/181B, land measuring 431.32 sq.ft UDS out of 6033.84 sq.ft land and bounded on the North by : Public Road, Land belonging to Aarth Krishna Kumar, G.R.Ramana Rao and Kalivari, South by : Lake bund, East by : Lake Bund, West by : Land belonging to S. Hemalatha, G.Rajaratnam and Vendors land. In all measuring 792 Sq.ft. and lying within the Sub Registration District of Thirupurur and Registration District of Chengalpattu Property standing in the name of Mr.Perumal.B

Reserve Price ₹ 33,30,000/- EMD ₹ 3,33,000/- Bid Multiplier ₹ 50,000/-

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 30.05.2025
 Time 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 29.05.2025 till 4.00 p.m.

The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on 28.05.2025 between 11.00 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.

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 Chalan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.

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. 70466 12345 / 63549 10172 / 82912 20220 / 98922 19848 / 81602 05051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com) or may contact Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Kotturpuram Branch (Mob: 94452 41550) or Divisional Manager, Regional Office Chennai South, (Mob: 94983 46053 / 90252 43215) during office hours on any working day.

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

Date : 13.05.2025, Place: Chennai Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER
 Single Tender Notice No.: RS-TPKR-CAMC-MEMU-261811, Dated: 13.05.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRS)EMU Cashed, Tikiapara, South Eastern Railway is inviting e-tender for the following work up to 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against item will be opened at 15.00 hrs. Description of work: Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) of 3 phase Propulsion System of MEMU with Alstom Transportation Limited, Bengaluru for a period of 05 years. Tender Value: ₹ 14,66,27,923. EMD: ₹ 8,83,100. Cost of Tender Documents: ₹ 10,000. Date of Opening: 07.06.2025. Completion period: 60 months. Date of Submission: Up to 15.00 hrs. of 07.06.2025. Interested tenders may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details, description, specification, corrigendum of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for this work will be accepted. (IPR-153)

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MEGA E-AUCTION SALE ON 17.06.2025

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES APPENDIX- IV-A (See proviso to rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
 E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 17.06.2025 for the recovery of the dues to the Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) as mentioned below.

S.No.1: SBI, RACPC AYYAPPANTHANGAL BRANCH : Borrower: Mr. R Dhorali (Deceased), 1.Mrs.Selvi (Legal Heir - Wife of the deceased), 2. Mr. Abishek (Legal Heir - Son of the deceased), 3. Mrs. Aarthi (Legal Heir - Daughter of the deceased), Residential & Property Address of All: No. 5, Ramnarayan Nagar, Lakshmiapuram, Kolathur, Chennai – 600099.

SBI HOUSING TERM LOAN A/C No: 30633736265, SBI HOME EQUITY A/C NO: 32664551762; Outstanding Amount : Rs. 49,29,171/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One Only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/04/2025-26

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY (Description of Immovable Property): All that piece and parcel of Land and building bearing Plot No.5, Sri Ramanujan Nagar, Lakshmiapuram, Kolathur, Chennai-600099, Comprised in Survey No. 1478/11 of Madhavaram Village, Madhavaram Taluk, Thiruvallur District, within the limits of Madhavaram Municipality. Bounded on the North by - Plot No. 6, South by - Plot No. 4, East by - 24 feet road, West by - House plots in Kaveri Nagar, Measuring East to West on the Northern side - 80 feet, East to West on the Southern side - 79 feet, North to South on the Eastern side - 31 feet, North to South on the Western side - 30 feet, In all measuring 2424 Sq.ft. of land and the house constructed thereon the land and situated within the Sub Registration District of Madhavaram and Registration District of Chennai North. Property owned by Mr. R Dhorali (Late)

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 1,53,00,000/- EMD ₹ 15,30,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 1,00,000/-

S.No.2: SBI, RACPC AYYAPPANTHANGAL BRANCH : Borrower: Mrs. T.Salini D/o Mr. T.Sasikumar, Residential Address: No.91, 53 Karthick Apartments, Bajajal Koli Street, Choolaimedu, Chennai – 600 094. Office Address: ITC GRAND CHOLA, Finance Department, No.63, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032. Co Borrower 1: Mr. T.Sasikumar S/o Mr. V.K.Nair, Residential Address: No. 3 Pumping Station Road, Chetpet, Chennai – 600 031. Office Address: Sri Venkateswara Photographics, No. 5, Thirumalai Pillai Road, T. Nagar, Chennai – 600 017. Co Borrower 2: Mr. R.Premkumar S/o Mr. M.Rajan, Residential Address: No.91, 53 Karthick Apartments, Bajajal Koli Street, Choolaimedu, Chennai – 600 094. Office Address: APG Business Solution Pvt. L., Amman Koli Street, MH Colony, Aminjikarai, Chennai – 600029. Property Address of All: Lakshmi Gardens – Apartments, Flat No. C, First Floor (Back side), Block-1, Plot No.1, Lakshmi Nagar, Vinayaga Avenue, Ayyappanthangal, Chennai – 600 065.

SBI HOUSING TERM LOAN A/C No: 37607414331; Outstanding Amount : Rs. 33,24,135/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Five only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/05/2025-26

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY (Description of Immovable Property) SCHEDULE -A (TOTAL PROPERTY): 9280 SQ.FT UNDIVIDED SHARE OF LAND RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY bearing Plot Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in "VINAYAGA AVENUE, LAKSHMI NAGAR" now called "ADITHYANAR AVENUE", Approval No. 1403/2011, 1404/2011 dated 24.08.2011, Comprised in Survey Nos. 255/18, 256/28, 257, 258/1, 258/2, 258/3, 258/4 and 259/1 of AYYAPPANTHANGAL VILLAGE, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, measuring an extent of 18560 Sq.ft., and being bounded as follows: NORTH BY : Vinayaga Avenue, SOUTH BY : Remaining Property of Vendors, EAST BY : Sterling Computers, WEST BY : Mr. V. Selvamani Property, and situate within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Joint Sub Registrar – I, Saidapet. SCHEDULE -B (PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED) : 516 SQ.FT UNDIVIDED SHARE OF LAND AND OUTGOING 'A' mentioned Property. SCHEDULE -C: (Description of Apartment) Flat bearing No. C, Block – 1, Sub-Divided Plot No. 1, Total Built Up Area of 1035 Sq.ft., in the First Floor (Back Side) of the Building (General Specification of the Builder and Flat) including Car Parking.

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 44,80,000/- EMD ₹ 4,48,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

S.No.3: SBI, RACPC AYYAPPANTHANGAL BRANCH : Borrower: Mr.K.Rajendran (Late), Legal Heir - 1: Mr.Manoj Prabhakar (S/o Mr.K.Rajendran (Late) - Borrower), Legal Heir - 2 : Ms. Vishnu Smithra (D/o Mr.K.Rajendran (Late) - Borrower), Legal Heir - 3 : Mrs. Abirami I. Wife of Mr.Varunprasanth R (Late) - S/o Mr.K.Rajendran (Late - Borrower), Legal Heir - 4 : Ms. Jivisha Divu P. (Minor Represented by Mother Mrs. ABIRAMI I) Daughter of Mr. Varunprasanth R (Late) - S/o Mr.K.Rajendran (Late - Borrower), KYC Address of All: Flat No : 85, SONEX SUPRIYA Apartments, No. 26 Panneer Nagar, Mogappair East, (Opp to Spartan School) Chennai – 600 037. Residential Address of All: No. 171/133, Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Tatabad Post Office, Sangunar Village, Coimbatore – 641 012. Property Address of All: Flat No.: B4, Block B, Ground Floor, "SONEX SUPRIYA" Apartments, Panneer Nagar, Selva Vinayagar Road, Mogappair, Chennai – 600 037.

SBI HOUSING TERM LOAN A/C No: 36477295902; SBI SURAKSHA A/C No: 36875945292; Outstanding Amount : Rs. 46,83,815/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/06/2025-26

SCHEDULE 'A' (Entire Property) All that piece and parcel of VACANT LAND, situated at Approved Layout namely "V.G. PANNEER NAGAR" vide DTCP Approval No. LPDM 51/67, Comprised in Survey No.213/1 of No.81, MOUGAPPAR VILLAGE, Ambattur Taluk, Thiruvallur District, measuring extent of 50.5 Cents and being BOUNDED ON THE North by - 30 feet wide Road, South by - S.No. 213/2 and 213/3 East by - 40 feet wide Road West by - Land owned by Mrs. V. Sarojini And this Property lying within Registration District of Chennai North and the Registration Sub-District of Konnur. SCHEDULE 'B' (Property hereby Conveyed) 2.41% UNDIVIDED SHARE OF LAND in Schedule 'A' mentioned property (i.e., 530.63 square feet) together with flat, measuring 907 square feet (Inclusive of Proportionate Common Area), bearing No.004, in Block 'B', at GROUND FLOOR in 'SONEX SUPRIYA' No.26, Panneer Nagar, Selva Vinayagar Road, Mogappair, Chennai 600 037, along with an Open Car Park Space in Slot No.28, and all common rights and amenities etc., Property owned by: Mr.RAJENDRAN K (Late)

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 42,50,000/- EMD ₹ 4,25,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 50,000/-

Contact Person with Mobile Number **SI.No. 1 to 3:** Mrs. Uma Gopal, Chief Manager, Ph No- 9442649601 Mr. Shannuga Sundaram, Manager Ph No- 8807632110

S.No.4: SBI, RACPC ANNA NAGAR BRANCH : Borrower: Mr. Pandian.M S/o. Mr. P K Murugesan, Residential & Property Address: No. 176, 3rd Sector, 8th Cross Street, Golden Centre, Vyasapadi, Mullai Nagar Bus Depot, Chennai – 600 039. Office Address: Jaya Enterprises, No. 78/61 Maddox Street, Vepery, Vetenery College, Chennai – 600 007.

HTL A/C No. 37782382360; Suraksha A/C No. 37920924740; Outstanding Amount : Rs.19,31,580/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/007/2025-26

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY : SCHEDULE 'A' OF PROPERTY (Total Property) Schedule -A: All that piece and parcel of Land situated in the sanctioned plan of MKB Nagar, Cluster House No.176, Survey No.715/1, Part of Perambur Village, Perambur Taluk, Chennai District and Measuring Nil Ground 400 sq.ft or thereabouts, bearing Old Door No.176, New Door No.176, 8th Cross Street, Golden Colony, M.K.B Nagar, Chennai-600 039 and situated within the limits of Greater Corporation of Chennai and being Bounded on the North by : Cluster House No.169, South by : 12' 0" Pathway, East by : Cluster House No.177, West by : Cluster House No.175. Measuring on the East to West on the Northern side : 16 feet, East to West on the Southern side : 16 feet, North to South on the Eastern side : 25 feet, North to South on the Western side : 25 feet. Measuring an extent of 400 Sq.ft. together with

house measuring 186 Sq.ft., with E.B., Sewerage, and Water Connection etc., Situated within the Registration District of Central Chennai, and Sub-Registration District of Purasawalkam.

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 18,50,200/- EMD ₹ 1,85,020/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 10,000/-

S.No.5: SBI, RACPC ANNA NAGAR BRANCH : Borrower: Mr. V. Kanagarajan, S/o. Mr. S. Vadivelan, Permanent Address: No. 6/17, Sadaya Pillai Street, (Near Panruti Post Office), Panruti, Cuddalore – 607 106. (POA) Mrs. N. Hemapriya, W/o. Mr. V. Kanagarajan, KYC Address: No. 6/17, Sadaya Pillai Street, (Near Panruti Post Office), Panruti, Cuddalore – 607 106. Residential Address: Flat No. C 11, Alacrity Jasa Apartments, No. 15A, SRP Koli Street North, T V K Nagar, Chennai – 600 082. Both are Property Address: Flat No. F1, First Floor, New No. 384/17, Ayyavoo Naicker Street, Maduravoyal, Chennai – 600 026.

HTL A/C No. 37583185142; Outstanding Amount : Rs.80,29,539/- (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Nine Only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/008/2025-26

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY (Total Property): All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 2345 Sq. ft. in Ayyavoo Naicker Street, comprised in Grama Natham Survey No.384/1, Patta No.611, Old Grama Natham Survey Nos.382 part & 384 part, as per Patta New Grama Natham Survey Nos.635/23 & 384/17, situated at MADURAVOYAL VILLAGE, now Maduravoyal Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Land bounded on the North by Land and House of Mr. Ravi, South by Ayyavoo Naicker Street, East by Land and House of Mr. Munusamy Naicker, West by Land and House of Mr. Ravi, Land measuring East to West on the Northern side 34 feet, East to West on the Southern side 33 feet, North to South on the Eastern side 70 feet, North to South on the Western side 70 feet, In all measuring 2345 Sq. ft. lying within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Virugambakkam. SCHEDULE 'B' (property hereby conveyed) 390 Sq. ft. Undivided Share in Schedule 'A' land measuring 2345 Sq. ft. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY Flats in First Floor F1 measuring 800 sq. ft. Super Plinth Area (inclusive of common areas and common shares) along with car parking.

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 39,60,000/- EMD ₹ 3,96,000/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 25,000/-

Contact Person with Mobile Number **SI.No. 4 & 5:** Mrs. Umaa Gopal, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 94426 49601 Mr. Babu, Deputy Manager, Mobile No. 94446 39802

S.No.6: SBI, RACPC MRC NAGAR BRANCH : Borrower : Mr.Pattu Subramanian S/o. P.Pattu, Residential Address: Flat No.8, 3rd Floor, R.R Flats, Plot No.28, Krishnapur 2nd Street, Bishop Garden Extension, R.A. Park, Chennai-600028. Office Address: Emp Code : W W L-18, Director – Business Development, Wallawalla Logistics Pvt Ltd., 324E, "Keerthi", 1st Floor, Poonamallee High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600010. Property Address: Flat No. M14, 1st Floor, Marvel Towers, 112 MIG Flats - South Madras Neighbourhood Scheme, 4th Avenue, Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai-600020.

SBI HOUSING TERM LOAN A/C No: 39377044236; Outstanding Amount : Rs.1,34,15,696/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/10/2025-26

SCHEDULE PROPERTY FIRST SCHEDULE-PROPERTY: All that piece and portion of the Flat No. M. 14 in the First Floor at South Madras Neighbourhood Scheme, 4th Avenue, Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai-600020 erected on the land in T.S.No.10 part, Block No.16 of Thiruvanniyur village in Chennai District in flat measuring 150.35 Sq.m. (Plinth area of flat) and land being bounded The North by : Flat No. M.13, The East by : Driveway, The South by : Flat No. M.15, The West by : Corridor. With undivided share is 58.87 Sq.m. of land Within the Sub-Registration District of Saidapet and Registration District of Chennai South. SECOND SCHEDULE Restrictions, easements, rights, privileges, exceptions reservations and matters in respect of the MIG flat No. 14 at South Madras Neighbourhood Scheme (Indira Nagar), along with an allotted Open Space car parking.

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 1,67,50,026/- EMD ₹ 16,75,003/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 1,00,000/-

S.No.7: SBI, RACPC MRC NAGAR BRANCH : Borrower : Mrs.Priscilla Britto W/o Britto Vethanayagam J., Residential Address: No.44/6, Temple View Apartments,SRP Koli Street, Jawahar Nagar, Agarum , Perambur, Chennai-600082. Office Address 1 : Additional Director, Real Agent India Construction Pvt Ltd, Flat No. S1 Second Floor, Daffodils, Old No.12 New No.23 4th Circular Road, Jawahar Nagar, Chennai-600082. Office Address 2 : Employee No : 1005, Manager-Operations, KGM Logistics, New No.96, Old No.274, Flat No. 2, First Floor, Lingi Chetty Street, Chennai-600001. Property Address: Flat No F2,Golden Orchid, Block A, Plot No 9/376, Bharathi Nagar, Agarum Then, Mappedu Po, Chennai-600073.

SBI HOUSING TERM LOAN A/C No: 34986965498; Outstanding Amount : Rs.41,99,641/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Forty One only) as on 07.05.2025 and further interest at contractual rate from 08.05.2025 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES: Tender No. SBI/CRAMC/09/2025-26

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE 'A': (Total Property) All that piece and parcel of Vacant House site at 'Bharathi Nagar' bearing Plot No. A measuring an extent of 2580 Sq.ft, Plot No. B measuring an extent of 2170 Sq.ft, Plot No. C measuring an extent of 2770 Sq.ft, And Private Passage Measuring an extent of 1200 Sq.ft. In all totally measuring an extent of 8720 Sq.ft or Acre 0.20 Cents, comprise in Old Survey No. 198/2A2A, New Survey Nos. 198/2A2A2 and 198/6B, under New Patta No. 1066, situated at Agarum Then Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District. BOUNDARIES: North by : Land in Survey Nos. 198/6A1, 6A2, & 2A2A1 South by : Land in Survey Nos. 198/1 East by : Land in Survey Nos. 198/2AB West by : 20 feet wide Bharathi Nagar MEASUREMENTS: Northern side : 151 feet 3 inches. Southern side : 151 feet 6 inches. Eastern side : 60 feet, Western side : 55 feet 3 inches. The above property is situated within the St. Thomas Mount Panchayat Union Limits and within the Registration District of Chennai South and Registration Sub-District of Tambaram. SCHEDULE -"B" (Property sold and Hereby conveyed) 607Sq.ft of undivided share of land, right, title and interest out of 8720 square feet in SCHEDULE 'A' property together with common rights and privileges with other owners of the Undivided Share in the SCHEDULE 'A' property. SCHEDULE -"C" Residential Block A Flat No.F2 at First Floor measuring an extent of 1075 Sq.ft of flat including the common area "B" Schedule of property and allotted car parking area in Ground Floor. (Planning Permit No.2348, approval No. 199, dated 13-05-2014)

Status of Possession : Symbolic

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 43,92,000/- EMD ₹ 4,39,200/- BID INCREMENT AMOUNT ₹ 25,000/-

Contact Person with Mobile Number **SI.No. 6 & 7:** Mrs. Umaa Gopal, Chief Manager, Ph -9442649601 Mr. Sankaranarayanan.S, Assistant Manager Ph- 9498049709

SI.No. 1 to 7 : Encumbrances known to the Bank, if any : NIL

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 1 to 7 : 17.06.2025
 Time: 60 Minutes
 From 11.30 A.M to 12.30 P.M

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THURSDAY 15.05.2025

Don presses Iran to end proxy war, says he wants quick nuclear deal

Gulf rallies behind Saudi push for regional stability amid rift with Tehran

RIYADH

President Donald Trump told Gulf leaders on Wednesday he urgently wants “to make a deal” with Iran to wind down its nuclear program but Tehran must end its support of proxy groups throughout the region as part of any potential agreement.

Iran “must stop sponsoring terror, halt its bloody proxy war and permanently and verifiably cease pursuit of nuclear weapons,” Trump said in remarks at a meeting of leaders from the Gulf Cooperation Council hosted by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in the Saudi capital. “They cannot have a nuclear weapon.”

The US and Iran have engaged in four rounds of talks since early last month focused on Iran’s nuclear program. Trump has repeatedly said that he believes brokering a deal is possible but that the window is closing.

The Republican president’s strongly worded push on Iran to cease support of Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen come as its proxy network has faced significant setbacks in the 19 months.

In Iran, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi called Trump’s remarks “deceitful” but did not directly address the US leader’s call on Iran to cease support of proxy groups. Later, Trump, in an exchange with reporters aboard Air Force One, urged Iran “to make the right decision” about its nuclear program



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, right, welcomes President Donald Trump for the group photo with Gulf Cooperation Council leaders during the GCC Summit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia | AP

Trump meets Syria's Interim prez Ahmad al-Sharaa

RIYADH: Donald Trump met with Interim Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, the first encounter between the two nations’ leaders in 25 years and one that could mark a turning point for Syria as it struggles to emerge from decades of international isolation. The meeting marks a major turn of events for a Syria still adjusting to life after the over 50-year, iron-gripped rule of the Assad family, and for its new leader, who once had a \$10 million US bounty for his arrest.

“because something’s going to happen one way or the other.” “So we’ll either do it friendly or we’ll do it very unfriendly,” Trump warned. “And that won’t be pleasant.”

After meeting with members of the GCC Trump flew to Qatar; the second stop in his Mideast tour.

Like the Saudis did a day earlier, Qatar rolled out the red carpet for Trump. He said Qatar Airways had placed a “record” order for 160 planes from Boeing, as he signed a raft of deals in Doha alongside Qatar’s emir. The order, which the White House said was Boeing’s

largest ever for wide-body jets, deepens ties between the US aerospace giant and the giant Middle East carrier.

Qatar Airways will honor a “\$86 billion agreement to acquire up to 210 American-made Boeing 787 Dreamliner and 777X aircraft powered by GE Aerospace engines,” according to a White House fact sheet.

“This is Boeing’s largest-ever widebody order and largest-ever 787 order,” it said.

Comprehensive details about the order were not available. Boeing declined immediate comment. AP

Lifting US curbs offers hope of recovery to Syria

BEIRUT

DONALD Trump’s decision to lift US sanctions on Syria signals a major shift in the war-battered country’s efforts to rebuild, offering hope of recovery but leaving significant obstacles in place.

In Riyadh during a Middle East tour, the US president said he “will be ordering the cessation of sanctions against Syria in order to give them a chance at greatness”. Syria’s foreign ministry hailed the move as a “pivotal turning point”, while Finance Minister Mohammed Barnieh said it would help bring in investment and restore key services.

Barnieh said the decision would “help Syria in building its institutions, providing essential services to the people and create great opportunities to attract investment and restore confidence”. Jihad Yazigi, editor of economic publication The Syria Report, said “US sanctions were by far the most impactful” of all those imposed during former president Bashar al-Assad’s rule. Since ousting Assad in December, Syria’s new Islamist leadership has pushed for the lifting of Western sanctions. US measures cut Syria off from the global financial system for more than a decade, hampering trade and aid transfers. AFP

EXPRESS READ

EU plans to cut red tape

Brussels: The EU has proposed cutting red tape and easing environmental rules for farmers to address long-standing grievances. The changes, expected to save €1.8 billion annually, aim to reduce bureaucracy and simplify compliance. Organic farms will be deemed to meet some environmental standards automatically.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM
No.: EL/1105R-III (Corrigendum-01)/2024-25/WTF Dt. 10.05.2025
DRM (Electrical) Jaipur, for and on the behalf of president of Union of India, invites e-tenders Corrigendum-01 (Annexure-A) for following work: NIT No.: EL-JP-06R-III-2024-25 Name of Work: JP Div. - Provision of Grid connected roof top solar Power plant at Residential buildings over JP Div. (7287 KWp) NIT Cost: 301054097.82/- Earnest Money: 1655300/- Tender Opening: 09.06.2025 Corrigendum Issuing Date: 10.05.25 Prebid Conference Date: 15.05.25 Note:- Date & Time of Closing of E-Tenders: On tender opening date upto 15.00 hours. Date & Time of E-Tender Opening: On tender opening date after 15.00 hours. Complete details of tender can be seen on website No.: <http://www.reps.gov.in> 547-PM/25 DRM (Electrical) Jaipur Follow us on: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [WhatsApp](#)

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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) 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Chennai Mandavelipakkam Branch of the Canara Bank, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” on 30.05.2025 (Time 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) for recovery of ₹ 2,53,15,133.51 (Rupees Two Crores Fifty Three Lakhs Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Fifty One Paise Only), due as on 13.05.2025 to the Chennai Mandavelipakkam Branch of Canara Bank from the Borrowers/Guarantors mentioned below.

Name of the Borrowers: M/s YUTA INTERNATIONAL, Flat No F 2, I Floor, No 372A, Maruthi Bhavan, 10th Street, Tirumalai Nagar, Hasthinapuram, Chennai 600064, Mr.Harishanker, S/o Late. Mr.TK Ramamurthy, Maruthi Bhavan 372A, F2, 1st Floor, 10th Street, Tirumalai Nagar, Hasthinapuram, Chennai 600064, Mr.K.Nandakumar, S/o Kanniyappan, Mr.Kanniyappan, Both at: 351, 10th Cross Street, Tirumalainagar, Hasthinapuram, Chennai 600064

DETAILS OF PROPERTY

All that piece and portion of undivided share of land measuring 240 sq ft from and out of 1185 sqft, together with Flat No.F-2, in the First Floor having at super built up area of 420 sqft (including common area) situated at Plot No.22/1970 situated in 10th street, Tirumalai Nagar, comprised in Survey No.19/3 of Sembakkam Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District and the land being bounded by North by: Road, South by: Vacant Land, East by: Plot No.372, West by: Property belongs to L.Jayasri. Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side: 30 feet, East to West on the Southern Side: 30 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side: 39 feet, North to South on the Western Side: 40feet. And Situated within the Registration District of Kancheepuram and Sub Registration District of Selaiyur.

Reserve Price ₹ 19,61,000/- EMD ₹ 1,96,100/- Bid Multiplier ₹ 1,00,000/-

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 30.05.2025 Time 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 29.05.2025 till 4.00 p.m. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on 28.05.2025 between 11.00 a.m. & 4.00 p.m.

EMD Remittance: The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) mentioned above being 10% of the Reserve Price in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly.

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. 70466 12345 / 63549 10172 / 82912 20220 / 98922 19848 / 81602 05051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com) or may contact Manager, Canara Bank, Mandavelipakkam Branch (Mob : 80734 39371 / 94440 80937) or Divisional Manager, Regional Office Chennai South, (Mob: 90252 43215 / 94983 46953) during office hours on any working day.

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

Date :13.05.2025, Place: Chennai Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

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The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd
Asset Recovery Branch
R.S.No.170/9, Uthankudi Village, Near Mattuthavani Bus Stand
Madurai-625107. Ph:0452-2587113, 2587112, Email : arbmadurai@kvbmail.com

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE

Ref: ARB/MDU/PRE SALE/ABDUL RASAK/25-26 Date : 02.05.2025

To,
1. Mr.K.Abdul Rasak (Borrower), S/o Mr.Kaja Sherif, 1733/1B, Near Old Court Road, Puthuru, Ammapatty Road, Uthampalayam,Theni – 625533. Also at: Ward 3, Door No.14, 3rd Street, Samikulam, Chinnamanur – 625515.
2. Mrs.M.Pathumuthu (Guarantor), W/o Mr.Mohammed Musthafa, 21A, Ramakrishnapuram, 3rd Cross Street, Adambakkam, Kancheepuram – 600088.

Dear Sir/Madam,

1. Reg.Mr.K.Abdul Rasak- Notice under Rule and 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules) 2002 for sale of immovable secured assets possessed by the bank – Intimation about the right of redemption available to you u/s. 13(8) of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The undersigned being an Authorized Officer of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, Chinnamanur Branch in exercise of powers conferred u/s Section 13(12) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (the Act), issued a Demand Notice dt 30.08.2024 under Section 13(2) of the Act, 2002 (the Rules) to you to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being Rs.12,33,942.22 (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Thirty Three Thousands Nine Hundred and Forty Two and Paise Twenty Two Only) towards the outstanding dues in respect of the credit facility along with applicable interest thereon plus incidental expenses, charges and costs thereon within 60 days from the date of the said notice. As you failed to repay the aforesaid amount, the undersigned in exercise of powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the Act read with the rules 8(1), took over the possession of the schedule mentioned properties on 09.01.2025 and the same was published in The New Indian Express (English) and Dinamani (Tamil) newspapers on 14.01.2025. Thus the undersigned has issued the Possession Notice in compliance of Rule 8(1) and 8(2) of the said Act.

Pursuant to taking over possession of the schedule mentioned immovable secured asset, the undersigned propose to sell them by adopting any of the following methods mentioned in Rule 8(5).

a. by obtaining quotations from the parties dealing in the secured assets or otherwise interested in buying such assets; or b. by inviting tenders from the public; or c. by holding public auction/e-auction; or d. by private treaty. The undersigned hereby serves you 30 days’ notice under Rule 8(6) and invite your attention to the provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the immovable secured assets. The provisions of above section is appended below for your ready reference.

“Section 13. Enforcement of Security Interest...”

(8) Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets, - (i) the secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and (ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this subsection, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets.”

Whereas the notice sent to Si.No.2 of you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved. You are hereby called upon to visit the bank and obtain copy of the notice in your own interest in order to note the full particulars of the loan dues, securities charged to the bank etc.

In view of the above, you are advised to pay the entire dues mentioned below together with future interest, all costs and charges within 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which the undersigned would be at liberty to proceed with the sale of the immovable secured assets by adopting any of the aforesaid methods as may be required in the best interest of all the concerned.

Details of dues payable :

Nature of Facility	Account Number	Balance Outstanding as on date
Machinery Loan	1118.729.1193	Rs.12,49,063.00 Plus interest runs from 06.04.2025

(Details of the mortgaged property) : All that piece and parcel of the residential house site which all situate at Theni District, Periyakulam Registration District, Uthampalayam Sub-District, Uthampalayam Village & Town Panchayat, Old Patta No.1298, Survey No.2169, House site property measuring 1 Acre, 51 cents as per Resurvey No.2169 measuring 0-61-0 Ares out of which on the northern side 55 cent of which eastern side of which northern side 1311 Sq.ft of House site property bounded: North : House site in Survey No.2168, East : House site in Survey No.2144, South : House site in Survey No.2169, West : House site in Survey No.2169 then East-West and South-North common pathway. Within these boundaries, measuring East to West on the both sides 38 feet, South North on the both sides 34 ½ feet. Totally 1311 Sq.Feet – House site property with all its usual South-West end common pathway rights wall rights and water let-out rights including all amenities and appurtenances etc., As per Resurvey: Survey No.2169/3, Hectare 0-1-22, Patta No.5160. Please consider this notice as a notice under Rule 8(6) read with section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002.

Place : Madurai
Date : 02.05.2025
Authorized Officer,
The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd

Note : A separate auction/sale notice will be sent with complete details, such as reserve price of the property and auction date etc. in case you failed to pay the entire dues together future interest with all costs and charges within 30 days from the date of receipt this notice.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.



Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.
Ambattur Branch : Plot No.37, North Park Street, 2nd Floor, Subham Complex, Ambattur O.T, Chennai-600055, (Tamilnadu), District - Chennai.
Chennai Branch : Challa Mall,3rd Floor,Unit No.305, New Door No.11 and 11A, New Property Tax Door No.17/50, Old Door No.11/50, Old Property Tax Door No.11/50, Survey number 6537/2, Block No.140,Sir Theyagaraya Road, T Nagar,Village,GuindyTaluk,Chennai- 600017,TN District - Chennai.
Vellore Branch : No.2, 1st Floor, Om Towers, 3rd Main Road, Bharathi Nagar, Katpadi, Vellore,Tamilnadu-632007 District - Vellore

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the “said Borrower(s)”), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Loan Code : 19700002773 Chennai Branch) Nagavel T (Borrower) Revathy N (Co Borrower) Raghupathy N (Guarantor)	12-04-2025 ₹ 5,88,245.00	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land Comprised In Punja Survey No.91/4, Patta No.45, Situated At 21, Panchalai Village, Gummidipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, The Land Measuring 6 Cents I.E. 2616 Sq.Ft., And Bounded On The East by : Plot Owned By Jambu And Others, West by : Plot Owned By Revathi, North by : Plot Owned By Raman, South by :Munusamy S Plot.
2.	(Loan Code : 19700003129 & 19710000211 Chennai Branch) Saravanan S (Borrower) Selvaraj V (Co Borrower) Nandagopal S (Guarantor)	12-04-2025 ₹ 5,89,832.00 & ₹ 5,11,919.00	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Housing Plot No.9, Measuring 1163 Itr Ft., Comprised In Survey No.99/3 And As Per Patta New Survey No.99/3A, In The Layout Named As “Annai Gomathi Nagar” Situated At No.38, Singlikuppam Village, “P14Luvallur Taluk, Thiruvallur District, The Same Has Been Approved By D.T.C.P., No.166/2017, Anal Last To West On The Northern Side 20 Feet, Last To West On The Southern Side 20 Feet North To South On The Eastern Side 58 Feet 3 Inches, North To South On The Western Side 58 Feet, Bounded On The East by : Remaining Portion Of Plot No.9, West by :Plot No.8, North by : 30 Feet Road, South by :Vacant Plot.
4.	(Loan Code : 24610000001 & 24610000061 Ambattur Branch) Sathishkumar P (Borrower) Shalini S (Co Borrower) Senthilkumar Purusothaman (Guarantor)	12-04-2025 ₹ 13,39,483.00 & ₹ 3,40,835.00	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building Bearing Plot No.41-B, Comprised In S.No.773/2B1, As Per Patta No.537, New S.No.773/2B1A, Situated At Pasumpon Nagar Extension, Kalikuppam, Korattur Village, Ambur Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Within The Limit Of Corporation Of Chennai And The Land Bounded On The East To West On The Northern Side -13.4 Feet, East To West On The Southern Side -13.4 Feet, North To South On The Eastern Side -45 Feet, North To South On The Western Side -45 Feet, Bounded On The East by : Plot No.41A, West by :Plot No. 41C, North by : Plot No. 24, South by :20 Ft Road.
5.	(Loan Code : 19710000272 Chennai Branch) Velsami R (Borrower) Seetha Velsamy (Co Borrower)	12-04-2025 ₹ 8,24,887.00	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land And Building Measuring An Total Extent Of 538 Sq.Ft., Of Land With Building In Patta No.6283, Comprised In G.R. Old Survey No.237/3 G.R. New Survey No. 237/55B, Of No.135, Minjur-li Village, Ponneri Taluk , Thiruvallur District Within The Registration District Of Thiruvallur And Sub-Registration District Of Ponneri Being Bounded And Measuring On TheBounded On The East by : Common Passage , West by :House Belongs To Gurusamy Nader, North by : Panchayat Road, South by :House Belongs To Jagadeesan.
6.	(Loan Code : 19710000311 Chennai Branch) Vinoth Hariraman (Borrower) Chithra Hariraman (Co Borrower)	12-04-2025 ₹ 34,13,713.00	All That Piece Or Parcel Of The Land With Building Bearing Plot No.47, 48, 49 West Part And Plot No.47, 48, 49 East Part (As Per Isub Divisionapproval) Comprised In Old Survey No.255/2, As Per Patta New Survey No.255/2B, Measuring With An Extent Of 473.8 Square Feet Of Uds Out Of 4824 Square Feet, (1500+1500+1824) Together With Flat Bearing No.55, In Second Floor, Having A Super Built Up Area Of 1015 Square Feet, With Car Park In The Building Named As “Dsr-Vivanta” Situated At “Dsr Selvi Nagar Annex” Approved By The Director Of Town And Country Planning Vide D.T.C.P. No.2005-239/L.P.162, Situated In Old No.55, New No.32, Ninnakkarai Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Chengalpattu District, And Plot No.47 (1500Sq.Ft.,) In Bounded And Measuring On The North By : 23 Feet Wide Layout Road-30 Feet, South By : Vacant Land-30 Feet, East By : Plot No.48-50 Feet, West By : 23 Feet Wide Layout Road-50 Feet, Plot No.48 (1500 Sq.Ft.,) In Bounded And Measuring On The North By : 23 Feet Wide Layout Road-30 Feet, South By : Vacant Land-30 Feet, East By :Plot No.49-50 Feet, West By : Plot No.47-50 Feet, Plot No.49 (1824 Sq.Ft.,) In Bounded And Measuring On The North By : Layout Road-391/2 Ft. 23 Feet, South By : Vacant Land-30 Feet, East By : Vacant Land-39 Feet + 16 Feet, West By : Plot No.50 Feet The Above Property Is Situated Within The Maraimalai Nagar Municipality Limits Within The Registration District Of Chengalpattu And Registration Sub District Of Joint li Chengalpattu Bounded On The East by :Vacant Land-39 Feet + 16 Feet , West by : Plot No.50 Feet, North by : Layout Road-391/2 Ft. 23 Feet, South by :Vacant Land-30 Feet.
7.	(Loan Code : 19710000325 Chennai Branch) Rathakrishnan Veerappan (Borrower) Gnanasowndhari Radhakrishnan (Co Borrower)	12-04-2025 ₹ 13,68,519.00	All That Piece And Parcel Of Land And Building, Comprised In S.No.455/2 As Per Patta No.1222, New S.No. 867/17, Old S.No.455/Part, Measuring With An Extent Of 700 Sq.Ft.Situated At Mettu Street Puzhal Village, Madhavaram Taluk, Chennai District East To West On The Northern Side 35 Ft, East To West On The Southern Side 35 Ft, North To South On The Eastern Side 20 Ft, North To South On The Western Side 20Ft With In The Bounded OnThe East by :Plot Belongs To Mr. Bakiyannathan, West by :Plot Belongs To Mr. Santhanam, North by : Remaining Portion And 8 Ft Passage, South by :Property Belongs To Mr.Munusamy.
8.	(Loan Code : 23610000775 Vellore Branch) Jagan A.(Borrower) Vijayalakshmi Yesudass (Co Borrower)	12-04-2025 ₹ 6,14,658.00	AAI That Piece And Parcel Of The Land And Building Is Situated At Door No.30, Ward – D, Block No.1, Arcot Town, Arcot Tk, Ranipet Dt., Measuring 456 Sq.Ft Of Land Comprised In Old Survey Nos.791B/1 Part & 367 Part, New Town Survey No.53 And As Per Tsr New Town Survey Nos.53/1 & 53/2 Within The Sub-Registration District Of At Arcot And Registration District Of Ranipet Measuring On The Northern Side : 21 Ft On The Southern Side : 17 Ft On The Eastern Side: 222 Ft On The Western Side: 252 Ft Admeasuring 456 Sq.Ft Of Land And Building Within The Boundaries Hereunder Bounded OnThe East by :House Of Anthony, West by : 5 Ft Common Passage, North by : House Of Luthuria, South by :Park.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place :Chennai , Ambattur & Vellore
Date : 15.05.2025

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

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VCs chase drone, defence tech cos

Sector seeing entry of deep tech, IP heavy start-ups building hi-tech solutions

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE India-Pakistan conflict has now put the focus on the country's defence tech and drone start-ups. Venture Capitalists are showing growing interest to invest in these companies.

As per Tracxn data, total equity funding raised by drone start-ups in India is \$414 million so far and there are 487 such start-ups in the country, which include IdeaForge, Zen Technologies, DroneAacharya, Garuda Aerospace and Marut Drones, among others.

Out of these, 132 start-ups are funded, with 28 having secured Series A+ funding. Many of these drones are used for civilian applications and infrastructure inspection. Start-ups such as IdeaForge are into dual-use categories - civil and defence.

Some of these start-ups are also into defence tech. Tracxn data suggests that there are 136 military tech start-ups in India including Newspace Research and Technologies, Tata Advanced Systems, among others.

Venture Catalysts, which has already invested in companies like Garuda Aerospace, Redwing, Skye Air, Tech Eagle, and

Nxtcube, among others, said they are committed to raise investments in defence sector in the coming years. Apoorva Ranjan Sharma, co-founder and MD of Venture Catalysts, said the government must equip itself with the latest technologies, as modern warfare is now fought strategically with advanced technology rather than just physically. "This includes a reliance on public-private partnerships to develop high-quality weapon systems, encompassing cybersecurity, satellite communication, drone technology, and indigenously developed high-tech weapon systems," Sharma said.

Currently, India imports a major chunk of its weapons and sensors. "Mostly, it's a seller's market, so the margins (due to high R&D costs and a limited market) are 1000% and more. Just imagine the potential if we could make them in India and export the related technologies—even in parts," says, Navneet Kaushik, founder & managing partner at Jamwant Ventures.

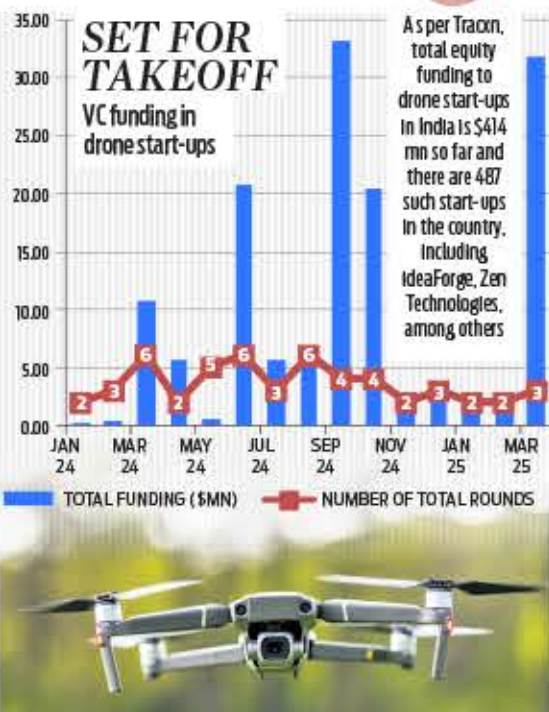
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Tech shift

Defence tech sector was once dominated by the PSUs. It is now witnessing entry of many deep-tech and IP-heavy start-ups building hi-tech solutions in areas like AI, drones, robotics, and cybersecurity—all linked to national security, said Sridhar Parthasarthy co-founder Bluehill VC.

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Recently, Bluehill VC led a \$1 million round in defence tech start-up Zebu. According to Parthasarthy, such IP-led deep tech plays are well-aligned with VCs' investment approaches as they provide long-term upside.



IREDA drags Gensol to bankruptcy court over default of ₹510 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-owned green energy financier Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) is seeking insolvency proceedings against Gensol Engineering over a default of ₹510 crore, according to an exchange filing. The plea is filed under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

"In furtherance to our earlier letter dated 25.04.2025 with respect to M/s Gensol Engineering Limited, this is to inform you that the company has filed an application today i.e. May 14, 2025, under Section 7 of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 against M/s Gensol Engineering Limited, for an amount of default of ₹510,00,52,672," said IREDA in an exchange filing.

Section 7 of the IBC empowers financial creditors to initiate the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against a company that has defaulted. This process begins with an application to the Na-

tional Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) once a default is established. IREDA had earlier complained to the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) in late April over alleged falsified documents and Gensol's dilution of promoter holding without its approval. IREDA has then said while Gensol's account is currently under stress, it is not classified as a non-performing asset yet.

Gensol has recently been hit by multiple other developments as well. The Sebi has appointed Raju and Prasad Chartered Accountants to conduct a forensic audit of Gensol's financials. The audit will focus on the financial statements of the company during fiscal 2022-25. Further, the company's promoters - Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi - have resigned following the market regulator Sebi's interim order last month. On April 15, the Sebi barred the Singh brothers from the securities markets till further orders in a fund diversion and governance lapses case.



HC upholds tax deduction for house with multiple floors

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE Delhi High Court has ruled that owning multiple floors or portions of a residential property doesn't disqualify an assessee from claiming deductions under Section 54F of the Income Tax Act. The decision by a bench of Justices Vibhu Bakhru and Tejas Karia, clarifies that such ownership constitute "one residential house," reinforcing precedents on capital gains exemptions.

Section 54F allows exemption on capital gain from sale of any property other than a residential house, if the amount from the sale is invested in purchase of a new residential house. Assessee Lata Goel's claimed ₹90 crore deduction under Section 54F for assessment year 2011-12. She had sold shares of FIL-JEE Ltd, an unlisted company, and invested the proceeds in a residential asset. Initially, the assessing officer (AO) restricted deduction to ₹30 crore, citing irregularities in fund routing. However, the Commissioner of Income Tax (appeals) and the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) ruled in Goel's favour.

Subsequently, the AO reopened assessments in 2017, alleging Goel owned "more than one residential house" on the transfer date - specifically, portions of another property co-owned with family members across basement, second floor, and other floors. The AO disallowed entire deduction, arguing these floors were separate units.

Microsoft fires 6k staffers plus AI director

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

IN its recent layoff, Microsoft has let go of about 6,000 employees or 3% of its total employees across all levels and geographies and many employees were asked to leave immediately.

"We were asked to stop work immediately and set an out-of-office. But I chose to stay a little longer-showing up for meetings, saying goodbye, wrapping up what I could. That felt right to me," said Gabriela de Queiroz, Director of AI at Microsoft, who is one among the 6,000 employees. Earlier in 2023, the company fired 10,000 or about 5% of its total employee base globally. "I'm heartbroken to see so many talented people I've had the honor of working with being let go," she said on X. The AI advisor and angel investor said, "Am I sad? Absolutely." She has over 15 years of experience in data science, product innovation and AI strategy. Many employees shared their experiences on X and LinkedIn.

Another employee Carsolina Walton said, "I had a last-minute meeting added to my calendar. Once an unfamiliar face joined the call, I quickly realized I too was a part of the Microsoft layoffs."

According to reports, the new job cuts are not related to performance and that the company is implementing organisational changes. It is not yet clear how many Indian employees will be affected. Microsoft employs over 20,000 people across 11 cities.

Cabinet approves HCL-Foxconn chip unit in UP

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a ₹3,706 crore semiconductor plant at Jewar in Uttar Pradesh, to be set up by the HCL-Foxconn joint venture to manufacture display driver chips for mobile phones, laptops and automobiles.

Union minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said with this approval, India now has six semiconductor units in advanced stages of construction.

"With this sixth unit, Bharat

moves forward in its journey to develop the strategically vital semiconductor industry," said Vaishnaw.

The new plant near Jewar Airport in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) region will manufacture display driver chips for a wide range of devices including mobile phones, laptops, automobiles, and PCs. It is designed for a capacity of 20,000 wafers per month, with an output of up to 36 million chips monthly.

Foxconn is the biggest manu-



Ashwini Vaishnaw | PTI

facturer of electronic products, including Apple's iPhone. The unit is expected to attract an investment of ₹3,700 crore.

Vaishnaw emphasised HCL's legacy in hardware development and manufacturing, and

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the new plant will attract investments. "Once this unit is there, the display panel plant will also come to India. This will meet 40% of India's capacity," Vaishnaw said

Foxconn's global leadership in electronics production. Together, the companies aim to strengthen India's semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem. The minister also highlighted the growing presence of glo-

bal semiconductor partners in India. He said leading equipment manufacturers have established operations in the country. Additionally, gas and chemical suppliers like Merck, Linde, Air Liquide, and Innox are preparing to support the industry's expansion.

India launched a ₹76,000 crore incentive scheme in December 2021 to build a robust semiconductor ecosystem. As part of this mission, Tata Electronics is setting up a ₹91,000 crore semiconductor facility in Dholera, Gujarat.

Eicher Motors net profit rises 27% to ₹1,362 crore

Eicher Motors, parent firm of RE and VE Commercial Vehicles, on Wednesday posted a 27% rise in net profit to ₹1,362 cr for Q4FY25. Revenue from operations rose to ₹5,241 cr as against ₹4,256 cr a year ago.

ROYAL ENFIELD TO LAUNCH FIRST EV IN 4TH QUARTER OF FY26

retail format, set up exclusive stores, or adopt a direct-to-consumer model. Royal Enfield, which also has a strong global presence, said that it is closely tracking development related to the US tariff policy and is taking steps to mitigate near-term disruptions.

The company has stocked US dealerships with pre-tariff inventory to ensure product availability. "For this reason, we have stocked inventory—even with pre-tariff motorcycles—which are capable of catering to the season, which is here and now. For other markets also, we are

constantly monitoring the tariff situation," said Govindarajan. He added that RE will continue growing international markets slowly and steadily.

Royal Enfield recorded total sales of over 1 million motorcycles last financial year, up 11% year-on-year. The company's exports rose 37% annually to 107,143 units during the fiscal.

Eicher Motors, the parent company of RE and VE Commercial Vehicles (VECV), on Wednesday reported a 27% rise in consolidated net profit at ₹1,362 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2025.

Indian tourists shun Turkey, Azerbaijan; cancellations increase 250% in a week

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

INDIAN tourists are cancelling trips to Turkey and Azerbaijan in large numbers after the two popular holiday destinations expressed support for Pakistan. This comes in response to India's military action against its neighbor, following the brutal Pahalgalam attack.

As per data provided by leading travel portal MakeMyTrip (MMT), bookings for Azerbaijan and Turkey have come down by 60%, while cancellations have increased by 250% in the past one week.

"Indian travellers have expressed strong sentiments over the past one week, with bookings for Azerbaijan and Turkey decreasing by 60%, while cancellations have surged by 250%

Travel cos ending ties

Ixigo has suspended all flight and hotel bookings to Turkey, China and Azerbaijan. Go Homestays said they are ending partnership with Turkish Airlines, while Cox & Kings suspended new packages to Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Turkey

during the same period," said a MMT spokesperson. The company, which announced March quarterly earnings on Wednesday, have discontinued all promotions and offers on their platform to discourage tourism to these two destinations. MMT's profit for Q4 FY25 came at ₹29.2 million as against ₹171.9 million in Q4FY24. Last year's profit includes a one-time net credit of ₹126.1 million and a one-time gain of ₹30.6

million. Excluding these one-time gains, profit for Q4FY24 was \$15.2 million.

Other leading platforms such as Cleartrip, EaseMyTrip and Ixigo have also issued advisories against visiting the two countries. "Recent geopolitical tensions are substantially affecting travel patterns. Cancellation rates have reached 22% for Turkey and 30% for Azerbaijan, with travellers increasingly choosing destinations like Georgia, Serbia, Greece, Thailand, and Vietnam," said EaseMyTrip co-founder Rikant Pittie. According to data shared by EaseMyTrip, 287,000 Indians visited Turkey last year, while 243,000 travelled to Azerbaijan. Cleartrip said over the past week, Indian travellers have made their sentiments clear, with cancellations rising by 260%.

Bharti Airtel MD bats for differential pricing to improve telcos' finances

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

TELECOM service provider Bharti Airtel on Wednesday pitched for differential pricing for different customers to improve the financial health of telcos.

Gopal Vittal, vice-Chairman and MD of Airtel, speaking at the investor call for the fourth quarter of FY25, said the current telecom tariff structure in India is broken, with a one-size-fits-all pricing model that is not suitable for upgrades, nor is it in line with any other market. He said restructuring the tariff architecture is essential to improve the financial health of the industry and sustain future investments. "This could simply mean reducing data allowances on some packs and charging more for those who can afford to pay," said Vittal.

Airtel, India's second-largest telecom service provider, has reported an average revenue



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per user (ARPU) of ₹245, the highest among its competitors, with Reliance Jio at ₹208 and Vodafone Idea at ₹173 (Q3FY25 ARPU). The company had earlier said it expects to touch ₹300 ARPU. While explaining the tariff hike plan, Vittal said en-

try-level pricing on plans should not go up, and even if it does, it should go up very modestly. However, the next level of pricing, where there's a large data allowance, should have that data allowance dramatically reduced. And then there should be a reason for people to upgrade to higher plans - for example, small, medium, large, and extra-large. "To illustrate this, if you look at the Indian price architecture and index the entry price at 100 and the highest price, the ratio might be 100 to 250. But if you compare that with a market like Indonesia, which is similar to us in terms of geographical spread, population density, and so on, the ratio is 100 to 500," said Vittal. Bharti Airtel reported a 432% year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit to Rs. 11,022 crore for the January-March quarter ended March 31, 2025, driven by tariff hikes and premiumisation.

CMD, GRSE conferred on CMA's 'Management Excellence Award 2025'

Kolkata: Chairman & MD of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. (GRSE), Cmde PR Hari, IN (Retd.), has been conferred on prestigious Management Excellence Award 2025 in corporate leadership category. The award was presented to Cmde PR Hari by TVS Shenoy, former President, CMA & executive in Charge, Bearings Division, Tata Steel, and Anita Singh Motwani, executive committee member, CMA & founder & CEO, QED India on April 24, 2025, at a distinguished ceremony organised by the Calcutta Management Association (CMA) in Kolkata. The recognition comes as a testament to Cmde Hari's visionary leadership and transformative contributions to India's shipbuilding sector, steering GRSE towards innovation, operational excellence, and global competitiveness. Under his stewardship, GRSE has achieved several milestones in naval shipbuilding, exports, indigenisation, and digital transformation. This award reaffirms GRSE's commitment to nation-building and strategic maritime strength.

Business & Beyond



IAL 2.0: Cochin airport to unveil digital shift

Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) is making a bold stride into the future with the launch of CIAL 2.0, a landmark initiative designed to completely digitise airport operations and enhance passenger experiences through official intelligence, automation, and robust cybersecurity. This ₹200 crore transformation will be inaugurated on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5 pm, at the CIAL Trade Fair & Exhibition Centre, by Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala and Chairman of CIAL. At the core of CIAL 2.0 is the establishment of the Cyber Defence Operations Centre (CDOC)—a cutting-edge facility focused on proactively safeguarding digital infrastructure. It is the first full-fledged on-premises server facility at an Indian airport, supported by CDOC, featuring real-time threat intelligence, 24x7 proactive monitoring, and rapid incident response capabilities.

DVC signs power purchase agreements with SJVN

DVC and SJVN Limited have signed power purchase agreements (PPAs) for procurement of power from Sunni Dam Hydro Project and the Lohri Stage-I Hydro Project of SJVN. This is in addition to the five PPAs recently signed between DVC and NHPC. These agreements will strengthen reliability of power supply across Damodar Valley region. Under the agreements, DVC will procure hydropower from SJVN to meet demand of consumers connected to DVC system. This collaboration aims to ensure a stable, sustainable and affordable supply, complementing DVC's existing thermal and renewable energy portfolio. The agreements will support DVC's peak demand management, industrial growth, enhance grid stability, and promote adoption of clean energy in the region. The PPAs will become effective upon commissioning of the respective projects, ensuring seamless integration into DVC's power supply network.

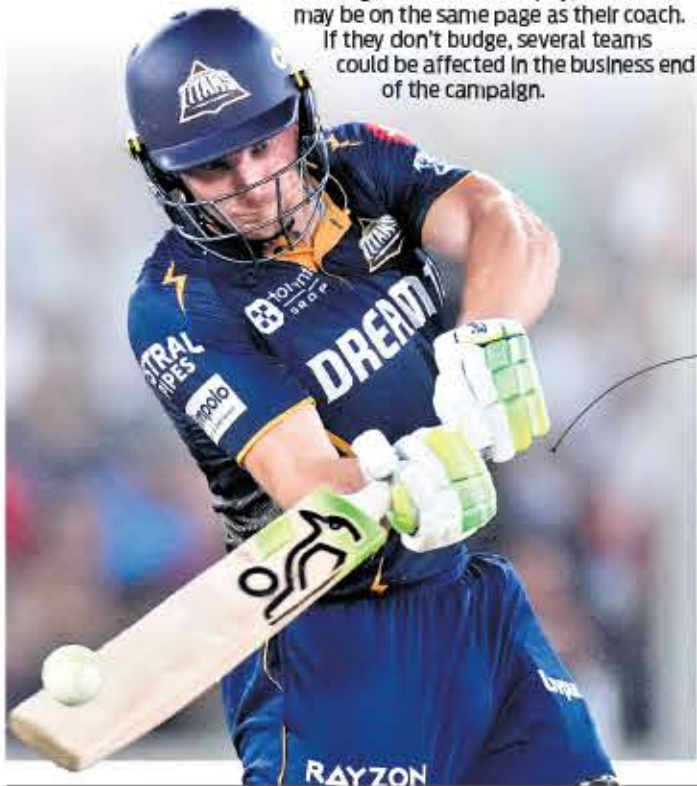


Men's World No 1 tennis player Jannik Sinner offered to rally with Pope Leo XIV on Wednesday, after being received by the head of the Catholic Church at the Vatican. The 23-year-old Italian star only returned to the circuit last Saturday after serving a three month doping ban. Video released by the Vatican showed Sinner shaking the hand of the Chicago-born pope.

IPL: STATE OF PLAY

South African player NOCs

As many as eight South African players called up to the WTC final in England are in various franchises. As it stands, their coach expects all of them to be available for the national team post the expiration of their current NOCs on May 25. As expected, the BCCI are in communication with Cricket South Africa (CSA) to try and extend that. However, with South Africa having a very real chance of winning their first ICC trophy, the board may be on the same page as their coach. If they don't budge, several teams could be affected in the business end of the campaign.



With the Indian Premier League set to resume on Saturday, a look at the state of play with regards to the players who are already back, the players who won't be coming back and where the playoffs and final could be held. A look...

Mumbai Indians' bid for a record sixth title

After going on a lengthy winning run, the five-time champions suffered an off day against Gujarat Titans in a rain-affected game. However, they still have fate in their own hands. But they will have to find a suitable alternative if Ryan Rickelton and Corbin Bosch leave them after May 25. Rickelton has formed a solid opening partnership with Rohit Sharma, while Bosch's multi-skills have come in handy of late. Their plans at the top will most likely be affected further as Will Janks will join up with his England colleagues for a white-ball assignment against West Indies.



Gujarat may be hit

A lot of what Gujarat has done has been because of a rock solid batting line-up, with the top four batters making the bulk of runs. That template maybe challenged if both Jos Buttler and Sherfane Rutherford leave for national duties. In fact, a scenario like that could see them signing somebody on a short-term basis as they don't have many reserve overseas batters, or even established Indian ones for that matter.

IPL TWEAKS RULES

The franchise has temporarily changed rules to allow franchises to pick replacements for the remainder of the season. However, this year the league has decided teams will not be allowed to retain them ahead of the next auction. In terms of where the knock-outs will be held, it may be in Ahmedabad and Mumbai.

TEAMS IN CONTENTION WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BECAUSE OF PLAYER ASSIGNMENTS WITH NATIONAL TEAMS	
Mumbai Indians	Ryan Rickelton, Will Janks, Corbin Bosch
Delhi Capitals	Mitchell Starc, Tristan Stubbs
Punjab Kings	Marco Jansen
Gujarat Titans	Jos Buttler, Sherfane Rutherford, Kagiso Rabada
Royal Challengers Bengaluru	Jacob Bethell, Josh Hazlewood
Lucknow Super Giants	Aiden Markram, Shamar Joseph

International series

Zimbabwe tour of England May 22-May 25

England players in the IPL are allowed to skip this four-day Test

Bangladesh tour of Pakistan May 25-June 3

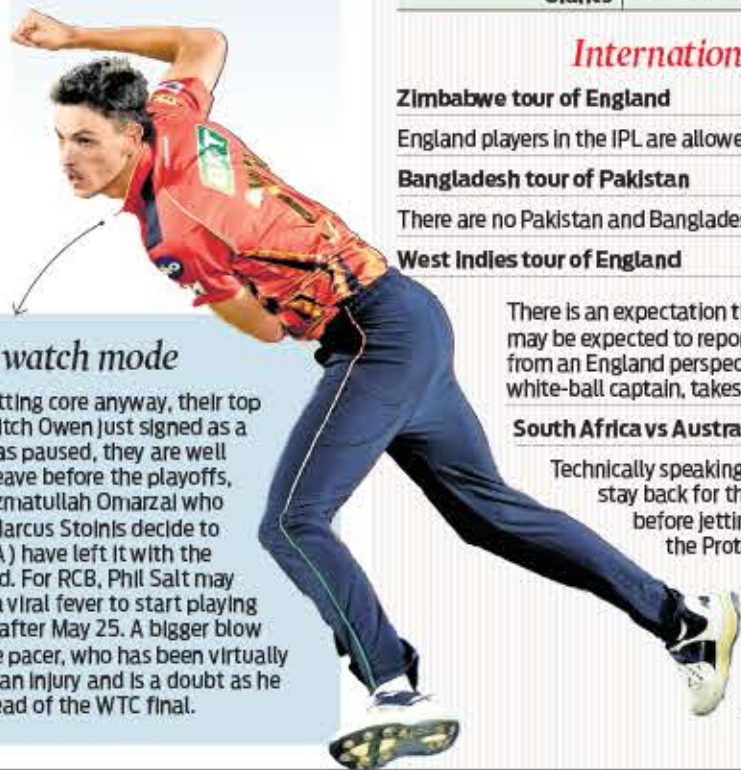
There are no Pakistan and Bangladesh players in this edition

West Indies tour of England May 29-June 10

There is an expectation that players from both camps may be expected to report for this series, especially from an England perspective as Harry Brook, new white-ball captain, takes charge for the first time

South Africa vs Australia (WTC final) June 11-June 15

Technically speaking, players from both camps can stay back for the entirety of the IPL campaign before jetting off to the England. However, the Proteas are scheduled to play Zimbabwe in a warm-up game. Australia do not currently have a scheduled warm-up but there is an expectation they will have a short camp in the UK before the final



PBKS, RCB in wait & watch mode

Because Punjab had an Indian batting core anyway, their top five are all set. With Australian Mitch Owen just signed as a replacement before the league was paused, they are well set. Marco Jansen, scheduled to leave before the playoffs, will be a miss but they do have Azmatullah Omarzai who can do that job. If Jos Inglis and Marcus Stoinis decide to come back — Cricket Australia (CA) have left it with the players — they will be well stocked. For RCB, Phil Salt may have recovered sufficiently from a viral fever to start playing but Jacob Bethell may well leave after May 25. A bigger blow will likely be Josh Hazlewood. The pacer, who has been virtually unhittable this season, picked up an injury and is a doubt as he may try to manage his fitness ahead of the WTC final.

Wrestler uses 4-yr-old's record to get birth doc

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

IN their bid to qualify for lower-age group competitions and gain undue advantage, up and coming wrestlers have come up with unique ways to reduce their age. Their bids, however, have seemingly been foiled (at least for the time being) as the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has temporarily suspended one of them and is set to initiate appropriate disciplinary proceedings against six others in accordance with the Federation's rules and regulations.

In one such case, the national sports federation, much to its amusement, found that a 12-year-old wrestler in question has used the birth registration number of a child, who will turn four this September, to obtain a fake certificate. "When we tried to verify the document through the application number or other particulars, we cannot find the birth certificate online. However, when we used the registration number, we found that the birth certificate pertains to a child who was born on September 20, 2021," a WFI source told this daily.

In another case, a female wrestler submitted a birth certificate issued by the Office of the Cantonment Board, New Delhi. When enquired, the Cantonment Board confirmed that no such certificate has been issued by it. Birth certificates of at least two women wrestlers have been found fake so far. The wrestler, who has been temporarily suspended, was found to have two birth certificates - one obtained from Haryana and another from Delhi. The former

certificate mentions his birth year as 2006 while the latter says he was born in 2009. "As of now, the WFI has temporarily suspended him and upon receiving officials, response, the federation will initiate strict disciplinary action as per the rules and regulations," said a WFI official pleading anonymity.

In most of the cases, athletes born in Haryana had procured birth certificates from Delhi. "A significant surge has been noticed in this trend, which suggests a possible deliberate attempt to manipulate the date of birth, presumably to reduce their age and qualify for participation in lower age group categories," added the official.

Earlier, the federation ahead of the 2025 Junior National Wrestling Championship had issued guidelines to keep a check on age fraud. "All affiliated units of the Wrestling Federation of India are hereby requested to strictly adhere to the following guidelines while selecting wrestlers for the 2025 Junior National Wrestling Championship to be held at Kota, Rajasthan from 20th to 22nd April 2025: 1. No overage wrestlers must be considered for selection in the Junior Wrestling Team; 2. Birth Certificates of all selected wrestlers must be thoroughly checked and verified before allowing participation; 3. Birth certificates issued after a significant delay (e.g., 10-15 years post birth) shall not be accepted unless accompanied by valid legal or medical documentation substantiating the delay," read the guidelines.

Jr WC: Coach Rajput hopeful of keeping up rich standards

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

INDIAN shooting has largely been in the pink of health for the last decade or so. One of the primary reasons behind that is the junior programme. Most of the present-day senior shooters, including double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, evolved through the junior programme. Sanjeev Rajput, a former champion shooter in the rifle discipline, is one of the key persons involved in the said programme as he's the coach of the junior national rifle team.

Rajput and some 60-odd shooters across disciplines are currently making last-minute preparations in New Delhi ahead of their first World Cup assignment of the season. They generally practice in the morning and have a physical training session in the afternoon and a session with the sports psychologist. The team is expected to depart on May 17 for

the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. The event is scheduled to begin on May 19 and go on until May 26. Rajput, who is fairly a new face in the coaching setup at the national level, is encouraged by the talent in store. "It's been going really well. Two, three kids have been doing quite good. Adriyan Karmakar has been doing well. Apart from him, there's Anushka Thokur who has been doing quite well and there's Prachi. Depending on the day, Prachi can deliver a strong performance. I think they'll do well," he said.

As per entry list, there are 57 Indians (across disciplines) who'll be competing for medals at Suhl. Besides, there will be a few more shooters who'll be competing for just the ranking points. The level of performance of junior shooters could determine India's future in the sport. These shooters could potentially be following Bhaker's



Mahit Sandhu

path in future Olympic editions. Rajput and the rest of the coaching staff are hoping to maintain their rich history.

"This is my fourth assignment. I couldn't go for the first assignment. In my second assignment, I had travelled with the team for the Deaf World Championship and we finished first. I had also gone for the junior World Championships in Peru last year. Even there we

finished first. I hope I'll be able to prove myself and we can deliver as a team," he said.

Rajput is a former shooter who thrived for well over a decade, garnering medals across competitions and he also featured in as many as three Olympics. It has been a different form of test for the coach from Haryana. "It's really enjoyable. I can sense what's going on in their minds, their struggles and most of the shooters are very receptive and able to accept what I'm saying and make the necessary tweaks in their game to get the results."

"The only thing I can say is I feel if I had been shooting, it would have been much easier for me. Sometimes it's quite difficult but I'm a coach and I should stay calm."

Eye on Mahit Sandhu

Shooter Mahit Sandhu has hearing issues and she had been one of the standout shoot-

ers during the World Deaf Shooting Championships 2024 in Hanover, Germany. Part of the Suhl World Cup, she'll be shooting alongside regular shooters now. And Rajput is hoping that she can replicate her Worlds performance.

"She uses a hearing aid and was with me at the Hanover World Championships for Deaf and she was outstanding then, putting up some record scores. Right now, she is with this team and I'm trying to guide her as much as possible so that she can once again come up with good shooting. Let's see how she does," Rajput said.

"But I have to say that the standard over here (junior national camp) is a little different. The standard of World Cups is a little higher. But as far as the India team is concerned, she did really well and she got into the team. Let's hope for the best. She is quite confident also."

Top cyclist Esow suffers accident

NEW DELHI: Indian cyclist Esow Alban was on Wednesday hit from behind by two bikers while he was on a training ride on the road near the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex but fortunately escaped with "minor" injuries. The 24-year-old Esow from Andaman and Nicobar Islands resides and trains at the SAI cycling academy, which houses a top-class velodrome. "Today, I was hit from behind by two bikers during my training ride. They were speeding at over 100 km/h. I was in my lane. Focused. Disciplined. Yet they blamed me and showed no regret," Esow wrote on his Instagram handle. "I'm grateful to be safe, with only a few scratches." His back and hands had bruises and the rear wheel of his cycle was broken from the impact.

CRUISE CONTROL

Alcaraz enters semis of Italian Open

AGENCIES @ Rome

CARLOS Alcaraz is feeling good about his tennis after striding into the semifinals of the Italian Open on Wednesday with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Jack Draper, which he called one of his best displays of the season so far. Third seed Alcaraz will face one of reigning Rome champion Alexander Zverev and home hope Lorenzo Musetti, the day's final pairing on centre court, in the last four at the Foro Italico.

His impressive win over Draper kept alive his chances of a third title of the season and also moved him up to number two in the world rankings behind Jannik Sinner.

The Spaniard also bagged a top-two seeding at the French Open which begins later this



Carlos Alcaraz hits a return against Jack Draper on Wednesday | AFP

month, but in the meantime the four-time Grand Slam winner continues his bid for a first Rome crown. "I think I started pretty well and I ended the match pretty well as well," said

Alcaraz. "I lost focus a little bit in the second set but it wasn't (for) too long, so it was pretty good. Probably it was one of the most complete matches that I played this year."

Alcaraz had to be at his best to down fifth seed Draper, who put in another strong showing on clay in Italy after losing the Madrid Open final to Casper Ruud. Had Draper won, he would've been the first British man to enter the semis in the Italian capital since Andy Murray in 2016.

Earlier, Coco Gauff marched into the women's semis by beating Mirra Andrejeva in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6(5). American Gauff has guaranteed herself number two in the women's world rankings with her solid displays in Rome, where she saw off Andrejeva in the centre court.

AGENCIES @ Bangkok

INDIAN shuttler Lakshya Sen suffered a shock defeat but the trio of Malvika Bansod, Aakrushi Kashyap and Unnati Hooda advanced to the women's singles second round after hard-fought victories in the Thailand Open Super 500 tournament here on Wednesday.

World No 10 pair of Tressa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand

also made a positive start to their campaign, reaching the second round with a 21-15, 21-13 win over Malaysia's Ong XY and C Ting. The third-seeded Indian combination will next square off against Japan's Rui Hirokami and Sayaka Hobara.

Sen fell to Ireland's Nhat Nguyen in a tense three-game battle, losing 18-21, 21-9, 17-21.

World No 33 Priyanshu Rajawat too made a first-round exit as

he went down 13-21, 21-17, 16-21 against Alwi Farhan of Indonesia. In women's singles, World No 23 Malvika, a runner-up at the 2024 Hylo Open, ousted Turkey's Neslihan Arin 21-12 13-21 to set up a clash with former world champion Ratchanok Intanon, seeded seventh.

Aakrushi survived a thrilling contest against Japan's Kaoru Sugiyama, winning 21-16, 20-22, 22-20.

Ganesh helps MAS CC win 2nd division final

EN5 @ Chennai

MEDIUM pacer R Ganesh's fifer (5/33) helped MAS CC defeat Ebenezer Marcus CA by six wickets in the second division final, of the TNCA-Thiruvallur DCA league. Autolec ERC & Pattabiram CA are relegated to the third division.

Brief scores: II division final: Ebenezer Marcus CA 90 in 25.3 ovs (R Ganesh 5/33) lost to MAS CC 91/4 in 22.3 ovs High scorer: T Kapil (24/3 runs), most wickets: D Sharan (13 wickets)



12 TN athletes rewarded

State Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin handed over cheques worth Rs 32.25 lakhs from the Tamil Nadu Champions Foundation Fund to 12 athletes from TN. They will take part in July's World

University Games in Germany. Angel Silvia, Jerome Sanjay Nishanth, Aswin Krishnan, Reegan, P Sangeeth Kumar, Thejasri, B Suganthan, L Kanimozhi, S Abithan A Ananthi, V Suji and VP Kanagalakshmi were handed over. Modern

sports equipment worth Rs 4.80 lakhs was provided to nine athletes namely Sri Kaamini, SS Inakshi, Aswin Krishnan, Swetha, Vasan C, Sri Reshma S, Harini and Kaviya.

Cue sport academy launched

Ace cueist Neena Praveen launched 'Chennai 147 Sports Academy' for cue sports in Velachery. J Meganatha Reddy IAS, Secretary of SDAT and BG Muralidharan, president of the TNBSA were the guests.

Sarin roars back but still trails behind Daneshvar

AL AIN(UAE): GM Nihal Sarin registered his third consecutive win but still remained a point behind leader Bardiya Daneshvar of Iran after the eighth and penultimate round of the Asian Individual Open Chess Championship. Top seed Sarin, beat compatriot S P Sethuraman but Daneshvar went a step ahead as he beat Indian GM A Puranik to take his tally to seven points.

Chopra set for Poland event on May 23

NEW DELHI: Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will compete in the 71st ORLEN Janusz Kusocinski Memorial event in Chopra, Poland, on May 23 following the postponement of next week's NC Classic in Bengaluru. Chopra was slated to compete in the NC Classic alongside several stars but the event was postponed in the wake of the military confrontation between India and Pakistan.

Pragg maintains joint lead, Gukesh loses again

BUCHAREST: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with Duda Jan-Krzysztof of Poland to maintain joint lead with 3.5 points but compatriot D Gukesh lost a tense battle against Alireza Firouzja of France in the sixth round of Superbet Chess Classics, a part of the grand chess tour. With two more rounds to come, it seems like any of the four leaders could win the trophy and the top prize purse of USD 100,000.



DAY'S DIARY
Around the world

In 2010, Jessica Watson became the youngest person to return to Sydney Harbour after completing a solo, non-stop, circumnavigation of the globe

THE JOURNEY

At 16 years old, she sailed for 210 days, unassisted, covering over 22,000 nautical miles. She crossed the equator on November 19, 2009 as required for a full circumnavigation

WORLD SAILING SPEED RECORD COUNCIL



CONTROVERSY

The World Sailing Speed Record Council ruled the record as ineligible as Jessica fell short of the 21,600 nautical miles mark necessary to claim circumnavigation of the globe

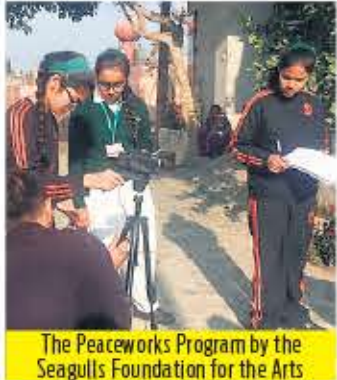


AWARDS

In 2011, Jessica was awarded Young Australian of the Year and in 2012, the Medal of the Order of Australia for her as a role model for young Australians

'Mission Impossible': An analysis of Ethan Hunt

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The Peaceworks Program by the Seagulls Foundation for the Arts

WHEN ancient Greek historian Herodotus famously stated, "In peace, sons bury fathers; but in war, fathers bury their sons", it perfectly defined what a conflict does to those who are left behind to rebuild life and what's left of it from the rubble. We may have come a long way with our modes of combat, but eventually, a war is a war, and it affects generations to come. Hostilities simply do not vanish with a ceasefire. The wounds run deep enough to write histories.

Peace has always been a precious commodity for humankind. It is perhaps the fragility of it that makes it so. Which is why the world today, more than any other time, needs the gentle, sane touch of art. Here's how art can be a catalyst for peace:

FOSTERING THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION

It has been said that fear survives only until the moment you confront it. It is the same with hate and prejudice. The origins of hate often stem from conditioning and indoctrination, which happen to most of us in some form as we make our way through the world. Many times, all it takes is for us to come out of that cocoon of bias, try to understand the object of our loathing, and watch as resentment gives way to acceptance.

Art collaborations serve that purpose perfectly. Unlike areas like sports, where the spirit of competition and patriotism do not allow one to approve of the opposing team, any art project between nations is devoid of winners and losers. The Peaceworks Program by the Seagulls Foundation for the Arts works towards fostering mutual respect and friendship by using art and culture as a tool.

The program essentially works with young people, especially children, from varied backgrounds, by bringing them together through projects that help in creating sensitivity towards different perspectives. Peaceworks has worked for almost a decade now with school children in both Kashmir and Pakistan, designing projects that create a platform for them to collaborate and work in uni-



Shilpa Gupta

Friendship project

Indian artist Shilpa Gupta and Pakistani artist Huma Mulji conceptualised a show to contribute towards creating an environment of social solidarity. It took place from 2000 to 2004, and included the participation of other artists.



Seagulls Foundation project



Operation SALAM

ty, thus building cross-cultural bridges that aid in not just accepting differences but also respecting them.

CREATING ART IN HOSTILE TERRITORY

Artists from nations with political tensions or those in conflict with each other have also collaborated, thus promoting peace through incredibly powerful artworks produced together. For instance, several collaborations have happened between artists from Israel and Palestine, despite their years of animosity. One of the projects included two artists from either side, painting portraits of the other's family members. The Jewish artists and the Muslim artists find

this exercise to be healing in every sense, for drawing a portrait is not just a study of skin and bones for any artist; it is also, unknowingly, a study of personality. The gradual awareness that, ultimately, we are all the same and that we all exist under the same blue sky, on lands fenced off as territories, is the most positive outcome of such collaborations.

When Indian artist Shilpa Gupta and Pakistani artist Huma Mulji conceptualised a show, it was not just fuelled by their friendship but also by their urge to contribute towards creating an environment of social solidarity. The project took place from 2000 to 2004, and over time, included the participation of other Indian and Pakistani artists

too.

It comprised three phases — the first was an exchange of physical artworks between the countries. The second exchange was digital, and the emailed artworks were mass printed in the country that received them. The final phase involved videos that were projected in public spaces in India and Pakistan. Without the confines of a gallery space, these publicly exhibited artworks could be accessed by the general public, thus permitting the message of unity to trickle down to the

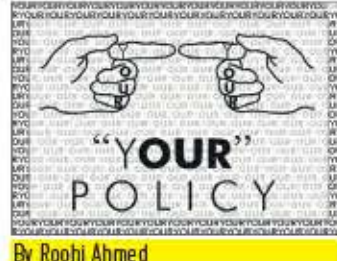
masses. The project did have its share of issues to face, too. Pakistani artist Roohi Ahmed's work had to be returned to Karachi as the Mumbai locals rejected it. At the centre of the composition was a map of the subcontinent with a text in Urdu that had the alphabets H for Hindu and M for Muslim, which together spelt 'Hum'. Hum denotes 'us' in both Hindi and Urdu.

STREET ART FOR PEACE

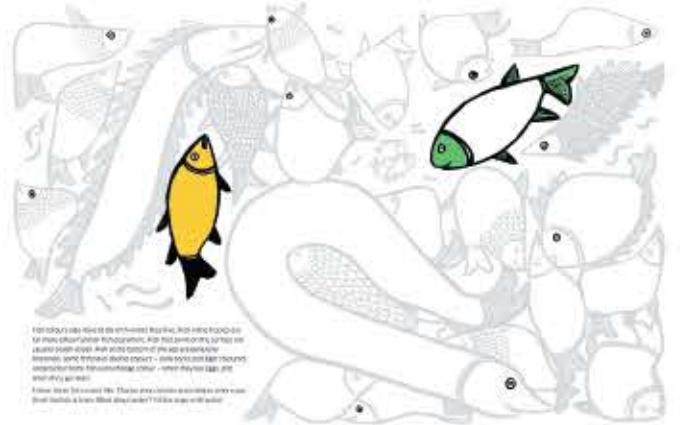
Any street art initiative cannot exclude local communities, which is precisely why it is considered very impactful. Operation SALAM, got together ex-fighters and people from diverse communities to paint the word Salam or Peace on the rooftops of houses in Lebanon, one of the most war-torn countries in the world. The area of Tripoli was chosen as it had already seen too much war. Every household had a gruesome story of war to recount, and the act of involving them in the project to paint messages of peace nurtured a bond and a feeling of pride within them.

Murals like the Mandela Wall in Cape Town, South Africa, also strengthen the idea of sharing a purpose, as all street art involves active participation by the community members. No matter the consequences of any war — displacement, destruction, and human suffering, there will always be the hope for peace.

Art is the voice of hope for a better world where peace prevails. Make art, not war — Bob and Roberta Smith.



FOLK ARTS FIND YOUNG FINGERS



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

As kids we were taught to draw a fish with the numeral 3 — a combination of upward, inverted, small and large. There may be more ways to outline a fish, some are commonly used, while some are confined to a community of artists. If you want to know some of the uncommon techniques that are traditionally rooted in our country's art space to draw a fish, a deer or a tiger, Tara Books' upcoming children's workshop is the place you have to be.

With a motive to introduce children to various Indian traditions of art, Tara Books is conducting 'Drawing from the Mind: Art Workshop at Tara Books'. Here, children will be exposed to different indigenous and folk traditions of Indian art through a series of books called the '8 ways to draw'. "We have a set of books in this series already — *Eight Ways to Draw an Elephant*, *Eight Ways to Draw a Fish*, and so on. In this workshop, we are going to introduce how to draw tigers in some of these traditional styles," says Geetha V, editorial director at Tara Books.

Pardhan Gond from Madhya Pradesh, Warli from Maharashtra, Metila from the Mithila region bordering Bihar and West Bengal, Patua from West Bengal, and Matani Pachedi from Gujarat will be highlighted. "There is so much to see all around us. India is a visual culture. And these are traditions that we don't see in an everyday sense. We may not live in those parts of the country where they are easily available. It is an important part of our art education because most of us grow up with this



idea that art education, as it is taught in other parts of the world, is a given thing and we must follow that. But it is not quite necessary. There are ways in which you can learn from traditions here as well," says Geetha, painting the importance of art programmes.

At this one-of-a-kind workshop, where children will be "inspired by what they see, before they create their art", she says, "Typically, in art workshops, you're asked to copy; we don't do that. We give them worksheets on which some things will be done and the children can take cue from that and add their own imagination, colours to complete the work."

The pattern, colours, textures from the traditional arts are observed by children, which will help them acquire skills such as attention, filling empty spaces, use of negative and positive space, importance of patterns — mostly how every stroke, dot and curve is part of a connected world.

By engaging directly with these artistic traditions, the publishers hope to spark a deeper interest in

India's rich visual heritage. The workshop is a small but meaningful step toward bridging the gap between exploration while staying connected to the roots.

Drawing from the Mind: Art Workshop at Tara Books will be held on May 17 from 10 am to 12.30 pm

DARSHITA JAIN

WHEN Pat Cummins came in for an interview, he walked with the calm confidence of a man who's seen it all — from the 2023 World Cup glory to IPL pressure. The Sun Risers Hyderabad captain is now taking a break from the pitch. As they gear up for the upcoming matches that will resume this weekend, *CE* caught up with the captain on things beyond cricket.

Excerpts

• Do you have any pre-match pep talks or do you just let the team be relaxed? I'm not a big talker, so I just let the team relax because they're obviously very good at what they do. I stay out of the way and make sure everyone feels like they know what they're going to do for the game so they can go out, feel confident, and just smash it.

• Which IPL batsman do you find the most challenging to bowl and why? I am going to name one of our players — Abhishek Sharma in the first six overs would be a real challenge.

• Do you have any match day ritual or something that you follow? Not really. Trav (Travis Head) and I tend to hang out a lot, so we usually go for a nice breakfast and enjoy some decent coffee. After that, we might jump in the pool, do some ice baths or relax in the sauna, and just spend the day chilling. We like to keep it quite relaxed and easy-going.

• What does a typical day look like when you're not practising and have no match lined up? In India, we'll head to a local café for coffee, breakfast or lunch. I also enjoy playing a bit of golf in Hyderabad. And just last night, I went to a brewery for a beer.

• You lead both SRH and the Australian team. How do you manage the different team cultures and expectations from others? I think with the Aussie guys, I know basically all the players really well because I've

played with some of them for over 10 years, so there's a lot of built-up trust and rapport. I feel like I know their game quite well and they know my game, so you draw on that experience. With something like the IPL, you've got a mix of guys you know really well and with others, you're going to take a few games to work out what gets the best out of them, which is an opportunity for any team. I love it, and some of these young guys approach it really differently to how I do or did when I was younger, so I learn a lot from them.

Off the field in Blue Mountains



• What does the SRH dressing room look like this season? It's been so much fun and has been very relaxed. We have some characters like Ishan Kishan and Zeeshan Ansari. These new guys are very fun in the changing room and they are always cracking jokes, so it's always high energy in the changing room. It has been a really good feeling around the team.

• Can you tell us something about your upcoming children's book? What inspired you to venture into writing? Yes, I've got a couple of

children's books out. *Howzat Pat* is a book series I wrote with Dave Hartley and Serena Geddes back in Australia, and we've got two more books coming out this year which I am excited for. It's kind of based on my

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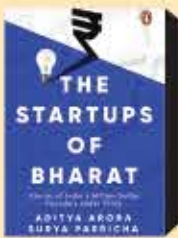
- Favourite ground to play at in India? Uppal Stadium, Hyderabad.
- Go-to-cheat meal after a big match? By the time we get back to the hotel, it's 1 am. There's not much on the menu, so we'll just get like a bowl of chips or something.
- If not a cricketer, which profession would you have been in? I mean, I'd love to be a golfer, but probably something like marketing.
- Favourite movie or TV series to binge watch? My all-time favourite is *F.R.I.E.N.D.S.*
- Which teammate would survive the longest on a deserted island?

I think Adam Zampa; he'd be happy there by himself. He's on a beach. • If you had to switch roles with one team member, who would it be? Travis Head. • Best bromance in SRH squad right now? There are quite a few, but I think it would be Heinrich Klaasen and Wiaan Mulder. • If SRH players were in a boy band, who would be the lead singer, hype man and the choreographer? The lead singer would be Nitish Kumar Reddy, the hype man would be Ishan Kishan, the choreographer would be Abhishek Sharma, and I would be their manager! (laughs)

childhood growing up in Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. I got into reading adventure stories when I was a kid, so I thought it'd be cool to write on my own and kind of relive my childhood.

BOOK

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The Startups of Bharat
by Aditya Arora & Surya Pasricha

In a country where job creation is a pressing need, this book highlights how young Indian founders are stepping up, turning ideas into impact and startups into million-dollar ventures. This book traces the practical journey of building a business.



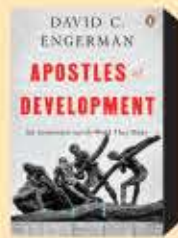
Shattered Lands
by Sam Dalrymple

Shattered Lands, for the first time, presents the whole story of how the Indian Empire was unmade. How a single, sprawling dominion became twelve modern nations. How maps were redrawn in boardrooms and on battlefields, by politicians in London and revolutionaries.



Hot Water
by Bhavika Govil

A remarkable coming-of-age story, Bhavika Govil's debut novel expertly explores themes of identity, forbidden desire, homosexuality, love, angst and heartbreak. The narrative shifts through different perspectives and navigates the most delicate of relationships.



Apostles of Development
by David C. Engerman

Apostles of Development uncovers the pivotal role six economists played in shaping global poverty solutions after WWII. Born as colonial subjects, they revolutionised development theory by prioritising practical solutions over ideology.



LIFE IN CONTRAST

Sitting in front of a painting of a child reading, a young street vendor checks in to his reality on a street corner. | PRAVIKUMAR

QUICKFIX

HOMEMADE BUTTER POPCORN

INGREDIENTS

- Popcorn kernels: 1/3 cup
- Coconut oil: 3 tbsp
- Butter: 1 tbsp
- Salt and piri-piri powder: 1/2 tsp each

METHOD

- Heat the oil in a pan. Add one or two kernels to test. After the kernels begin to pop, add all of them and cover with a lid.
- Let the kernels pop. Keep shaking the pan periodically to ensure all the kernels receive equal heat. Keep the lid slightly ajar to let the steam out.
- After popping sounds are 7 to 8 seconds apart, remove the pan from heat and leave it to rest.
- Add butter, salt, and piri-piri powder. Mix well and enjoy!



Contributed by Sayantan Som, Durgapur

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Art for all

Badyard, Adyar, and Sunshine House presents Art & I. The event invites everyone to experience art not as a distant object, but as a conversation. Besides the exhibition, explore talks, watch short films, and more for an entry fee of ₹100.

📍 **WHEN:** May 18, 12 pm-8 pm
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Stylishsets

Evolutione presents the latest collection by Arjan Dagal, a refined curation of printed kurta sets and signature linen shirts that blend heritage craftsmanship with contemporary ease.



Spanish celebrations

DOU presents a culinary celebration that brings the vibrant spirit and rich flavours of Spain right to your plate with Spanish Tapas and Sangria.

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 25



Scotch offers

Sangamithirai, Feathers Hotel, invites you to sip, savour, and celebrate with its exclusive Scotch Offer all through May! Buy four glasses, get the fifth free — Tuesdays-Fridays for dinner, and weekends for lunch and dinner

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 31



Sip in style

Vapor at Feathers is shaking things up this May with a month-long celebration of mixology, flavour, and flair. Guests can indulge in signature cocktails, such as VodkaTini, Martini (classic, frozen, dirty) at just ₹800 per drink (all inclusive)

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 31

Furnishing collection

Shades, Egmore, has a wide range of fabrics and designs to choose from, they also have an exhaustive range of designer wallpapers. They are also making customised furniture like lounge chairs, sofas and deewans etc.

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 30
📍 **WHERE:** No 1, Sulaiman Zakaria Avenue, Casa Major Road, Egmore

Mango creations

Feathers proudly presents Mango Madness, a month-long celebration of luscious mango creations. Experience a gourmet lineup of desserts, shakes, and other delicacies.

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 31



Mango madness

This May, Waterside, Feathers Hotel, presents Mango Fiesta, a mango-powered menu for brunch. From Raw Spicy Mango Ginger Soup, Cold Mango Soup, to Chilli Mango Prawns, Mambazha Pulissey, and Mango Brownie, indulge in this summer delight.

📍 **WHERE:** Every Sunday



Cricket specials

This cricket season, guests can enjoy an exclusive Buy 1 Get 1 Free offer on all domestic liquors during match hours at Turjaa's in-house bar and lounge.

📍 **WHEN:** Till May 31



Wanitha Ashok is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

What are the risks and benefits of intermittent fasting? Is it equivalent to skipping breakfast?

Intermittent fasting is a structured approach to eating that cycles between periods of fasting and eating. So please don't do your own thing by referring to online sites. Benefits of intermittent fasting include weight loss and fat reduction due to fewer eating hours and better insulin sensitivity. It's known to improve metabolic health, including blood sug-

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ar, cholesterol regulation, and cellular repair processes like autophagy. If not done right, a lack of nutrients, elimination of macronutrients, eating in excess during the eating period or under-fueling can lead to irritability, fatigue, low energy, muscle loss, and especially for women, hormonal imbalances if fasting is too prolonged or intense. When done correctly and mindfully, intermittent fasting can be a helpful tool for weight management and metabolic health. Remember that it's not suitable for everyone. It's important to focus on overall lifestyle, not just meal timing. Consult a health professional if you have underlying health concerns.

FITBIT

PARIVRTTA SUKHASANA VARIATION HASTA (REVOLVED EASY POSE VARIATION)

This is a beginner-level detoxifying, twisting variation of Revolved Easy Pose. It is a creative pose to release spinal stress. It stretches and massages all the muscles and organs of the torso thereby toning the core and improving digestion. Lengthening of the spine, by grounding the sit bones, ensures the energy flow from the base of the spine to the crown, and vice versa.

STEPS

- Sit crossed-legged in Sukhasana, back straight, shoulders back, chest open, palms resting on the knees, and chin slightly in.
- Twist to the right. Place the right palm on your lower back with fingers pointing to the other side and your left palm on the belly.
- Inhale, draw the navel into the spine. Exhale, turn the neck right to look back.
- Stay here in Parivrtta Sukhasana Variation Hasta for 5 breaths. With every exhalation raise the spine and twist as much as possible from the lower spine to feel the 'squeeze and soak' action in your abdomen.
- To release, inhale, turn your head and upper body to the centre. Exhale, bring your hands to the knees.
- Stay here in Sukhasana Variation Arms Knees for an easy breath.
- Counter the twist to the other side (left) and finally relax.
- You can practise the pose seated on a chair or bed.

BENEFITS

- Stretches and strengthens hips, knees, spine, shoulders and chest.
- Strengthens the shoulder blades, side abdominal muscles, and middle and lower back.
- Improves the mobility of the spine, shoulders, and neck by releasing tightness.
- Improves flexibility of the waist and lower body.
- Regular practise helps keep the spinal muscles mobile and strong.
- Brings awareness to the stretching of the chest, rib cage, upper back, and shoulders.
- Reduces stress, tension and anxiety.
- A great pose to get relief from sciatica, backache and fatigue.
- Helps cure symptoms related to asthma or any kind of allergies.
- Helps align the upper body with the lower body.
- Opens the hips and tones the spine, counteracting the effects of a hunched back.
- Releases stored tension in the body, which in turn results in a positive effect on the mind.
- Activates the parasympathetic nervous system.
- Keeps the body fresh and energised, and with time, relaxes the entire bodily systems.
- Spiritually, activates Muladhara (Root) Chakra, ensuring upward and downward flow of energy (prana).
- Helps cleanse the cells of any built-up waste.
- Massages and tones the abdominal organs, including kidney, liver, the digestive organs, etc.
- Impacts the digestive and reproductive organs.
- Pregnant women can benefit from this as it reduces pain or heaviness in the back.
- Included in night yoga, desk yoga, teens yoga, kids yoga or for senior yoga.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with injury in the hips, neck, shoulders, spine, lower back, knees, pelvic floor muscles, or any abdominal injury, severe HBP and digestive problems, spondylitis of the neck, history of heart ailments, or tensions, aches, or pain during the practice, should avoid this.
- People with weak knees or tight hips or general body weakness, especially senior citizens, can follow the twist by sitting on a chair.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

ARTCORNER



MAJESTIC STILLNESS

In this pencil on paper piece, Joel J Biju beautifully captures the essence of nature's timeless grace.

ADITHI REENA AJITH

DRAPED in blue saris and sneakers, five women spit verses that tell powerful tales of womanhood, rebellion, and self-liberation. They are Wild Women — India's pioneering all-women hip-hop collective. Based in Mumbai, the group has been a fierce presence in Indian hip-hop since late 2020. Recently, they lit up Delhi's Travancore Palace during 'Empowerment — Art and Feminism', a showcase by Kunstmuseum and Goethe-Institut. The collective is led by five fiery rappers: Ashwini Hiremath (Krantinaari), Preeti Sutar (HashtagPreeti), Shruti Raut (MC Mahila), Jacquilin Lucas (JQueen), and Pratika Prabhune (Pratika) at Travancore Palace, Delhi.

It all began in Marol in 2020 when Krantinaari and Hash-tagPreeti, frustrated by the lack of women in India's hip-hop scene, decided to create the space they couldn't find. "Wild Wild Women was meant to be an open community, but as we started jamming and sharing, it became personal and brought us closer," says Krantinaari. Their discography is a fearless critique of patriarchy, tackling everything from PCOS and mental health to gender violence and everyday womanhood. "Music is like breathing for us. It's how we release anger and emotion," says JQueen. "When the listener hears it, they feel it too."

One of the first tracks they performed in Delhi was their cypher 'Uddu Azad' — a song that speaks of breaking free from societal chains and carving space in a world that often limits women. "In hip hop, there's this pressure to maintain a tough, hardened exterior," says Pratika. "Uddu Azad" was the first time we allowed ourselves to feel everything fully. We weren't trying to be 'inspiring' or 'hard'."

"The song holds pieces of our personal journeys — how we started, what we faced, and how we grew. We perform it everywhere," says HashtagPreeti.

Double lives

They have performed across India, from Chennai to Mumbai and Delhi; their first international tour was last March at the Jenseits von Nelken und Pralinen Festival in Germany.

But none of this came easy. Before becoming full-time artistes, the women balanced jobs, family expectations, and secret jam sessions. Krantinaari worked a corporate job by day, practising rap by night, telling her family she had



The Wild Wild Women: (L-R) Preeti Sutar (HashtagPreeti), Ashwini Hiremath (Krantinaari), Jacquilin Lucas (JQueen), Shruti Raut (MC Mahila), and Pratika Prabhune (Pratika) at Travancore Palace, Delhi

RAP LIKE A GIRL

After a recent performance in Delhi, India's first all-women hip-hop collective, Wild Wild Women, opens up about claiming a male-dominated stage, rapping in sari, and the emotional force of their 2022 single 'Uddu Azad'



Ashwini Hiremath (Krantinaari)



At VHI Supersonic 2024 in Pune

"late office work and I was believed as they thought design jobs were like that." They found out when she appeared on MTV's 'Sound Trippin', but it wasn't until she was invited to Denmark's Roskilde Festival that they truly supported her. JQueen had a similar journey. She worked a 9-to-5 job in real estate and travelled over an hour each evening to jam. "I did what my family wanted, but I did what I loved too," she recalls.

Performing in sari

One of their signature visuals is rapping in saris. The idea stemmed from Krantinaari's childhood memories of sneaking into her grandma's cupboard, pulling out the most colourful saris. "It was about feeling more feminine and grown-up,

wanting to relate to our mothers," says Krantinaari. Initially, the group was unsure of their look. "We wanted to wear jackets, the usual western fits," says HashtagPreeti. But once they hit the stage in saris, something shifted. "Every woman watching us could relate. There's something powerful about seeing a woman in a sari own the mic." For them, the sari isn't just a symbol of power on stage, but a representation of women across the nation. "It's more representative of all women in our country," says Pratika. The sari evolved from a costume to a statement — an armour and identity wrapped in six yards.

Rapping in every tongue

What sets Wild Wild Women apart is their multilingual verses. They rap in Marathi, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and English, bringing regional pride to a global genre. "People connect more when I rap in Marathi," says MC Mahila. "In Marathi, especially in Maharashtra or Mumbai, it's like, 'Oh, she's spitting fire.' The connection grows when we represent our own language."

JQueen, a Tamilian, recalls

performing in Chennai: "On stage, I couldn't hear the crowd, thinking they weren't interested. But in the videos, they were so loud! When I spoke in Tamil, they connected with me differently. I could literally feel the difference."

Krantinaari reflects on the deeper politics of language: "We're creating for our people and ourselves. The colonisers have left. Our story is ours. The only way to fight it is to preserve our culture through our own tongues. English connects us globally, but our native languages are just as vital."

Breaking into the scene

Hip-hop in India has long been a boys' club but Wild Wild Women has cracked that open. "The industry told us we didn't have an audience," says Krantinaari. "That's why no one signed us or booked us initially. But

when five women are on stage, every girl in the audience can connect to at least one of us." They want the youth to see hip-hop not as a "male-dominated" space, but a free space. "Once you see yourself as equal to a man, it stops being a 'male-dominated' space. It becomes yours. You claim it," says HashtagPreeti.

For the group, breaking barriers on stage goes hand in hand with fighting societal issues. When asked about gender-based violence, like the case in Kolkata, they feel it in their bones. "Our blood boils. We feel helpless. We might write songs, but will that help the victim?" says HashtagPreeti. "How much of a change is it going to get? I think all we can do is educate men around us so that it doesn't happen in our surroundings, or families. Because there are countless voiceless women facing this every day."

THE VENUS FLYTRAP

NO ROOM FOR NATURAL GLOW

THE actor and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson attended this year's Met Gala wearing a Tony Burch silk gown and a severe bob cut with micro bangs. I didn't like the dress or the hairdo, but taste is a subjective thing. Celebrities attending this event know their outfits will be scrutinised, so I don't feel bad about expressing my opinion about these elements of her appearance. India's very own Shah Rukh Khan felt the brunt of public teasing for a Sabyasachi ensemble that was widely regarded as not having worked. Other style statements were admired, of course. That's the point for us who watch, or even those of us who scroll without seeking out: the fashion at events like this is always interesting. They can also be fleeting distractions from all that is happening in the world.

So I didn't care for Pamela Anderson's style, but what I disliked deeply were the cruel comments about the fact that her face was bare. For some years now, Anderson has chosen to be makeup-free. Everywhere; even when dozens of flashing cameras are on her. It is an unusual choice not just for a celebrity but even for many ordinary women. Societal expectations, and individual preferences which are ultimately a result of conditioning, mean that makeup of some kind is seen as a feminine imperative in many cultures.

In the past, Anderson was often criticised for being an icon of superficiality: for her Barbie doll-like appearance and for her use of plastic surgery, and for being a sex symbol in general. This perception of her was always unfair: in truth, Anderson is a childhood sexual abuse survivor, a survivor of leaked private footage, and a human being in her own right, not merely a pin-up poster and an object of fantasy. Today, she is criticised for refusing to remain glamorous. People claim that she has unconsciously transformed into a "frumpy" person, which is absurd: anyone who wears cosmetics or knows well someone who does can easily see that she still has the same face she became famous for, just unpainted and older.

While many celebrities occasionally wear their fac-

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es natural — for selfies they curate for their online feeds, for instance — a few have embraced this as a lifestyle for significant periods. The musician Alicia Keys is a notable example. She went makeup-free in 2016, although she returned to it by 2023, even launching her own beauty brand. The actor Amy Adams told the press last year that she had eschewed makeup for years, as per her young daughter's request that she "just be Mom". Presumably, Adams continued to wear it for work appearances, but avoided it at other times. She has returned to it, and now jokes that her daughter doesn't like her apparel.

Maybe Anderson will enjoy cosmetics again too, or maybe she will remain happy having embraced its absence. She is 57 years old and has been on a long journey of self-reclamation. Her current appearance isn't to please other people, unlike the misuse of her younger self. This is for her, but we're also offered something: a representation of ways to be seen without being objectified.

JUST PLAY

Let's play, just for fun!



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dren will soon go in the same direction, for unstructured play is slowly but surely disappearing as more often than not, play is restricted to a class — cricket class or chess class, or others. It is considered important if you have a goal, such as winning a tournament or getting a prize.

What about having just fun? Long hours of laughter over a board game. Families playing

together with no other purpose than fun and laughter.

Let's not underestimate the value of play. Learning happens not based on a pre-set list of criteria or timeline. It happens naturally through osmosis, almost. But surely that cannot be the only driving factor.

Let's share a memory:

'My remembrance is that sixty-seventy years ago, much of the recreation and fun was within large undivided families. Games that were popular were the *Dayakattam* (*Chaupad*). The competition was fierce and noisy. Participation cut across generations, and sometimes neighbours would join in. Oth-

ers would be active spectators, encouraging one side or the other. Over weekends, this would be a long session extending to a good 4-5 hours.'

These words from an elderly lady well into her eighties, conjure up images of large and boisterous family gatherings on lazy, unstructured weekends with the entire family coming together — grey-haired grandparents, authoritative uncles, bustling aunts, and a brood of children. Surely, the game would be accompanied by copious amounts of hot coffee carefully poured into gleaming steel tumblers with just the right amount of froth, the steam rising lazily, and the aroma wafting all around. Perhaps, there would be a mound of *bajjis* or fritters gleaming golden brown and crisp with translucent onions or with melting soft potato slices. With the raised voices, the laughter, the mock fights that are all part of such a game, would be the ringing sound of the long brass dice rolling on the floor. It was not just the game but the entire spirit of tradition, of families and people coming together in a shared experience that create memories like this that will last a lifetime.

So why not stop just to play traditional games, but revive the traditional concept of playing. Families may be smaller, but with friends and neighbours, it could be just what the doctor ordered in today's high-stress world. Just play!



CHENNAI DIGEST



Surf water ride at VGP

This summer, VGP Universal Kingdom launches Surf Xtreme, touted to be India's first surf water ride, and five brand-new attractions — two water, two adventure and one kid-friendly ride — at the amusement park. "At VGP Universal Kingdom we see innovation as a promise to every guest who walks through our gates. Surf Xtreme isn't just a ride; it's a statement that Indian amusement parks can set global benchmarks," said VGP Ravidas, managing director, VGP Universal Kingdom. "What excites me most is the democratic nature of this experience — kids as young as eight can catch their first wave right next to seasoned riders," he added.



Anniversary celebrations

Repco Micro Finance Ltd (RMFL), promoted by Repco Bank, celebrated its 15th anniversary. The function was presided by E Santhanam, chairman, Repco Bank, director, Repco Home Finance Ltd; V Geethalakshmi, former vice chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and C Thangaraju, chairman, Repco Home Finance Ltd, director, Repco Bank & RMFL. The board of directors of RMFL, MDs, executives, officers and employees participated. Besides conferring awards to members, a new loan scheme 'Repco 15 plus' and 'Online loan remittance facility' were launched at the event.

Supermoms make waves

Iris Chennai Supermom 2025 was held at *Ampa Skyone Mall, Amalikalai. The event brought together mothers from all walks of life for a day filled with fun, creativity, inspiration and empowerment. This year's competition received an overwhelming 1,000+ response, with 200+ participants competing in a series of engaging and entertaining activities tailored for moms and their little ones, including mother & child fashion show, cookery contest, Instagram reel challenge debate on gentle parenting, and saree drapping. Winners from each category was awarded.



A still from Mission: Impossible: The Final Reckoning

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

IN *Mission: Impossible – Fallout*, Alec Baldwin's Alan Hunley says to Tom Cruise's Ethan Hunt, "You had a terrible choice to make in Berlin. One life over millions. And now the world is at risk." This single line reverberates across the over three-decade-long action film franchise, underlining the core personality of its protagonist. Honestly, a secret agent who defies the extent of physicality and will, surpasses average human survival probabilities, charms every woman he meets, uses awesome gadgets, and goes up against indomitable global forces to save the world, is not new to the world of cinema. The aforementioned grammar for a suave killing machine can be applied to Britain's famous spy, James Bond, and Jason 'the stoic CIA agent who can turn any inanimate object into a weapon' Bourne as well. Familiarity is not the biggest crime in storytelling. But what makes Ethan Hunt click? The easiest answer for why the character works every single time is Tom Cruise. The man who gleefully throws himself inches away from the jaws of death in every film to capture the most awe-inducing spectacles on screen. But Ethan Hunt is also memorable because he does what all good action stories do best: Make you feel the vicarious thrill and joy of being a hero. And what sort of hero is Ethan Hunt? It is perhaps best to ponder that question by asking what kind of action hero he is decidedly not.

In *Casino Royale*, the s w e e t -

talking British spy falls for Vesper Lynd. However, after it is revealed that Vesper has betrayed her, Bond decides to never trust anyone again and delivers one of the coldest lines in the franchise's history. When asked by M if he is saddened by her death, he says, "The job's done. And the b**ch is dead." And right before the credits roll, we hear the iconic Bond theme for the first time, signalling how the cold and lethal spy we all know and love has finally arrived. In *The Bourne Supremacy*, after the love of his life dies in an assassination attempt aimed at him, Jason Bourne wreaks havoc to dismantle the very organisation that trained him. James Bond is the ever-loyal sword of Great Britain, Jason Bourne is the self-ascertained lone wolf who stays away from any type of leash. Ethan Hunt is definitely a cold secret agent archetype, only with the mix of an irony: emotional attachment.

In a tense scene in *Mission: Impossible III*, Hunt's wife Julia is tortured in front of him to see if he has surrendered the original bioweapon instead of a decoy. A man known for deception, Hunt could have attempted to fool the antagonists, but no, it is revealed that he was indeed ready to trade the original weapon to save his wife. Therein lies the heart of the character. Right from the first film, Hunt's emotional attachment to those close to him is the factor that makes almost all of his missions (almost) impossible. He would rather go to extraordinarily inhuman lengths instead of facing the death of a loved one. Who would decide to memorise the names of several bank accounts worth 2.4 billion so he

ETHAN HUNT AND WHAT MAKES THE MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

As the release of *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning* draws near, we look at Ethan Hunt beyond the eccentric personality of Tom Cruise, what makes the character memorable, and what sets him apart from James Bond and Jason Bourne



can destroy the memory device and turn himself into a leverage and release his friend Benji from being strapped to a bomb? This is perhaps why James Bond never meets his American friend Felix Leiter every weekend for Martini and why Jason Bourne talks to a trusted aide through a burner phone while he scopes her from afar with a sniper rifle. Ethan Hunt might not be as emotionally cold as Bond and Bourne, but his brand of coldness comes through his rock-solid conviction to stick to his core principle of saving those around him. In the trailer to *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning*, Ving Rhames' Luther says, "None of our lives can matter more than this mission," to which Hunt assertively retorts, "I don't accept that." What makes him admirable is his relentless adherence to what he believes in, even in the face of insurmountable odds.

Ethan Hunt is the physical embodiment of an answer to the seemingly impossible thought experiment, The Trolley Problem. The thought experiment ponders the moral implications of an imaginary scenario where an unstoppable trolley is headed towards five people, and the only way to save them is by diverting it to a track with a single person standing on it. Ethan Hunt will refuse to accept the deterministic constraints of the scenario, and will divert the trolley, slow it down so he can evacuate the people inside, and blow it up before it reaches the one person. As Alec Baldwin's character says, "Some flaw deep inside the core of your being won't allow you to choose between one life and millions. You see that as a sign of weakness, but I think it's

your greatest strength." Ethan Hunt lights the fuse only when he knows his team is well beyond the blast radius, and he will go to jaw-dropping lengths to make sure the fuse is long and lethal. And come this weekend, it will be time for his team and the audience to do the one thing we have always done when it comes to Ethan Hunt and the *MI* films... Trust him, one last time.



Anna Raajan joins Jailer 2

MALAYALAM actor Anna Raajan, best known for her breakthrough role in Lijo Jose Pellissery's *Angamaly Diaries* (2017), is part of the upcoming big-ticket Tamil film, *Jailer 2*, led by Rajinikanth. She said the opportunity to make her Tamil debut in a Rajinikanth film gives "great fulfillment".

Jailer 2's shoot is currently underway in Kozhikode, Kerala. Earlier, the team shot for around 20 days in Palakkad, around Sholayoor Gonjyoor, and Anakatti.

Jailer 2, the sequel to the 2023-released blockbuster, has Nelson back in the director's chair. Rajinikanth is set to reprise his role as 'Tiger' Muthuvel Pandian, joined by Ramya Krishnan, who played his wife in the first part. Shivarajkumar, Mohanlal, and Jackie Shroff, who had cameo appearances in the first film are returning for the sequel. Nandamuri Balakrishna is rumoured to be a part of the sequel. Backed by Kalanithi Maran's Sun Pictures, *Jailer 2* will have music by Anirudh, cinematography by Vijay Kartik Kannan, and editing by R Nirmal.



Vijay Antony's Maargan to release in June

THE makers of Vijay Antony's murder mystery crime thriller, which was earlier titled *Gagana Maargan*, have renamed it *Maargan*. It has also been announced that the film will be released in theatres on June 27.

The film marks the directorial debut of editor Leo John Paul, who is known for his work in the first two *Pizza* films, *Attakathi*, *Soodhu Kavvum*, *Mundasupatti*, *Thegidi*, and *Indru Nettru Naalai*. He won the Tamil Nadu State Film Award for Best Editor for *Idharkuthane Asatpattai Balakumara*, starring Vijay

Sethupathi. Leo himself serves as the editor for the film and Vijay Antony is its music composer. The rest of the technical crew comprises cinematographer Yuva S and art director Raja A.

Maargan's cast also includes Samuthirakani, Mahanathi Shankar, Prithika, Brigida Saga, Vinodh Sagar, Deepshikha, Archana, Kanimozhi, and Anthagaram Natarajan.

Apart from Tamil, the film is also expected to be released in Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi, and Telugu. *Maargan* is produced by Vijay Antony Film Corporation.



Middle-Class, Monotony, Magic

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IN cinema, Matinee refers to the afternoon screening of a film, and is a show that is generally preferred by families who want to step away from the hustle and bustle of everyday chores and find a relaxed day under the sun. In debutant filmmaker Karthikeyan Mani's *Madras Matinee*, Sathiyaraj, playing a science-fiction writer, enters a new realm to understand the machinations of an average family, and realise that average can be extraordinary too. "Since he is someone who writes out-of-the-world stories, he is reluctant to even write a story about a common man. He believes they live a life devoid of spice. But what if he finds a story that defies his beliefs?" says Karthikeyan, explaining the crux of *Madras Matinee*.

The patriarch of the family in question is Kaali Venkat, who plays an auto-rickshaw driver. There's his wife and homemaker (Shelly), their daughter and IT employee (Roshni Haripriyan), and the college-going son (Vishva). "I did not want to make an overly dramatic film. *Madras Matinee* is a slice-of-life film about average people. It is interesting how middle-class families are unperturbed by global issues, and are fully focussed on their daily lives," says Karthikeyan. The filmmaker also points out that there is quite a chasm between the real and reel portrayals of the quintessential middle-class family. In fact, the director points out that his lived-in experiences in MGR Nagar, Chennai, were hardly represented



A still from Madras Matinee

in Tamil cinema, which, more often than not, got the representation wrong. "Contrary to cinema, the people in that area lead the most boring lives, but it doesn't mean they are bland. There is a discernible difference." Taking an example from his life, Karthikeyan says, "There was a small shop run by a man I have known all

my life. The shop, the man, and his efforts to keep working did not change as I grew up. But when I saw that his son became well-employed, I understood the efforts and the rationale behind living in monotony."

"*Madras Matinee* is the sum of all my experiences," answers Karthikeyan when asked why he chose this subject for his debut film. Interestingly, the filmmaker has also managed to do something distinct for his debut film. "For the first time, Vadivelu sir has sung a song for a film that he hasn't acted in. It is a rather happy-go-lucky song, composed by KC Balasarangan. The album also has some wonderful numbers sung by the likes of Vijay Yesudas and SP Charan," says Karthikeyan, signing off with a rather hopeful message. "I hope the film makes the viewers reflect a lot about their own families."



Karthikeyan Mani



Eva Green, Samuel L. Jackson, to star in Just Play Dead

SAMUEL L. Jackson is teaming up with Eva Green and Maria Pedraza for the upcoming thriller *Just Play Dead*.

The film centres around a wealthy criminal, Jack Wolfe, and his wife, Nora. Jack plans to claim the insurance payout that he will get after faking his death and frame Nora's lover Chad for the crime. Nora isn't planning anything differently except for making the murder real and keeping the money for herself.

With five films, including *Argylle* and *The Garfield Movie*, Samuel Jackson had a busy 2024. In addition to *Just Play Dead*, he has *Afterburn*, *The Beast* and an untitled JJ Abrams film in the pipeline. Eva Green was last seen in *Dirty Angels* (2024).

Gary Fleder helms *Just Play Dead*, which is written by Dan Gordon. The film is produced by Moshe Diamant, Sagiv Diamant, Valentin Dimitrov, Phil Hunt, and Gabby Whyte Hart. *Just Play Dead* is backed by Head Gear Films and Gemstones Films.

