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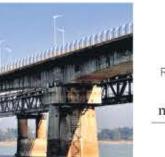
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#### CHINA TO BUILD WORLD'S LARGEST DAM CLOSE TO INDIAN BORDER

China on Thursday approved the construction of the world's largest dam on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet, close to its border with India

#### \$137 BILLION PROJECT AT HIMALAYAN GORGE

Costing \$137 billion, it is set to be the world's biggest infra project till date. The dam is to be built at a huge gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra makes a huge U-turn to flow into Arunachal Pradesh. Construction poses huge challenges as the project site is located along a tectonic plate boundary where earthquakes regularly occur | P11

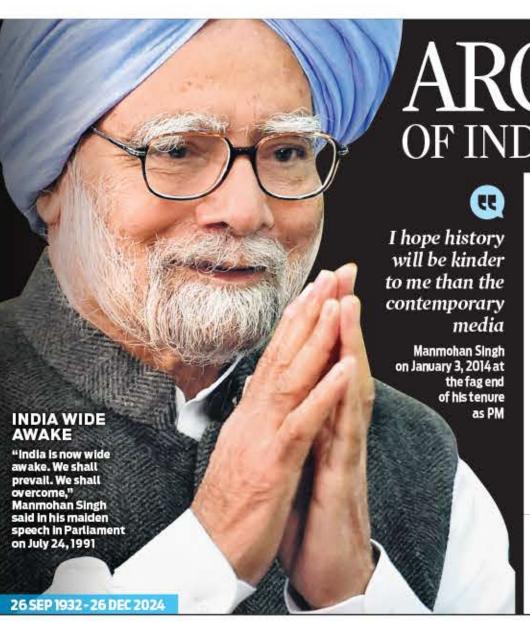
#### WORRY OVER CHINA FLOODING NORTHEAST

- An official statement on Wednesday sought to allay concerns about earthquakes, saying "a solid foundation has been laid for the sciencebased, secure, and high-quality development" of the project
- There are worries in India, given the massive size of the dam, that China could weaponise it and flood areas in the northeast during war



ENOUGH FOR A NNUAL NEEDS 30 CR HOUSES

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CONOMICAL with his words, but gentle in his phrasing, the conversations he struck up were with the times. And he persuaded the times

to change. That was Dr Manmohan Singh, the self-effacing sayant who rose to perform two big roles for an India in transition - that of prime minister and finance minister. In both roles, he is likely to win a contest with history for having been the most clean of spirit and

genuinely courteous, the most

knowledgeable and, arguably, the most transformational.

Perhaps only India's first prime minister could run him close. If Jawaharlal Nehru was the founder-statesman of independent India, the guardian spirit of our formative decades, it was Manmohan who fathered the India we see around us today. Its architect, its engineer. its reticent philosopher.

When another gnomic prime minister, Narasimha Rao, picked a safari suit-clad former Reserve Bank of India governor as his second choice finance minister in 1991, it was in a country not yet out of a long famine of new ideas and fresh energy, also one wracked by a decade of militancy, riots and assassinations.

Everyone associates Manmohan Singh's FM years for the PASSES AWAY AT 92 FOLLOWING AGE RELATED MEDICAL ISSUES. DECLARED DEAD AT 9.51 PM

 SEVEN-DAY NATIONAL MOURNING EXPECTED TO BE OBSERVED

 LAST RITES WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH FULL STATE HONOURS

way he clanged open the shutters of the Indian economy, the wholesale shift to the so-called Washington Consensus. That became grist for interminable debates - eliciting hurrahs, protectionist fears from local industry and trenchant social-

ist critique all at once. It didn't register much in that moment how the unleashing of India's free market "animal spirits", to use one of his favourite phrases, helped sublimate animal spirits of the oth-

New cities came up, new landscapes of desire, malls, television channels, affordable flights, mint-fresh IT industries, the telecom boom, the Internet, global cuisine on the local thali - in fact, everything we now know India to be experientially. We perhaps didn't

We interacted regularly

the CM of Gujarat... His

always visible

**CWC flags attacks on Constitution** 

when he was PM and I was

wisdom and humility were

then realise how much all of that healed us from other traumas of the past.

That silent therapeutic effect scaled up to another level during Manmohan's decade-long incumbency at 7 Race Course Road. Instant historians often saw only the 'notional losses', while the long-range lens captures some of India's best growth years, qualitatively deepened with humane

reform. But that was not all. Did India really have a prime minister from a minority community for a whole decade - and nobody didn't even much notice?

Yes, till just the other day. That's the kind of conversation Manmohan Singh had with history, the future and the present, in his quiet monotone.

That will not die away.



He led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and understanding of economics inspired the

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

# Anna univ rape: FIR with girl's name leaked, NCW wants probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennal

AMID outrage over the sexual assault of the student on Anna University campus and protests by students and opposition parties, in a shocking lapse on Thursday, the FIR filed on Tuesday by the Kotturpuram All Women Police Station (AWPS) in the case landed in public domain. The FIR had graphic de-

tails about the ordeal suffered by the student and her name, address and phone number, sources said.

While the AIADMK and BJP hit the streets on Thursday, and the saffron party alleged that the accused was a DMK officebearer, Law Minister S AIADMK CADRE ATTEMPT PROTEST, ANNAMALAI TO GO BAREFOOT

Condemning the rape, AIADMK cadre attempted to hold protest In front of Anna University but were detained. Meanwhile, BJP leader Annamalai said he

would flog himself six times on Friday and walk barefoot until the DMK regime is dislodged | P4

Regupathi rejected the allegations as untrue.

The accused, Gnanasekaran (37), a local biryani yendor, was booked under sections 63, 64 and 75 of the Bharativa Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

Though it's unclear if the FIR was downloaded from the

**MELBOURNE TEST** 

KOHLI SHOULDER

BUMPS KONSTAS,

ICC PENALISES

Tamil Nadu police's Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) portal, a message on the police website later on Thursday said the FIR was blocked by a competent authority.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday evening, Greater Chennai Police Commissioner A Arun said a possible software glitch may have allowed the FIR to be downloaded. A separate FIR has been registered to probe the leak, he added.

Meanwhile, chairperson of National Commission of Women (NCW) Vijaya Rahatkar wrote to Director General of Police (DGP) Shankar Jiwal stating that the leak of the FIR was a violation under Section 72 of the BNS, 2023.

He will always be

to the nation, his unblemished political life

remembered for his service

and his utmost humility Droupadi Murmu, President



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with Rahul Gandhi and others during the Congress Working Committee meeting to mark the 100th anniversary of its Belgaum session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi, in Belgavi, on Thursday | MAGARAJA GADEKAL

#### NAUSHAD BIJAPUR & SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Belagavi

THE extended Congress Work ing Committee (CWC) at Belagavi on Thursday sealed its commitment to revamp the party organisation in the coming months and fight "anti-Constitutional" sentiments taking sway across India.

The CWC resolved to commit to protecting the Indian Constitution and the ideals of the Independence Movement. It also planned to launch the "Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan Abhiyan", beginning with a rally in Belagavi on Friday and culminating in a rally at Mhow on January 26, 2025.

However, in view of former prime minister Manmohan Singh's death, Friday's programme was cancelled, KPCC president DK Shiyakumar held an emergency press meet, and said a meeting would be held at 10.30 am in Belgavi on Friday to mourn Singh's demise.

#### SAMVIDHAN **BACHAO PADAYATRA**

The Congress said it will launch a year-long public outreach from January 26, 2025 called the Samvidhan Bachao Rashtriya Padayatra in which all leaders will participate

The CWC met on Thursday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's historic taking over of the Presidency of Indian National Congress at its 39th Session in 1924. It expressed concerns over alleged state-sponsored increase in communal and ethnic hatred, particularly targeted against minority communities. Manipur, which has been on the boil since May 2023, continues to be met with indifference by the prime minister and his

less debate, the CWC opined. The CWC also condemned

conducted at the earliest.

The 50% ceiling on quota for

## Party pushback against barb on distorted map

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CONGRESS leaders on Thursday downplayed the controversy over party posters with "distorted" India map put up here for the centenary celebrations of the 1924 Congress session and said BJP was needlessly spreading false information.

Reacting to BJP's allegations that some posters had the distorted map, Congress leader Priyank Kharge said they were put up by some private companies. Those posters have already been removed. BJP is making baseless allegations in

Malviya's social media post on the alleged distorted map, KPCC president D K Shiyakumar said those posters have been removed. The party has taken measures to hold the event successfully and meaningfully.

GOMESH S @ Melbourne

WHAT is India versus Australia match without a dash of controversy and pinch of heated exchanges. What makes this even more riveting are the two protagonists involved. One a teenager on debut and the other a veteran of 121 Tests and at 36, is almost double the former's age. Sam Konstas and Virat Kohli. The two cricketing figures of contrasting fame clashed on the field. In short, there were two headlines on Day One here — Konstas's fiery knock (60 off 65 balls) and his shoulder episode with Kohli after 10th

Konstas was on fire, hitting the almost-invincible Jasprit Bumrah, including a sux, in the most unconven-

tional style in Tests, especially by an opener. The two were seen engageming in verbal altercation after Kohli seemed to have nudged the youngster on his shoulder while walking to the other

Later, the match referee fined Kohli 20 per cent of match fee after hearing. "Kohli was found to have breached Article 2.12 of the ICC Code of Conduct ... which relates to 'inappropriate physical contact with a Player...'," the ICC stated. Though former players criticsed Kohli, Konstas later

said, "I was just doing my gloves and I think he accidentally bumped me. I think that's just cricket and can happen with tension. I think the emotions got to both of us." P13

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# OVER 200 SEATS IN

ASSEMBLY POLLS: CM Speaking at 100th birthday

celebration of CPI leader R Nallakannu, Chief Minister Stalin said the 'permanent DMK bloc' will clinch a resounding win | P4

## Earlier in the day, it was de-

cided to hold rallies and marches in every block, district, and state as well.

government, it said.

Communal tension, it alleged, has been stoked in Sambhal and other places for the RSS-BJP's political gain. The Places of Worship Act to which the Congress is firmly committed in letter and spirit has also come under needless and reck-

the manner in which peaceful protests by Congress were dealt with by the governments in BJP-ruled states. A number of Congress workers lost their lives, which it said is unaccentable. The meeting demanded a socio-economic caste census be

SC, ST, and OBC must be increased to enhance the benefits to these disadvantaged groups. Reservations must be on the basis of social, economic, or educational backwardness determined through appropriate means, the CWC said.

this regard, he added. Reacting to BJP leader Amit

BJP and JDS stated that the map did not have the Gilgit region of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir as well as the Aksai Chin region now under China, which are integral parts of

Jammu and Kashmir. "Amit Malviya's job is to spread fake news. Look at the cases filed against him," said Priyank Kharge.

#### APP IN PILOT STAGE

## Callers can soon track 108 ambulances, send location to drivers

SINDUJA JANE @ Chennal

TO reduce the response time of the 108 ambulance service, EMRI Green Health Services, GVK Enterprise — service operator for the state health department - is currently testing a pilot application which would allow users to track the movement of 108 ambulances in real time.

Once an ambulance is assigned to a caller, the latter will receive an SMS containing the phone number of the ambulance driver, a live tracking link and other details. According to official sources, the live tracking feature will also inform the caller of the ambulance's Expected Time of Arrival (ETA)

On the other hand, the driver



can also track the exact location of the caller and reach ices said, "We have been testing

them, without the caller having to provide details such as district and taluk.

**EMRI Green Health Services** along with the health department has been testing the application across the state for over a month now, officials said.

Speaking to TNIE, M Selvakumar, state head of operations, EMRI Green Health Serv-

it for over a month now, and the response has been good. The application will soon be launched officially." "The main aim of the appli-

cation is to reduce the response time even further. The driver can now track the exact location of the caller and reach them without any hassle. The caller can also share their location," he added.

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The houses provided to tsunami survivors in Nagapattinam have turned into death traps

# TRAPPED IN A **VICIOUS CYCLE**

ANTONY FERNANDO @Nagapattinam

HE same houses that once rekindled in them the will to survive soon turned death traps. When the sea pulled the carpet from under their feet in 2004, the Tamil Nadu government and various NGOs came forward to provide the survivors of the tsunami with a roof over their heads. Yet, the same roofs have sprung leaks, and walls developed cracks. Twenty years later, thousands of such houses are in a terrible state of disrepair

Erstwhile Nagapattinam district bore the brunt of nature's wrath that Sunday morning. At least 6,065 people died, hundreds went missing, thousands were injured and lakhs displaced. As part of rehabilitation, nearly 9,000 houses were raised in the present Nagapattinam district and 7,000 in Mayiladuthurai district today, which was carved out of the former. A recent survey found that as many as 6,000 houses in Nagapattinam and at least 4,000 in Mayiladuthurai are in disrepair.

In one such house at Selloor, resides S Vjayakumar (37), a construction labourer, along with his wife Pandimeena (32) and three children. Three months ago, the house meant to provide a safe haven took the life of their youngest child. The couple's two daughters had gone to stay with their grandmother on September 19. Vjayakumar, Pandimeena and their twoyear-old son Yasinth Ram went to bed after dinner. Around 11 pm, their ceiling collapsed. The still-rotating fan slashed Pandimeena in the chest, while the toddler was fatally crushed under the debris. The mother is recovering from her injury, but the scar left by the loss remains.

TNIE visited hundreds of dilapi-



(Clockwise from left) Broken ceiling at a house in tsunami rehabilitation quarters in Velankanni; another house in a dilapidated condition; women pay tribute to the victims of the tsunami, at the Marina Beach on Thursday. A similar event was held in Nagapattinam district also | MK ASHOK KUMAR, ASHWIN PRASATH

dated 'tsunami rehabilitation' houses in Velankanni, New Nambiyar Nagar, Kameshwaram, Akkaraipettai, Keechankuppam, Thideerkuppam, Tharangambadi and Poompuhar. The houses are crumbling on the inside and out. Beams and columns are exposed in many buildings. At several of the structures, doors and windows were off the hinges. Despite owning these houses, several families, al-





though strapped for cash, are forced to live in houses elsewhere for rent.

V Aathalakshmi, a 60-year-old widow from New Nambiyar Nagar, initially stayed at a tsunami rehabilitation house built by a nonprofit organisation. However, since portions of that house got damaged, she moved to another rehabilitation house on a rental basis. "Now this house has also begun to crumble. I

work as a domestic help to keep body and soul together. The plan was to save some money and renovate my old house. But the rental house is also rickety. I don't know which house to repair first if at all I manage to save some money," she said.

Recently, the Nagapattinam district administration conducted an independent survey of the houses. "We found that around 6,000 houses built by nonprofit organisations were either severely, moderately or mildly damaged. We submitted the findings to the state government for further action," Collector P Akash said.

Meanwhile, Nagapattinam MLA J Mohamed Shanayas demanded the government initiate a survey across the state and assess the condition of the rehabilitation homes.

Two decades down, that December morning's waves continue to batter Tamil Nadu's survivors

#### COUPLE FOUND ABANDONED BABY

# Care for child doesn't entitle custody: HC

R SIVAKUMAR @Chennal

HOLDING that mere submission of an application seeking adoption would not confer rights to take custody of an abandoned baby, a division bench comprising justices SM Subramaniam and M Jothiraman of the Madras High Court recently refused to order handing over custody of a baby who was found on a train and taken in by a couple. The baby is currently at a home for children.

The matter pertains to a habeas corpus petition filed by 47-year-old K Savithiri of Erode seeking custody of the baby girl whom she and her husband Ravi (54), claimed to have recovered from a running train on the way to Erode from Tirunelveli on February 20, 2023.

As the couple was childless, they grabbed the opportunity and had been taking care of the baby until the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) knocked their doors on August 19 for an inquiry following a complaint received by the Chief Minister's Cell about a child racket.

CWC members took custody of the child after an inquiry and handed her to a children's home.

The couple, citing its application pending with the Central Adoption Resource Authority since 2022, sought the court to give custody of the child. However, the court refused to accept the prayer.

"No doubt, they would have been

emotionally attached and provided all facilities, including medical attention to the child. But that alone would not provide entitlement to the petitioner to claim the child as an adopted child," the bench said.

"Mere submission of an application seeking an adoption would not confer any right to take custody of a child unilaterally and declare the said child as an adopted daughter," the court stated

It explained the best interest of the child includes its future, which has to be assessed by following the procedures and taking into consideration various factors. "Therefore, the procedures as contemplated

under the relevant statutes are to be scrupulously followed for the purpose of adoption of a child," the bench reasoned.

Dismissing the petition saying that court cannot directly order for giving a child in adoption, the bench said the respondent authorities shall take care of the child and initiate action to trace out the biological parents and declare fitness for adoption under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Thereafter, they can consider allowing adoption of the child to eligible persons as per the procedures of Hindu Adoption and Maintenance

Senior counsel John Sathyan appeared for the petitioner while additional public prosecutor R Muniapparaj represented the government

## Court quashes proceedings against five hydrocarbon project protesters

MADURAI: Observing that protest over a project by itself will not constitute any offence, the Madural Bench of the Madras High Court recently quashed the case pending against five people for protesting against the hydrocarbon project in Thanjavur in 2018. Justice N Anand Venkatesh passed the order on a joint petition filed by five protesters - M Valarmathi, K Mahalakshmi, M Kurinji Thene, V Balsamy and S Manokaran — seeking to quash the proceedings pending against them before Judicial Magistrate II of Thanjavur. According to the prosecution, the petitioners had unlawfully assembled near the Thanjavur bus stand on April 7, 2018 around 1.15 pm and staged a protest against the establishment of the hydrocarbon project, thereby causing disturbance to the public. When the police questioned it, the petitioners allegedly abused them in filthy language and threatened them, the prosecution added. Hearing the case, Justice Venkatesh noted that the protests against the aforesaid project continue till date and many sections of the public in and around Thanjavur are opposing the project. Protest over the project by itself will not constitute any offence under sections 153 or 505(1)(b) or 506(2) of IPC, the Judge added. ENS

# 'We took boat rides with fishers to allay their fears'

Two decades after tsunami hit the shores on December

26, 2004, TNIE captures the devastation, lingering

trauma & resilience of coastal communities

LIFE has come full circle for Supriya our mission. Sahu, who was a joint secretary in the department of health and family welfare when the tsunami struck. She was one of the special officers incharge of several villages in Nagapattinam district. Today, as the additional chief secretary in the department, she recalls how post tsunami works repurposed her career as a bureaucrat, in an interview with SV Krishna Chaitanya. Edited

Do you have any relief work moment that stayed with you? One image that stays with me is from

a mass burial I witnessed on a beach at Vizhandu Mayadi, one of the villages under my charge. Among the bodies was a little girl wearing a silver anklet. Watching her being laid to rest broke my heart into pieces. It was a moment that changed me forever and reinforced the urgency of

■ What were the immediate challenges?

The devastation was total. Villages were filled with the stench of death. and essential services like water and electricity had to be restored. We worked 24/7 to address these needs. Another critical challenge was preventing disease outbreaks, given the unhygienic conditions. To start with, all the drinking water wells

were cleaned on war footing, freshly cooked food was served, bottled water was provided. WHO and

UNICEF teams were there to provide guidance. We ensured there was no outbreak

of diseases, which would otherwise have claimed more lives adding to the

How did the fishermen react to the tsunami?

The fishermen were terrified. For generations, they had worshipped the ocean as their provider, but now it had destroyed their lives and taken their loved ones. They were too scared

to go near the sea. To rebuild their trust, we special officers took the first boat rides into the ocean with them. By the time we returned to shore, we could see hope returning to their faces.

> What steps were taken to address the emotional trauma of the survivors? We set up grief

counselling camps with therapists to provide psychological support. Many families had lost every loved one. While counselling couldn't take away their pain, it gave them a space to express their grief and begin coping. We initiated a programme where coconut trees were planted in memory of the deceased. Each sapling represented a life lost. Families planted multiple trees, reflecting the magnitude of their loss. It was a poignant and healing gesture that helped many cope with their grief.

What did this experience teach you about your role as an officer? The tsunami reminded me of the immense responsibility we bear as public servants. Our role is not just to restore physical infrastructure but also to support people emotionally and rebuild their lives. It was an unforgettable lesson in resilience and duty.

#### EXPRESS READ

### Chennai Book Fair to be open from 2pm to 8.30pm till Jan 12

Chennal: Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin and School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi will inaugurate the 48th Chennai Book Fair at the YMCA Grounds, Nandanam, on Friday. Organised by the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI), the 17-day mega event will run until January 12. The fair will remain open from 2pm to 8.30pm on weekdays and 11 am to 8.30 pm on weekends. This year, 900 publishers, including 250 non-members of BAPASI, have set up stalls. BAPASI secretary SK Murugan said that a 10% discount will be offered on all books and that invitation has been extended to 10 lakh school and college students. "Creating awareness about the importance of reading among young minds is one of our priorities this year," he said. The event is not limited to book sales. BAPASI has also planned daily literary programmes, dramas, and Tirukkural awareness activities to engage visitors. Supreme Court judge Justice R Mahadevan will attend the fair on January 12. ENS

#### Daily Starscope PETER VIDAL

of periodic confusion. If plans go awry

we can blame the stars! But we can also

take appropriate action by paying close

attention to all essential details.

27th December: Pisces is my sign of the day. On those days, like today, when Pisces is strong, we can expect a healthy dose of inspiration, but also a possibility ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 20)

Mercury is a planet that has evaded consideration so farthis week, yet it is now very gently beginning to work its peculiar magic. Allow wander and be sure to pay attention to your dreams. Even at work, there could be a creative buzz.

TAURUS

If there's one sort of person you can't stand t's those who go around spouting their dogmatic opinions at you, I'm only saying this because there's a high probability that someone is about to try and convert you to their cause Just get on and do what you know is right.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Sun has been, and is, shedding nev light onyour professional andworldly ambitions. Your idealistic aspirations are being stimulated, your deep-rooted feeling that you would like to play your part in making

the world a much, much

betterplace.

CANCER

The Moon has youts protection throughout the week. You know well enough that the only way to proceed is in line with what you instinctively feel to be ethically and morally proper. Today's aspects favour Cancedan artists

athletes and lovers.

(July 24-Aug. 23) of you with partners who are

Something atwork is maldingy ouver, emotional. Those volessional strugules may fin that your home life is starting adversely but hopefully for the

the chance for a personal frest

start, but firsty ou have to clea

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Continue with acourse of action that is straight, decent, honest and practical. This is one time when your classic ingoan qualities are to be treasured. Do what you must and defy any criticism. And do begin to try to get your costs

under control.

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Have you ever noticed how the characters In television soap operas first of all having and then sitting down to talk about them? As it happens, now is your time to sit down and

confrontation.

SCORPIO (OCL 24 - Nov. 22)

delays this week Ifyou haven't already experienced hold-ups o lost directions, you must be repared to face them now avoid such problems by taking elementary precautions. For a start, find out what peopley o evewith really want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23-Dec.22)

A new cycle began Inyou domestic and family affairs last weekend. The reason I have delayed mentioning It until now is that often these things take some time to sink in. But aware that life has taken a turn for the better.

Gweyourselfa attmefor pleasure and relaxation, for enjoying the company of younger people children and loved ones. Don't let the daily routine swamp your capacity to have fun, and go out of your way to meet new.

different, people.

Yesterday's Answer:

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Yournay be deeply wound up Invourown problems, yet family members and people yo live with need your attention as well. Do your best to see that everyone

is perfectly happy and

time until you're ready to

make your final choice.

AQUARIUS

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) Do not let other people take up so much of your time that you have no energy left for your personal affairs. It is

Imperative that you

devote more effort to

those are as of your life

that satisfyyou and you

alone, regardless of what

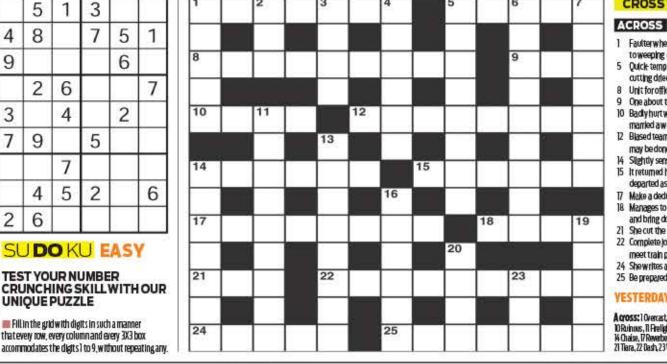
close partners think.



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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.

UNIQUE PUZZLE



## **CROSS WORD**

- Faulter when reduced toweeping (7)
- Outck-tempered holy man cutting dried grass (5) Unit for office or kitchen (9)
- One about to display anger (3) 10 Badly hurt widow who
- married awealthy farmer (4) 12 Blased team and what
- may be done about it (3-5) 14 Slightly sensitive? (6)
- 15 It returned having
- departed as ordered (6)
- 17 Make a deduction (8) 18 Manages to hit back and bring down (4)
- 21 She cut the first man short (3) 22 Complete Journey to
- meet train perhaps (9) 24 Shewrites a letter in French (5)
- 25 Be prepared to defend (5,2)

Across: 1 Overcast, 5 Spar, 9 Kyoto, 10 Ruinous, 11 Firelighters, 13 Notice, 14 Chaise, 17 Reverberated, 20 Prefers,

#### DOWN

- Fixed a trip to see an animal (5) An attempt made
- in the past (3) Generous ransom (4)
- What is wrong in a record being beaten? (6)
- An Irondad excuse for not buying luxuries (8) Salt-water spray (9)
- Bore fruit and let go (7) Extremely handy
- sort of sketch (9)

14 Willingly die? (7)

- 13 She hurrled round to a furniture designer (8)
- 16 Wins points for musical arrangements (6) 19 Devotion is a major
- point in compassion (5)
- 20 Very keen to rise as a singer (4) 23 Help I had with an article (3)

Down:10aks,2 Egotist,3 Chosen career, 4 Strain, 6 Probe, 7 Resisted, 8 Light-hearted, 12 Infrepid, 15 Iterate, 16 Persia, 18 Views, 19 Bat

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS. JUMBLE BY DAVID L HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK SIBKR CAHTH MRLYIG WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD REPRISE HIS "STAR NTGAEE TREK" ROLE, RICARDO MONTALBAN SAID ---Now arrange the circled letters 2024 Tribune Content Agency, LLC suggested by the above cartoon Answer here: Jumbles: HOUND FLING LAZIER NEURON

The ghost arrived at the Halloween party with

his - "GHOUL"-FRIEND

Work on to transform lakes in city,

suburbs into drinking water sources

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# Two govt school teachers face inquiry for caste discrimination

Class 10 boy says the duo often asks him to leave class, go work with his dad at crematorium

They also used the boy's caste name to abuse him. The PE teacher

P N Kubendran, general secretary of Tamil Nadu Thani Dravidar Peravai

even threatened the school HM when I went there to raise this issue

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR

THE school education department has initiated an inquiry against two teachers, who were working at Pathippaga Chemmal K Ganapathy Government Higher Secondary School in Kodambakkam, for allegedly discriminating against a class 10 boy on the basis of caste.

The boy said in a video that he played the 'parai' instrument during arts and culture competitions at the school. Since then, his math and physical education teachers have been allegedly discriminating

The teachers told me that I should go work along with my father, who is employed at a crematorium. They also frequently check my bag, ask me to remove my shirt before sitting down, and also order me to leave the class," said the student.

Even if the headmaster intervenes and asks me to go back to the class since examinations are approaching, they would again send me out after some time, he added.

P N Kubendran, general secretary of Tamil Nadu Thani Drayidar Perayai and a social activist, submitted a complaint against the teachers to school education department and

Commissions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the state and centre.

"The physical education teacher even threatened the school's headmaster when I visited the school to raise this issue. They have also used the student's caste name to abuse him. The issue should be inquired thoroughly and action should be taken against the teachers," he said.

Sources in the department said the boy is firm in his statement, and action will be taken based on further inquiry.

## Blue Flag: GCC officials conduct meet with fishers

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Chennal

THE Greater Chennai Corporation officials held a discussion with around 30 members of the fishing community on Thursday with regards to the proposed initiative to obtain Blue Flag status for a portion of the Marina beach. A fisherman, who had attended the meeting, demanded that the civic body prioritise their livelihoods over beautifying the beach area with cycling and walking pathways and green zones. "This is where we do business. If this project is allowed, some visitors may complain about the smell and eventually, we will be shunted out," he said. The meeting concluded with the corporation officials assuring the fishing community that no new project would come up without their

concurrence

#### S GURUVANMIKANATHAN PREPARATIONS are under way by the Water Resources Department (WRD) to transform several lakes in the city and suburbs into drinking water sources. This move aims to address concerns of water scarcity in the future and ensure a

Officials said the goal is to add 21 tmcft of storage capacity. "We are preparing a detailed project report ahead of the next budget session," an official said. The proposal includes work for increasing rainwater storage capacity upstream of Chennai by creating new reservoirs, expanding existing water bodies, improving water flow systems, and interlinking wa-

ter bodies wherever feasible.

steady supply for the growing

A senior official told TNIE, "As of now, six reservoirs -Cholayaram, Chembarambakkam, Poondi, Red Hills, Kannankottai-Thervaikandigai and Veeranam - with a combined capacity of 13.213 tmcft cater to the needs of Chennai city's drinking water requirements. However, this storage capacity is far below the city's annual drinking and industrial water demand of 24 tmcft which



Chembarambakkam reservoir | ASHWIN PRASATH

is expected to rise to 34 tmcft by

Officials recognise the importance of developing drinking water sources in and around the city, but the challenge lies in tackling the pollution in water bodies and the encroach-

The present combined storage capacity of 13.213 tmcft is far below the city's annual drinking and 24 tmcft which is expected to rise to 34 tmcft by 2035

A senior WRD official

ments on them. They pointed out that WRD is holding discussions with the revenue department to remove encroachments on the outskirts, while the process is already under way within city limits.

Highlighting recent efforts, the official noted that Kattur and Thatmanji tanks have been upgraded, increasing their combined capacity from 58.27 million cubic feet (mcft) to 350 mcft. "This will improve water storage in the coming years and benefit 5,804.38 acres of ayacut lands," he said.

Mangled remains of the car after the accident near Chengalpattu | express

## Man, 2 kids killed in collision on Chennai-Tiruchy highway

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A 40-year-old man and his two children died on the spot when their car collided head on with another car near Chengalpattu on the Chennai- Tiruchy highway on Thursday morning, police said. The deceased were identified as Ganapathi (40), his daughter Hema (13), and son

Bala (10). Ganapathi's wife, Saranya (35), her sister, Jaya (30), and her three-year-old daughter, Divya, are undergoing treatment in hospital for injuries. The family was travelling from Chennai to Dindigul, when a vehicle coming from Tiruchy towards Chennai lost control in the rain and rammed their car. Police said no arrest has been made in the case so far.

#### Man heating bath water dies by electrocution

Chennal: An AC mechanic in Pallavaram was electrocuted to death after he allegedly put his hand inside a bucket of water that was being heated by an electric heater on Thursday. Police said the deceased Nareshkumar (36) was trying to heat the water for his bath when the accident occurred. His body was sent to Chromepet General Hospital for autopsy. Sankar Nagar police are investigating the case. ENS

#### Pastor nabbed for sexual misconduct

Chennal: A 47-year-old pastor in RA Puram was arrested by the Mylapore AWPS on Wednesday for allegedly making sexual advances to a 26-year-old neighbour after inviting her to his house. The accused has been identified by T Kenith Raj. He allegedly behaved inappropriately with her at his house when his wife and children had gone out. Based on a complaint from the victim, he was arrested. ENS

## EXPRESS READ

#### Traffic island named after K Balachander

Chennal: A board bearing the name 'lyakkunar Sigaram K Balachander Traffic Island' was unveiled at Luz Church Road, opposite to Cauvery Hospital in Teynampet zone on Thursday. The opening ceremony was presided over by Minister K N Nehru. The film maker's daughter Pushpa Kandasamy, along with other family members, joined the ceremony. ENS

#### TNPL receives 'Great Place to Work' certification



Chennal: The Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) has received the Great Place to Work Certification 2024-25, recognising it as one of the leading organisations in terms of workplace culture and employee experience, under the leadership of its chairman and managing director Sandeep Saxena (pic). Great Place to Work is a global consulting and research firm that evaluates organisations based on employee feedback and organisational practices. TNPL achieved an

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#### District Collector Dharmapurl.

Notification of the District Collector, Dharmapuri for leasing out Rough Stone (common use) quarries in emment Poramboke land is published in Dharmapuri District Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 02 dated: 16.12.2024 The tendering process is online at e-portal URL, address http://thtenders.gov.in. Aspiring bidders may ownload and go through the Tender Document available in the site to know the details of e-auction process. Starting date of Bid submission : 18.12.2024 10.00 AM onwards

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This Corrigendum is issued to E-Auction Sale Notice dated 12 12 2024 published in The Ne Indian Express - English & Dinamani - Tamil editions in Chennai. In the said Auction notice pertaining to Borrower "M/s Vijayalakshmi Enterprises" refer column "Description of the secured asset being auctioned", please note following to be read

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# PROBE TILL NOW SHOWS ONLY ONE ACCUSED: CoP

Suspect had lied to the victim about calling someone; he was previously involved in property crimes like theft and not sexual offences, says Arun

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GREATER Chennai Police Commissioner A Arun said police took swift action in the rape case of the Anna University student by solving the case within 24 Addressing a press meet on

Thursday evening, Arun said the accused, Gnanasekaran (37), is the only one involved in the crime as per investigation carried on till now. Arun also debunked theories of the accused colluding with one 'sir' in the

In response to reports about Gnanasekaran's mobile phone containing videos of other women, Arun said the matter is under investigation. No other complaint of sexual assault or rape by Gnanasekaran has been received as yet, he

According to police sources, on December 23 eyening, Gnanasekaran had allegedly filmed the survivor and her friend, assaulted the latter and held her in confinement for close

to an hour and moved her to at least two different spots near two building. Threatening to release the video of the couple to her parents, university authorities and consequently get her expelled from the institution, Gnanasekaran allegedly raped her and even recorded the act on video. He also allegedly took pictures of the victim's college identity card and threatened her to oblige to his sexual demands in future. In between, the accused is also believed to have spoken to another person from his mobile phone.

"During the time he had confined the survivor; his phone was on flight mode. He had lied to the survivor about calling someone," Arun told reporters. Police have added sections of wrongful confinement, criminal intimida-

> tion and the IT Act against the accused besides sections for rape,

Denying reports that Gnanasekaran was involved in multiple cases of sexual assault, Arun said he is an accused in 20 cases since 2013 and all of which are property crimes like thefts and house break-ins. "He has been convicted in six cases and others are under investigation. There is no case of rowdvism or abuse of any woman

against him," Arun said.

On concerns about security mechanisms in place at Anna University, he said the institute has 70 CCTV cameras of which 56 are functioning. "The cameras helped us nab the accused," Arun said. The institute has also employed 140 security officers from Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Ltd who guarded the 11 gates in three shifts, Arun added. On how the accused got into the institute, Arun said the university allows walking by outsiders. GCP was able to take swift action in this case because the survivor filed a complaint within a day enabling the arrest of the accused, Arun said.

Anna University has 70 CCTV cameras of which 56 are functioning. The cameras helped us nab the

A Arun, Chennai Police Commissioner

# EPS seeks CBI probe to get justice for survivor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennal

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, on Thursday, demanded a CBI inquiry into the sexual assault of a female student on Anna University campus, saying the police department under the DMK government has no locus standi to investigate the case. Palaniswami also reiterated that the CBI must investigate the case to render justice to the student without any political interference.

'Though law minister S Regupathy has denied that the accused, Gnanasekaran, is not a member of the DMK, evidence of the man being a party functionary is doing the rounds on social media," Palaniswami said, questioning the rationale behind uploading the FIR copy with personal details of the victim.

The DMK government has to provide full protection to the survivor, he said. Palaniswami also announced that party cadre would be staging demonstrations



AIADMK functionaries being arrested for staging protest | ASHWIN PRASATH

in all district headquarters on Friday alleging that the DMK government had failed to contain atrocities against women and to maintain law and order.

Meanwhile, senior leaders of the AIADMK and BJP were arrested by the Chennai city police for attempting to stage demonstrations at different locations to condemn the sexual assault.

AIADMK functionaries and cadre tried to stage a demonstration in front of Anna University. When the police denied them

permission, former organising secretary D Jayakumar and other AIADMK functionaries got into an argument with the personnel. They were detained and released in the evening.

BJP's senior leaders, including Tamilisai Soundararajan, also attempted to stage demonstration near Valluyar Kottam and raised slogans. Police also arrested them and released them in the evening, BJP state president K Annamalai formed an eightmember committee headed by Soundararajan to stage demonstrations in all districts on Friday to condemn the assault and "deterioration" of the law and order situation under the DMK

Palaniswami, in a post on his X handle, asked how could people believe that CCTV cameras did not function in Anna University, one of the important educational institutions in the state.

"How was a history-sheeter allowed inside the campus? The DMK government has been arresting people for just posting tweets. How come the government failed to arrest Gnanasekaran who is involved in many crimes? The Madras High Court suo motu ordered a CBI inquiry into the sexual assault case about a girl from Anna Nagar. However, the DMK government opposed the CBI investigation. If the government goes all the way to the Supreme Court in support of a sex offender, how could sexual offenders have any fear about this government," Palaniswami

#### THIRUMA DEMANDS PROBE INTO FIR LEAK



Colmbatore: Stating that revealing details of sexual assault victim was unaceptable, VCK president Thol Thirumavalavan has demanded action against those responsible for leaking the FIR. Speaking to media at the international airport here on Thursday, Thirumavalavan said, "Higher police officials should find out who is

responsible for this and take action. Did the police themselves leak the FIR? It is a punishable offence and those responsible for this should be punished." Talking about BJP state president K Annamalai's allegations of the accused's connections with the DMK. Thirumavalavan said, "The pictures are being used for a political gain." Replying to a query on Annamalai's decision not to wear sandais and flogging himself, Thirumavalavan said, "I don't know what happened to him after his London trip. His actions should not become funny." ENS

#### ACCUSED NOT CONNECTED TO DMK, SAYS MIN

Chennal: Law minister S Regupathy on Thursday categorically denied that Gnanasekaran, the person arrested for allegedly raping the student, was in any way connected to the DMK. His statement has come in the wake of opposition parties, especially the BJP, releasing pictures of the accused with ministers Udhayanidhi Stalin and Ma Subramanian. Regupathy said, "Photographs with public figures cannot establish any connection. These photos were likely taken during public events," he said. On how the accused gained access to the campus, he said the university is under round-the-clock surveillance. Initial inquiry suggested that the accused might have gained entry through some unconventional route. "This is being probed," he added. ENS

# Cops trying to shame victim: Annamalai Univ forms probe panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Combatore

BJP state president K Annamalai on Thursday accused police of trying to shame the Anna University student, who was sexually assaulted, by revealing her identity in the FIR and leaking it in public

Speaking to reporters, Annamalai also said that he would flog himself six times with a whip on Friday at 10am outside his residence in the city to draw people's attention to the sexual assault of the student, and would not wear sandals and walk barefoot until the DMK regime is dislodged.

"All police stations are connected through Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems and protected by internet protocol, so it is shocking how the FIR, which revealed the identity of the rape survivor, got leaked. Police have drafted the FIR as if the victim had committed an offence. Police officers who were in the police



BJP state president K Annamalaj told reporters in Coimbatore on Thursday that he would not wear sandals till the DMK government in Tamil Nadu is removed | EXPRESS

station concerned, and ministers should feel ashamed about their FIR drafting ability. Police leaked the FIR intentionally to shame the victim. If this is a fair government, chargesheet should be filed against the accused within 10 days and get him punished in 15 days," he said.

"No woman or child is safe in Tamil Nadu. A repeat offender affiliated with the DMK was involved in this sexual assault. We don't get angry that he belongs to DMK. We allege that he has influenced police by flaunting his political links. The FIR clearly states that the suspect knew the CCTV camera was not functioning which triggered doubts if he had severed the connection. It also states that he knew the campus well." said Annamalai.

When a reporter asked him what he would have done in such a case if he were a police officer; Annamalai said, "I would have shot the suspect dead. I have calmed down after entering politics.

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennal

ANNA University on Thursday formed a five-member committee to probe into the rape.

The committee has four senior faculty members — head of POSH cell of the varsity, dean of College of Engineering Guindy head of academic affairs, head of students affairs - and a police officer. It has been asked to submit a detailed report as under what circumstances the incident occurred and suggestions to avoid recurrence of such

incidents. "The police have done their investigation. But, since this incident happened on our campus, we should also probe," said a faculty member.

The faculty expressed concern over the manner in which the identity of the girl was disclosed in the media. Varsity officials said they have spoken to the girl and her parents. "She is still in the hostel and we will provide all support to ensure that she continues her studies without any fear;" a faculty member said.

As the university reopened after Christmas on Thursday, registrar J Prakash conducted a meeting of deans and department heads to review and strengthen security on the campus.

As a preliminary initiative, the security personnel deployed across the campus have been asked not to allow any out-

sider to enter the campus. The hostel timings have been changed. Earlier, girls had to enter the hostel by 7.30 pm but now it

has been revised to 6.30 pm. The administration will do a thorough audit on the basis of which the security system will be overhauled. "The campus is spread over 180 acres and it is practically not possible to cover every nook and corner with CCTV. But we will identify all secluded areas," said a staff.

# No DA hike for 8 years, TNSTC pensioners fighting a costly legal battle with state govt

M SARAVANAN @ Colmbatore

ABOUT 94,000 employees of the TNSTC have been fighting an unending legal battle with the state government over lack of revision of their Dearness Allowance (DA) for the past eight years. The pensioners have spent more than ₹70 lakh to fight the case before the Madras HC and the Supreme Court since 2018, sources

According to norms, the transport corporation must revise the DA for pensioners whenever the government enhances the DA for current employees. The pensioners claimed that they should be given up to 53% DA from their basic pay at present, but are getting just 5% DA since 2016. Also, employees who retired before the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission should be paid 239% DA, but it has been limited to 119%, they said.

As the government has been refusing to increase the DA, the



pensioners knocked on the doors of the judiciary in October 2018 by filing a writ petition at the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The court ordered in fayour of the pensioners in January 2019, directing the Pension Trust of TNSTC to release the DA as per the periodical revision. After that ruling in fayour of the pensioners, the Madras HC and the SC have dismissed the government plea eight times so far till December 9, 2024, but the state

keeps filing appeal after appeal in both the courts, the pensioners

KS Shanmuga Velayutham, general secretary, Pokkuyarathu Kazhaga Oyvu Petra Azhuvalar Sangam said, "So far we have spent ₹70 lakh after collecting contributions from pensioners including drivers and conductors for fighting the cases in HC and SC. For attending a hearing in the SC, we have to spend up to ₹15 lakh. The advocate fee itself is

₹12.5 lakh for a hearing. The government has been tussling with the employees using its power and money. The government spends ₹30 lakh per hearing in the SC deputing leading advo-cates. We are tired of the fight."

Speaking to TNIE, a senior official of the transport department said, "Unlike the other government retired staff, the pension is distributed by the pension trust for the transport staff from their own corpus fund of ₹30,000 crore. The trust is getting ₹85 crore as interest from the corpus, but it needs to pay ₹130 cr to the pensioners per month. The trust is unable to pay that sum." Official sources said the transport department must pay Rs.174 crore per month instead of ₹130 crore for pension disbursal if they have to comply with the DA revision order. Also, an arrear of ₹3,028 crore must be paid. It will be difficult for the government to fulfil these obligations, the sourc-



CM MK Stalin honouring veteran CPI leader R Nallakannu on the occasion of his 100th birthday celebrations at CPI headquarters in Chennai on Thursday | EXPRESS

## Stalin hails Nallakannu, says DMK bloc will win 200+ seats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennal

CM MK Stalin on Thursday said that the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu, which has been continuing for the past seven years, is not only a principlesbased alliance, but also a permanent one.

"You should also (continue to) support that," he said, while speaking at the 100th birthday celebration of veteran Communist Party of India leader R Nallakannu at the party headquarters here.

Referring to how CPI state secretary R Mutharasan highlighted the chief minister's recent assertion that the alliance would win 200 seats in the 2026 Assembly election, Stalin said the alliance is now poised to win even more than 200 seats.

A release by the government later said that a new building to be constructed in Srivaikuntam Government Hospital with CT scan facility will be named as Comrade Nallakannu Centenary Building. The construction of building was ordered following a request made by Nallakannu to the chief minister on Thursday.

Stalin noted it was a rare occasion and coincidence that the centenary of the CPI and that of Nallakannu are happening at the same time. Former CM O Panneerselvam, AMMK general secretary TTV Dhinakaran, MNM president Kamal Haasan and TVK president Vijay also extended their greet-

## "Enforce laws" strictly, end child marriage'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

CPM state secretary K Balakrishnan has expressed concern over increasing child marriages in Tamil Nadu, calling it a human rights violation.

In a statement on Thursday, the CPM called for a statewide awareness programme to highlight the detrimental impact of child marriages on the lives, health and opportunities of young girls. Balakrishnan said child marriages are a result of concerns over girls' safety, depriving them of education and employment.

The party criticised the inactivity of the State Child Rights Commission, which remains without a chairman, and the failure of District Child Protection Officers in curbing child marriages. The CPM urged the government to enforce existing child marriage laws strictly, ensure swift punishment for offenders and launch awareness campaigns. TNIE had reported on December 24 that child marriages had gone up by 56% in one year.

## EXPRESS READ

#### PMK always against tungsten mining: Anbumani



Madural: PMK always stood by the people of Melur In going against tungsten mining and has never allowed anyone to destroy the agricultural land of the state for any other purpose, said PMK leader Anbumani Ramadoss while addressing protestors at A Vallalapatti on Thursday, "The DMK government is playing a double game. It must announce all 50

villages as biodiversity agricultural zones and pass a resolution in the Assembly," he said. Anbumani also criticised the government for not taking action in the Vengalvayal issue, and questioned if this was the social justice advocated by the DMK. He further said that the proposed 5,000-acre land for tungsten mining is linked to people's culture, livelihood, biodiversity and tradition. "PMK did not come here to Increase its vote share, Chief Minister MK Stalin had assured that he will not allow tungsten mining till the end of his tenure. The state government has to inform the significance of the area to the union government. It is an unnecessary project," Anbumani added. ENS



### Day-long Annadanam extended to 2 more temples

Chennal: CM MK Stalin on Thursday extended the day-long Annadanam to two more temples — Kallazhagar temple in Azhagarkovil and Subramania Swami temple in Marudhamalai through video conference. With this, the number of HR and CE temples where day-long Annadanam is being provided rose to 13. The CM also inaugurated the noon meal scheme for students of a school and four colleges run by the Dhandayuthapani temple in Palani. ENS

# Kin of jailed fishermen seek legal help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennal

AFTER more than a year, family members of jailed fishermen from Ramanathapuram, who were "falsely implicated" in a case of drug smuggling, made a plea to MEA to hire a local advocate and ensure their Addressing a press conference at Chennai Press Club, family members of the fishermen Sesu, Karthik, Santhuru and Vinod Kumar --said they had been running from pillar to post to

free the four men who are currently jailed in Kuwait. The four fishermen had left for Kuwait in last September. On De-

cember 5, while the captain of their boat, an Egyptian, was allegedly exchanging a packet with an Iranian boat, these four fishermen, who had no role in the incident, were detained along with the captain.

Krishna Ananthi, wife of Sesu. said the fishermen are unable to communicate their version to the judiciary there.

# Singh steered economic transformation: Stalin

Says former PM's partnership with Kalaignar was instrumental in advancing development of the state; other leaders too pay homage

#### EX PRESS NEWS SERVICE

PAYING rich tributes to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who passed away on Thursday, Chief Minister MK Stalin said Singh's intellect and leadership catalysed India's economic transformation.

Conveying his deepest condolences to his family, friends, and Congress party, the CM, in his post on X, said, "Manmohan Singh's tenure marked an era of steady growth, social progress, and reforms that improved the lives of millions."

Stalin also recalled that Manmohan Singh's partnership with former CM M Karunanidhi was instrumental in advancing Tamil Nadu's development. "Their mutual respect and collaboration brought vital projects and strengthened the state's progress across various sectors. Manmohan Singh valued Tamil Nadu's aspirations,

proved and eligible bidders as defined in the SBD for the following works:

ensuring that the voices of the south resonated in national policies," he added.

The CM also reminisced that even during turbulent times, Manmohan Singh and Kalaignar stood together, exemplifying the strength of coalition politics built on trust and respect for regional identities.

"His calm, thoughtful leadership reflected a rare quality a leader who spoke less but achieved more, driven by action rather than rhetoric. His modesty, despite his vast knowledge and stature, left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of working alongside him," he added.

AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami said, "As a former Governor of RBI (1982-1985) and Union Finance Minister (1991-1996), his monetary and fiscal policies shaped the nation's economy. The introduction of the LPG (Liberalisation, Privatisation and

Globalisation) model of development chartered a new path for the country. A great economist, able administrator, and an exemplary statesman, his contributions hold a special place in the nation's history. His demise marks an irreparable loss to the nation.'

TNCC president K Selvaperunthagai said under Manmohan Singh's leadership, Indian economy started marching on a growth trajectory. TNCC would observe a week's mourning and all party events have been cancelled for the period,

BJP state president K An-

DRC No.157/2020

Upset Price

bid form

Date and time of e-auction

**Earnest Money Deposit** 

Inspection of Property

**EMD Remittance &** last date of submission of namalai said, "Manmohan Singh's profound actions spoke more than his words; key legislations such as the Right to Information Act, among others, stand as a testament to his commitment to the welfare of the people."

PMK founder S Ramadoss recalled that on his insistence, Singh agreed to enforce 27% reservation in higher education institutions of the central government. PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss, who served as health minister in Singh's Cabinet in 2004, recalled the former PM's service to the nation.

# No compassionate ground posting in school dept since 2016; 5K families hit

#### N DHAMOTHARAN @Colmbatore

FOR the 5,500 families waiting for jobs on compassionate grounds in the Tamil Nadu school education department, the ordeal seems unending as the department has not appointed even one person under the category in the last eight years across the state. Family members of employees who die in harness are given job opportunities under compassionate grounds by the

government, but no appointment order was issued to the family members of such employees in school education department after July 11, 2016, shows an

RTI reply received by TNIE. As per an order of the Supreme Court, government appointments on compassionate grounds should be made within six months of the staffer's death, but the department has failed to comply with this order, sources said.

M Jayapratha (34) of Tiruvarur district, a degree-holder, told TNIE that her husband had worked as a record clerk at a government higher second-

ary school in Rajamadam, Thanjayur district. Less than two years after their marriage, on May 24, 2020, he passed away due to health issues and she had applied for a job with the school department on compassionate grounds the same year. "I have been waiting for the appointment order for more than four years. Despite submitting multiple petitions to officials, MLAs and the CM's cell, I've not got any call," she

> "Since my husband was employed for over 11 years under Contributory Pension Scheme — as opposed to the GPF scheme

which has many more benefits - we received only ₹8 lakh after his death. The amount was fully spent on paying off the debt incurred for my husband's medical expenses. To support my child and elderly parents, I have been working as a maidservant at Mannargudi for a monthly salary of ₹4,000. This amount is not enough to run a family. The government must issue ap-

pointment soon "she said A worker under MGNRE-

GA, Mahalakshmi (name changed) of Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar district, said that she has been waiting for the job for eight years since the death of her husband who was a government teacher.

Mahalakshmi urged the department to release a districtwise seniority list so that eligible family members can at least know the status of their applications.

Educationist Su Moorthy, expressing shock at the department's RTI response, said that it is to set an example for private firms that government jobs offer decent salaries and benefits, including retirement plans and jobs on compassionate grounds. These benefits are gradually being scrapped due to misguided government policies, he said.

When contacted, a senior department official said that 80% of department posts are being filled through recruitment and promotion, and appointing eligible persons under compassionate grounds is still being carried out.

School Education Secretary S Madumathi was not available for comments.

#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION AND FLOOD **CONTROL DIVISION SUMBAL (193101)**

Invitation for Bids (Notice Inviting Tenders)

- NIT No. IFCDB/ 07 of 2024-25 Dated: 17/12/2024 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State, e-tenders (in two cover system) are invited on Percentage Rate basis from

S.Ho.	Title	Details	
01.	Name of the Work	Raising of Embankments on River Alelum under FMP Phase-II (Part-A) from A) RD 166.569 — 106.569 KM (L/S) B) RD 113.190 — 114.240 KM (R/S) C) RD 114.300 — 115.400 KM (R/S) D) RD 116.380 — 116.830 KM (R/S)	
02.	Source of Funds / Scheme Code	Central Assistance under "Flood Management" component of the "Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP)" (JK-2101)	
03.	Estimated Cost	₹6,6279 Crore/=	
04.	Position of Administrative Approval	Accorded vide Govt. order No. 149-JK (JSD) of 2022 Dated: 14,07.2022 issuunder endstt. No. PHE-PS02/3/2020-PLS-PHE- Part-I Dated: 14,07.2022	
05.	Position of Technical Sanction	Sanctioned vide Chief Engineer Kmr. Imigation & F C Department Srinagar's order No. 50-0B of 2024-25 dt.12.12.2024	
06.	Position of Funds	Assured (Budgetary Provision for 2024-25)	
07.	Period of Completion	04 Working months	
08.	Cost of Tender Document	₹8500/- in the form of Treasury Challan / Treasury Receipt for bidders of UT J&K and for U.T. outside bidders' may formulate 0D/ Banker's Cheque from a Scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Sumbat (Copy shall be uploaded online)	
09.	Website / portal address	https://jktenders.gov.in	
10.	Earnest Money Deposit (in Lakhs)	₹13,26,000/-	
11.	Selection Criteria/ Eligibility Criteria	As defined in SBD of this work	
12.	Period of Tender Validity	The Tender shall remain valid for 120 days after the bid submission end date.	
13.	Critical Dates		
a)	Publishing date and time of tender amendments documents	18. 12.2024 at 04:00 P.M	
b)	Starting date & time for downloading of tender documents	19, 12,2924 at 10:00 A.M	
c)	Pre-bid meeting, Site Visit and Clarification to Tender documents	28. 12.2024 at 01:00 PM in the office of the Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle, Baramulla Bandipora, HQ Sopore	
d)	Starting date and time of bid	19.12.2024 at 01:00 PM	

f) Date and time of bid opening (Cover No.1) 09.01.2025 at 01:00 PM g) Date and time of bid opening (Cover No.2) Will be intimated online after completion of evaluation of Technical Cover (Cover-I)

08.01,2025 upto 04:00 PM

- I. A pre-bid meeting will be held to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be reised at that stage by the bidders Prospective Bidders within UT of J&K shall submit the tender Document Fee (Non-Refundable / Non-Transferrable) in the shape of e-Challan / Treasury Challan / Treasury Receipt pledged in favour of Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Sumbal to be deposited under MH-0702-Rev. Misc. While as the bidders outside UT shall submit the same in the form of Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control Division Sumbal.
- 3. Carnest money /Bid Security in shape of CDR/TDR/BG pledged to the Superintending Engineer, Hydraulic Circle, Baramulla Bandipora, HQ Sopore. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bidvalidity.
- 4. The hard copies of bid shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids, as per Finan
- Department O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dated: 07-06-2018. 5. The Contractor shall have to arrange all the key construction material for successful completion of the work. No Departments
- store shall be issued.
- Further details can be seen in bidding document available onwebsite www.jktenders.gov.inConditional bids and the bids not meeting the qualifying criteria shall be summarily rejected.
- The authority reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason.
   Subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be published on above website.
- No: I&FCD/SbVe-HIT/1942-60 Dated: 18.12.2024

submission (Cover No.1 to 2)

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Closing date and time of bid

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OFFICE ORDER
Bid identification No. Online Tender/14-2024-25/PMGSY/BPR

O-1022: Due to unavoidable circumstances, the tender invited vide this office Bid Identification No. Online Tender/14-2024-25/PMGSY/BPR is hereby cancelled. Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, R.W..Circle, Berhampur

**E-AUCTION SALE** 

The under mentioned property will be sold by online E-Auction through website <a href="https://www.bankeauctions.com">https://www.bankeauctions.com</a> for recovery of a sum of Rs.54,45,038/- (Rupees Fifty

four lakhs forty five thousand and thirty eight only) as on 31.10.2024 from Mr. C. Kamara & Another payable to Indian Bank, Korattur Branch in OA No.261/2016.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.51, Mylapore Village, Devanthavakkam Panchayat, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District to the total extent of 1995

Sq. ft. as per document and measurement comprised in Survey No.42/3B, 3C, 3D & 3E

commonly known as 'Sri Sai Nagar' and the vacant land approved as per DTCP bearing Approval No.324/92 and the land being bounded on the - North by : 30 feet Road, South by

Vacant land, East by : Plot No.50, West by : Plot No.52. Situated within the Registration District

of Tiruvallur, SRO Uthukottal. Schedule B: 351 Sq. ft. undivided share of land out of 1995

Sq. ft. of land in Plot No.51, described in Schedule A above. Schedule C: Flat No.F-2, in the

First Floor in Plot No.51, of Sal's Grand with super built up area of 890 Sq. ft. which is inclusive of the share in the common built up area in the proposed storied building of the Schedule B

Rs.1,40,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand only)

04.02.2025 between 1100 hours and 1200 hours with auto time extension of 3 minutes each, till sale is concluded.

on or before 31.01.2025 through EFT/NEFT/RTGS Transfe

in favour of "The Recovery Officer, DRT-3, Chennal" with

EMD to the credit of Current A/c No.163302000000200,

Indian Overseas Bank, Cathedral Branch, Chennai

Minimum Rs.10,000/- or multiples of Rs.10,000/-

and within the Sub Registration District of Uthukottal and Registration District of Tiruvallur

10% of the upset price

600 002, IFSC Code: IOBA0000109.

17.01.2025 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BIDS IN PHYSICAL FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The other details about the above auction and the e-auction bid form declaration and detaile

terms and conditions are available in the website: https://www.bankeauctions.com Service Provider contact person:-Mr. M. Prabakaran - 74182 81709.

Further details, if any, shall be obtained from Indian Bank, Korattur Branch, No.14, 31st Street, TNHB Colony, Periay Nagar, Korattur, Chennai - 600 080. (Contact Person Mr. Bikram Sahu, Branch Manager of Indian Bank, Cell No. : 9444987081) E-Mail

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, CHENNAI

6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shashtri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006

# Ref: RO/SAR/SN/222/2024-25

Description of property

Regional Office: No.43, Ground Floor, Hameedia Centre, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600006 Phone No: 044-28238250/28281109 Email: ro1005@sib.co.ir

#### E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

All that part and parcel of Flat bearing No. G1 in the Ground Floor, "B"

Date: 20:12:2024

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) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Mrs.Joharunisha.J, W/o.Asger Sheriff, Mr. Asger Sheriff, S/o.Umar Sheriff No.17/20, B V Nagar, 6th Street, Nanganallur, No.17/20, B V Nagar, 6th Street, Nanganallur. Kancheepuram - 600 061. Kancheepuram - 600 061 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers that the below described immovable

property mortgaged to The South Indian Bank Ltd, Perungudi Branch (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on 20.01,2025 for recovery of an amount of Rs.75,34,189.73 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine and Paisa Seventy Three Only) as on 19.12.2024, with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Perungudi Branch (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) Name of Property Owner Mr. Asger Sheriff

Block, in Plot No.61-B. Chandrapuram Layout with a built up area of 1020 Sq. Feet along with one covered car

parking with 600 Sq.Ft undivided share of land in 1200 Sq.Ft comprised in Old S.No.54/3 and as per Patta

No.5953 New S No.54/6, No.12, Unamancheri Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District together with

all other appurtenant rights and improvements thereon in the name of Mr. Asger Sheriff more fully described in the

registered as Document No. 6642	ement registered as Document No. 6641/2019 and Sale Deed dated 24.05.2019 2/2019 of SRO Guduvancherry and Registration District of Chennai South and following <b>Boundaries</b> : North: 23 ft Road and 10 ft Passage, South: Plot No. No. 62.
Reserve Price	Rs.28,00,000 /- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.2,80,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)
Bid Increment amount	Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	20.01.2025 from 01.00PM to 02.00PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
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Encumbrances known to the Bank Nil For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at www.matexnet.com &

For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Authorised Officer or The South Indian Bank Ltd. Perungudi Branch during working hours or may contact Mr. Gnanaprakash. S Mobile No: 9791747678 at the South Indian Bank Ltd., Regional

**AUTHORISED OFFICER** THE SOUTH INDIAN BANK LTD. Place: Chennai

BY THE TRIBUNAL & NO ENQUIRIES WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

#### IT ALWAYS SEEMS Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. Corporate Office: 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL IT'S

Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.

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, Guindy Taluk, Chennai-600017, TN

#### E- AUCTION - SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitizationand Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Chennai Branch of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

SI No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (18% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code. 1970002868 Chennai Branch) Kavitha V (Borrower) Vinothkumar M (Co Borrower) Ramachandran D (Guarantor)	10-04-2021	All that piece and parcel of the land and building, extent 2542 sq.ft., within 686 building, EB including, (Acre 0.05.83 cents) out of acre 0.05 cents, old Patta No.43, in Survey No.39/11, New Patta No.1177 in Survey No.39/11F, situated in No.117, Senji village, Tiruvallur taluk and district, within the sub registration office Perambakkam, District Registration Kancheepuram now Tiruvallur and bounded on the Bounded on East by: Bajanai koil street and 4 feet passage, West by: Thankan land, North by: Mallika plot and South by: Palmash canel.	(Pugees Fifteen Leides Forty Three Thousand Forty Only)	₹ 1,54,304.00 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Three Hundered Four Only)	Physical

- 1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is 27-01-2025 within 5:00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on https://bankeauctions.com. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be
- rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
- Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is 28-01-2025 on https://bankeauctions.com at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
   AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As
- Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'. 4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
- 5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://bankeauctions.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.

  6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link https: //bankeauctions.
- com/registration/ signup, and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website https://bankeauctions.com For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, Jawahar Vb, Branch (Contact No. 9176422299) OR the
- service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26. As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the
- authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.

  8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
- 9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is Rs. 10.000/-

Place: Chennai Authorised Officer Aadhar Housing Finance Limited Date : 27.12.2024

#### CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru.VI.Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

#### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-auction Sale Notice for the Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and

Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, r/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. (Rule 8 & 9) Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred herein after as Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis

Account No. and Name of borrower, Co-borrower, Mortgagors	Amount Outstanding	Description of the Immovable Property [Secured Asset]	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increment Amount
(Loan ID / Customer ID No. CUS000180) 1.M/s. Sree Sai Associates (Borrower) No. 50. Old No. 164, Arcot Road, Valasaravakkam, Chennai - 600 087. 2. Mr.M.Ganesh Prabhu	Rs. 2,42,96,784.52/-	Item 1: All that piece and parcel of land and measuring 4800 Sq.ft and building thereon bearing Plot No. 25, Door No. 25, Murugesa Nagar 3rd Street, (Thirunindravur Town Panchayat bearing Building Approval No. 612/F1/2013, Date: 22.05.2013.) Comprised in Survey No. 229/2B, as per Patta Survey No. 229/2B1 situated at Thirunindravur Village, Avadi Taluk, Tiruvallur District, Bounded on: South by: Plot belongs to Murugesa Mudaillar, West by: Plot No.25A belongs to Gyanambal, North by: Road, East by: Plot No. 26 belongs to Amirthavalli. Measuring East West on the South 40 Feet; East West on the North 40 Feet; North South on the West 120 Feet; North South on the East 120 Feet and measuring In all to 4800 Sq.ft. The Property, is situated in Thirunindravur Town Panchayat.	Rs. 1,00,000/-
(Co-Borrower) 3. Mrs. G.Rajeswari (Co-Borrower) No. 2 & 3 are residing at: Plot No. 180, Ill Main Road, Engineers Avenue, S Kolathur, Keelkattalai, Old Pallavaram, Chennai – 600 117.	as on 26.12.2024	Item 2: All that piece and parcel of land and measuring 2400 Sq.ft and building thereon bearing Plot No. 94, Door No. 23, Selvaraj Nagar, 1st Main Road, Layout approved No. P.P.L.O./93/73, Date: 25.08.1973 Comprised in Old Survey No. 264/1, Patta No. 11008 as per Patta Survey No. 264/145, situated at Thirunindravur Village, Avadi Taluk, Triuvallur District, bounded on: South by: 20 Feet Wide Road, West by: Plot No. 105, North by: Plot No. 93, East by: Plot No. 95. Measuring East West on the South 40 Feet, East West on the North 40 Feet, North South on the West 60 Feet, North South on the East 60 Feet measuring in all to 2400 Sq.ft. Within the Registration District South Chennai presently Tiruvallur and Sub Registration District of Avadi.	

#### E-auction Date and Time: 07.02.2025 - 11.00 am & 12.00 pm (with unlimited extension of 3 min each)

- Last Date of Submission of EMD: 05.02.2025 (upto 5.30 PM) Date of Inspection of Property: As per the appointment of Property and Property in the Inspection of Property in the Inspection All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://bankauctions.in & www.foreclosureindia.com. For details: help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/s. 4 Closure, (Contact Person:
- Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Ph. No. 81420 00735, Email: dinesh@bankauctions.in).
- For further details on terms and conditions please visit.—https://bankauctions.in/ & https://cholamandalam.com/ n to take part in e-auction or contact 1. Mr. T. Senthil Kumar 99406 87402 / 2. Mr. D. Vimalan Ph. 97917 91541. THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) RULE 8 & 9 AND OF

SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 Date: 27.12.2024 Authorized Officer Place: Chennai

Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

For and on behalf of the President of India

the Divisional Electrical Engineer (Con)

South Eastern Railway, Ranchi-834001

nvites E-tender for the following work

Following tender has been uploaded or

website www.ireps.gov.in. The tender wi

be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date

e-Tender Notice No.: EL-CON-ADA-ESL

24-6, Date: 18.12.2024. Brief Description

of works: Supply, erection, testing &

commissioning of 25 KV OHE including

RC and PSI works in connection with the

work of private siding of M/s ESL Steel Ltd

at Bandhdih Station Yard for Railway

connectivity portion in Adra division of

South Eastern Railway. Value of work:

₹ 1,45,52,632.30. Bid Security: ₹ 2,22,800

Completion Period: 06 months, Closing

Date: 13.01.2025. Interested tenderers

may visit website www.ireps.gov.in (E

Tender→Works (login with phone no.) and search with above mentioned tender no.1

for full details/description/specification of

the tenders and submit their bids online

In no case manual tender for this item w be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders

may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to

articipate in all other tenders. (PR-928)

#### **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, CHENNAI** 6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shastri Bhawan, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006

TRC No.1060/2023 Canara Bank, Royapettah Branch

...Certificate Holder

M/s.S.V.Enterprises & 2 Others ... Certificate Debtors

DEMAND NOTICE Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 [as amended from time to time] and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income-Tax Act, 1961

(1) M/s.S.V.Enterprises, Rep by its Proprietrix Mrs.M.Santhakumari, W/o.Mari, No.16, Sivasankaran Street, Zameen Pallavaram, Chennai-600 043.

(2) Mrs.M.Santhakumari, W/o.Mari, Proprietrix of M/s.S.V.Enterprises, No.16,

Sivasankaran Street, Zameen Pallavaram, Chennal-600 043 (3) Mrs.B.Revathi, W/o.G.Balasubramani, New No.18, Old No.14, 5th Street

Alwarpet, Chennai-600018 . In view of the Recovery Certificate DRC No.273/2019 issued on 14.06.2019 by the Hon'ble Presiding Öfficer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II Chennai, under Sub Sections 7 and 22 of Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended from time to time), in terms of Order dated 31.01.2019 in O.A.No.266/2018, specifying that an amount of ₹ 54,37,446.81 (Rupees Fifty O.H.No.266/2014, specifying that all amount of \$4,37,446.61 (Rubees Filty Four Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Six and palise Eighty One Only) with future interest 12 % per annum (simple) cost, expenses and interest from 01.02.2019 till the date of realization, along with costs, is due / recoverate (PRC).

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of this notice to the Certificate Holder Bank, failing which the recovery shall be made as per the extant rules.

3. The Certificate Debtor No. 1 to 3 service of Demand Notice returned unserved. Therefore the Tribunal ordered for Paper Publication of Demand Notice in one issue of English & Tamil Edition, for service to be completed by way of substituted service. The next date of hearing is fixed on 20.01.2025 at 11.30 a.m. for your appearance.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 24" day of December 2024.

Sd/- (P.PREMKUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER

## SHIMU

#### SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE AND CHITRADURGA DIST CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD..

Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga - 577 222

IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281D/7406/2024-25 Date: 23.12.2024

#### TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

S.N	Particulars	Qty	EMD in ₹
1	Printing, Supply and Installation of Back Lit (Glow Sign Flex) Board in the specified Area/Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	5,000 Sq Ft	37,500/-
2	Printing and Supply of Flex for Banner to Shivamogga Dairy	5,000 Sq ft	2,500/-
3	Printing, Supply and Installation of Vinyl Sun Board in the Specified Area/ Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	5,000 Sq ft	11,250/-
4	Printing, Supply and Installation of Vinyl Stickering in the Specified Area/ Location of Shivamogga, Davanagere & Chitradurga	15,000/- Sq.ft	26,250/-
5	Printing and Supply of A-Sign Board to Shivamogga Dairy	100 Nos	5,000/-
6	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Nitrogen Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with food grade certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 7 cubic meter per cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy	480 Nos	17,400/-
7	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Carbon Di Oxide Gas Cylinder on outright basis along with Food Grade Certificate (Cylinder returnable basis) 31 Kg per Cylinder to Shivamogga Dairy	120 Nos	6,200/-
8	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Common Salt for Water Softener regeneration process to Shivamogga Dairy	75,000 Kg	12,500/-
9	Issue of Uniform Shoes, Socks & Ladies Chappal	212 Pairs	23,300/-
10	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Caustic Soda Lye on Liquid Solution basis in 75 Kgs Carboys and empty Carboys on returnable basis to Shivamogga Dairy	1,56,000 Kg	1,05,000/-
11	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of S30 Grade Plantation white sugar to Shivamogga Dairy	75,000 Kg	82,500/-
12	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of 5 Kg Curd Containers (Bucket) with our art work to Shivamogga Dairy	7,000 Nos	10,325/-
13	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of 10 Kg Curd Containers (Bucket) with our art work to Shivamogga Dairy	15,000 Nos	36,750/-

Tender Documents may be downloaded from : 27.12.2024

the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from

Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 13.01.2025 up to 16.00 Hours Date of opening of Technical Tender 15.01.2025 at 17.00 Hours

Date of opening of Commercial Tender 16.01.2025 at 17.00 Hours The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification & Terms & conditions of

the tender by paying e-portal fees

The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from A.M (Pur) during office hours, e-mail id : dmpur.shimul@gmail.com contact nos: 08182-246161 Mob: 7760971951.

Sd/- Managing Director

△ इताहाबाद

इंडियन बैंक 🔝 Indian Bank STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - CHENNAI 55, Ethiraj Salai, Zonal Office Building II Floor, Wellington Estate, Egmore Chennai - 08. Telephone: 044-28216711. email: armb2chennai@indianbank.co.in

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

#### – SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES —

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

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

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS: (1) Mr. R. Senguttuvan (Borrower/Mortgagor), S/o Late Rajaratnam, No.1, D R R Avenue, Audco Nagar, Kattupakkam, Poonamallee Chennai - 600 056. (2) Ms. S. Vetrikodi, (Guarantor), D/o R. Senguttuvan, No.1, D R R Avenue, Audoo Nagar Kattupakkam, Poonamallee, Chennai - 600 056. [Branch Name: Indian Bank, Saidapet Branch (now transferre to SAM Branch, Chennai)].

AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 23.12.2024: Rs.36,32,55,835.59 (Rupees Thirty six crores thirty two lakhs fifty five thousand eight hundred thirty five and paise fifty nine only) with further interest from 24.12.2024 costs, other charges and expenses thereon.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Mortgaged Asset standing in the name of Mr. R. Senguttuvan All that piece and parcel of land and building comprised in Survey No.186, as per Patta Survey No.186/2 - Acre 1.00 Cents, S. No. 189 - Acre 2.06 Cents, S. No. 191 - Acre 1.02 Cents and S. No. 192 - Acre 1.47 Cents, Total 5.55 Acres with 17 sheds of different sizes measuring 152903 Sq. ft. situated at DRR Avenue, Audco Nagar Kattupakkam Village, Poonamalle Taluk, Thiruvallur District. In the name of R. Senguttuvan. Prior Encumbrance

POSSESSION TYPE : Symbo	lic	PR	OPERTY II	: IDIB66202	22936
RESERVE PRICE: Rs.77.50 Crores	Bid increm	Bid increment : Rs.1,00,000/-		EMD : Rs.7.75 Crores	
PROPERTY LOCATION	PROPERTY	PHOTO 1	PROPERT	Y PHOTO 2	

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS: (1) M/s, Maran Garments (Borrower 1), Rep. by its Prop.: Mr. A. Sekar, No.44, Thatchar Street, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069, Also at: No.58, 2nd Cross Street, Udhayam Nagar, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. (2) M/s. Sagar Apparels. (Borrower 2), Rep by its Prop.: Mrs. S. Ajitha, No.11A/24A, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Anakaputhur, Chennai - 600 070, Also at : No.58, 2nd Cross Street, Udhayam Nagar, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. (3) M/s. D Fashion (Borrower 3), Rep by its Prop.: Mr. K. Kanagavel, S/o Kumar, No. 11A/24A, Pillaiyar Kovii Street, Anakaputhur Chennai - 600 070, Also at : No.59, 2nd Street, Udayam Nagar, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. Also at : No.44 Thatchar Street, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. (4) Mrs. S. Ajitha, (Guarantor for Borrower 1), Proprietrix of M/s. Sagar Apparels, W/o A. Sekar, No.11A/24A, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Anakaputhur, Chennai - 600 070, Also at: No.58, 2nd Cross Street, Udhayam Nagar, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. Also at : No.44, Thatchar Street Kundrathur, Chennal - 600 069. (5) Mr. A. Sekar, (Mortgagor cum Guarantor for Borrower 1 and Borrower 3), S/o Ayyadurai, No.44, Thatchar Street, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069, Also at: No.58, 2nd Cross Street Udhayam Nagar, Kundrathur, Chennai - 600 069. [Branch Name : Indian Bank, Anakaputhur Branch (nov

AMOUNT DUE TO THE BANK AS ON 23.12.2024 : (I) M/s. Maran Garments - Rs.3,14,63,376.56 (Rupees Three crores fourteen lakhs sixty three thousand three hundred seventy six and paise fifty six only) (II) M/s. Sagar Apparels - Rs.1,67,57,673.98 (Rupees One crore sixty seven lakhs fifty seven thousand six hundred seventy three and paise ninety eight only) & (III) M/s. D Fashion - Rs. 1,05,29,873.53 (Rupees One crore five lakhs twenty nine thousand eight hundred seventy three and paise fifty three only), totalling to Rs.5,87,50,924.07 (Rupees Five crores eighty seven lakhs fifty thousand nine hundred twenty four and

paise seven only) with further interest from 24.12.2024 costs, other charges and expenses thereon. SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land and building; land measuring an extent of 4576 ½ Sq. feet of land and RCC building thereon in Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Anakaputhur, Chennai - 600 070, comprised in Old S. No.171, New S. No.171/1A3, Patta No.3226 as Patta New S. No.171/1A3B, situated in Old Village Nos. 128, 99, 87, New Village No. 1, Anakaputhur Village in Pallavaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District. Measuring - North to South on the Eastern side : 16 feet. North to South on the Western side : 20 feet. East to West on the Northern side: 255 feet, East to West on the Southern side: 253 1/2 feet. In all measuring 4576 1/2 Sq. ft. Within the Sub Registration District of Pammal, Registration District of Chennai South. Prior Encumbrance known to the Bank : Subsequent Attachments by M/s. Margadarasi Chit Funds Pvt. Ltd. and M/s. EPFO. CERSAI Asset ID: 200055578497.

POSSESSION TYPE : Physical PROPERTY ID: IDIB0476575557 RESERVE PRICE: Rs.171.00 Lakhs | Bid increment: Rs.1,00,000/-EMD: Rs.17.10 Lakhs PROPERTY LOCATION PROPERTY PHOTO 1 **PROPERTY PHOTO 2** 

**Date and Time of** Inspection of the Properties & related 06.01.2025 to 09.01.2025 betwee 10.00 a.m. and

4.00 p.m.





DATE AND TIME OF E-AUCTION: 13.01.2025 BETWEEN 11.00 A.M. AND 4.00 P.M.

#### Last Date for submission of Tender form/EMD: 13.01.2025 Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://www.ebkray.in) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance

Pvt. Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. Helpdesk No. 8291220220, email ID :- support.ebkray@psballiance.com and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. and EMD Status, please contact support.ebkray@psballiance.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit https://www.ebkray.in and for clarifications related to this portal please contact Helpdesk No.8291220220. Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://www.ebkray.in.

**Authorised Officer** Date : 26.12.2024 Place : Chennai Indian Bank

## OSBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

MAHINDRA WORLD CITY BRANCH

JEWEL AUCTION NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 02.01.2025 - 03.00 P.M., failing which the said securities will be auctioned by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at 11.00 A.M. on 03.01.2025, Friday or on any other convenient date thereafter without

S.No Loan No. Name and Address Total Weight (gms) Amount 1 42116830144 Karthikeyan.R 2,40,000/-36.8

further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

Interested bidders should submit Rs.5,000/- as refundable deposit on the same day of auction. For more details, Please contact the Branch Manager.

Place: Mahindra World City BRANCH MANAGER Date: 26.12.2024 State Bank of India, Mahindra World City Branch

# XX Karnataka Bank Ltd

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH, Ph: 044-23463509 (Gen) / 9677351984 (CM) No.324, Ground Floor, Thambu Chetty Street Chennai-600001 Website:www.karnatakabank.com CIN:L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 20.08.2024 calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantor (1) Mr.Tamilarasan M S, S/o.Sevugaperumal, addressed at No.4/1, Navarathina Apartment, Seethakathi Salai, Mogappair East, Chennai-600037. (2) Mrs.S.Revathi, W/o.Sevugaperumal, No.3, Ground Floor, Visalakshi Street, Balavinayagar Nagar, Arumbakkam, Chennai-600106 to repay total amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.44,30,033.20 [Rupees Forty Four Lakh Thirty Thousand Thirty Three and Palsa Twenty only) as on 19.08.2024, under TL A/c No.1707001600008001 along with interest to be added from 15.08.2024 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under. Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 24th day of December, 2024.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Ltd., Chennal-Nanganallur Branch for an amount of Rs.45,65,675,94 (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five and Paisa Ninety Four only) as on 22.12.2024, under TL A/c No.1707001600008001 along with further interest from 15.12.2024, plus costs thereon.

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

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

An Undivided Share of Land 300 sq.ft., out of 900 sq.ft., together with Flat No.G2, Ground Floor, measuring Super Built Up Area 1068 sq.ft., including common area, B connection etc., Plot No.46, measuring an extent of 2400 sq.ft., comprised in Old Survey Nos.78/7, 78/8 and 78/9, Patta No.7562, as per Patta New Survey No.78/7B2, situated at Door No.6, Gomathipuram, 2nd Cross Street, Thiruninravur "A" Village, Formerly Poonamallee Taluk, presently Avadi Taluk Thiruvallur District, within the Registration District of Chennai-South and Sub-Registration District of Avadi.Boundaries: North by: Plot No.45; South by: Plot No.47; East by :30 feet wide Road (Gomathipuram 2nd Cross Street); West by Plot No.37. Measuring East to West on the Northern side : 60 feet; East to West on the Southern side: 60 feet; North to South on the Eastern side: 40 feet; North to South on the Western side: 40 feet.

Place: Thiruninravur Village, Avadi Taluk Thiruvallur District Date: 24.12.2024

Chief Manager & Authorized Office

Kamataka Bank Ltd.

#### RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

PCMM, RCF on behalf of the President of India invites On-line bids for

2) PL No. 30637673-Water Tank Assembly (455 Ltrs) Two Piece R.H., as per Drawing: CC63260 ALT f, Packing instruction: PI172 Ver 5.0.  3. 12241528 PL No. 33561850 - Fixed Window 27/01/2025 for LHB AC Chair Car, as per Drawing: LZ54107 ALT b and follow Design Office L.No. MD35131 Dated 26/12/2022.  4. 12241470 1) PL No. 33550300-Water Tank 21/01/2025 Assembly L.H. (390 Litres), as per Drawing: LG63106 ALT g, 2) PL No. 33550311-Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres) Two Piece Design (Double Filling), as per Drawing: LR63122 ALT g, 3) PL No. 33554663-Water Tank Assembly R.H. (390 Litres) as per Drawing: LG63105 ALT g, Nos. 2688 21/01/2025 (LH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: M1005711 ALT a (Mirror of M1005710 ALT m) and MDTS 26001 Rev-04  1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: M1005711 ALT a (Mirror of M1005710 ALT m) and MDTS 26001 Rev-04  6. 17241629 Luggage Rack Mounting for LHB 91 24/01/2025 SLR Coach Set S10/12/025 SLR Coach Set S10/12/025 SLR Coach Set S10/12/025 SLR Coach Set S10/12/025 Suc Control Arms (Finished) Set S00/00/000/000000000000000000000000000		Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)		
Vinyl Film Colour Shade Brilliant Green	1.			10.000			
Vinyl Film Colour Shade Signal Blue		Vinyl Film Co	olour Shade Traffic Red	4458 Sq.ft	4.00 4501		
Vinyl Film Colour Shade Bright Orange Red   21123 Sq.ft		Vinyl Film Co	olour Shade Brilliant Green	4955 Sq.ft	4,09,150/-		
2. 12241290A 1) PL No. 30630179 - Water Tank 04/02/2025 Assembly (L.H.) (455 Ltrs), as per Drawing: SE63131 ALT d, Packing Instruction: PI172 Ver 5.0.  2) PL No. 30637673-Water Tank Assembly (455 183 Nos. Ltrs) Two Piece R.H., as per Drawing: CC63260 ALT f, Packing instruction: PI172 Ver 5.0.  3. 12241528 PL No. 33561850 - Fixed Window 27/01/2025 for LHB AC Chair Car, as per Drawing: LZ54107 ALT b and follow Design Office L.No. MD35131 Dated 26/12/2022.  4. 12241470 1) PL No. 33550300-Water Tank 1327 Nos. Proving: LG63106 ALT g.  2) PL No. 33550311-Water Tank Assembly L.H. (390 Litres) Two Piece Design (Double Filling), as per Drawing: LG63105 ALT g.  3) PL No. 33554663-Water Tank Assembly R.H. (390 Litres) Two Piece Design (Double Filling), as per Drawing: LG63105 ALT g.  5. 12241489 1) PL No. 33615639-Retention Tank (390 Litres) as per Drawing: LG63105 ALT g.  5. 12241489 1) PL No. 33615639-Retention Tank 2/(01/2025 LH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005711 ALT a (Mirror of MI005710 ALT m) and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005711 ALT a (Mirror of MI005710 ALT m) and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-04 1) PL No. 33615640-Retention Tank (RH) without Flushing arrangement, as per Drawing: MI005710 ALT m and MDTS 26001 Rev-		Vinyl Film Co	olour Shade Signal Blue	11848 Sq.ft			
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 For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website http://ireps.gov.in. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at http://www.cce.gov.in. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 6 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 7 to 15 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi, 3, For gueries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are

advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them

#### CORRIGENDUM The following amendment is authorized against (1) Tender No

13245237B for Procurement of Fork Lifter Truck 16 Ton diesel operated automatic as per specification No. Mech/M&P/ Umbrella/Project/438/9. Due date to be read as 10.01.2025 instead of 24.12.2024 (2) Tender No. 13245236B for Procurement of High Speed TIG Welding Sets 400A due date to be read as 20.01.2025 instead of 27.12.2024. (3) Tender No. 17241101B for procurement of Set of floor plate for LHB Power Car EOG Coaches due date to be read as 07.01.2025 instead of 27.12.2024.

All other terms and conditions will remain the same. **PCMM** 

R.O. No.: 105-S/2024-25 Dated: 26.12.2024

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E-Auction Sale Notice E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the SARFAESI 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 inviting tenders from intended bidders and in particular to the Borrower (s) / Co-borrower(s)/Guarantors for the sale of below detailed secured asset which is possession of secured creditor which will be sold in "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis.

#### DETAILS

S.No.1. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor - Mr. RAMACHANDIRAN and Mrs. DEVI, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 14,10,344/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000500871491. Description of property - All that piece and parcel of land and building, in house site bearing Plot no. 86 measuring an extent of 680 Square feet, in the Layout named 'PREMAVATHY NAGAR (a) Dr. A.P.J ABDUL KALAM NAGAR", situated in Old no.82 New no. 59 KARUNILAM VILLAGE, Chengalpattu

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 14,00,000- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,40,000.

S.No.2. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -Mrs. Lakshmi Bala and Srinivasan M, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs.19,78,865/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000501259071. Description of property- All the piece and parcel of vacant house site bearing plot No.,14, in "OMS Green city" measuring an extent of 1883 Sq.fett, Vattambakkam Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk.

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 19,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,90,000/-

S.No.3. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -Mr. A Sivaperumal and Mrs. Thangammal, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 50,65,888/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000501005972. Description of property - All the piece and parcel of land and building situated at bearing flat No.C-7, in Third Floor in the building known as "MATHI VARUSAM" having a super built up area of 1104 sq.ft, which is inclusive of a share in common areas, together with 382 sq.ft, undivided share in the land out of the total extent of 13952 square feet, along with a covered park, situated at THIRUKKATCHUR Village, Chengalpattu Taluk

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 33,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs.3,30,000/-

S.No.4. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor - C Ramesh Kumar and C Lakshmi, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 44,68,859/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000500877825. Description of property - All the piece and parcel of land and building situated at plot No.67, Flat No. S-2 in the Second Floor of "SANJAY FLATS" measuring 927 sq.ft (inclusive of common area and Car Parking) and 375 sq.ft undivided share of land out of total extent of 1815 sq.ft, in the sanction and approval layout of "KARTHICK NAGAR EXTENSION I"situated in Old No.194, New No.169, Madambakkam Village, Kundrathur Taluk

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 27,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs.2,70,000/-.

S.No.5. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower / Guarantor - Mrs. SUGANTHI K and Mr. KEASAVAN K, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 16,76,728/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractus rate in Loan Account No. AFH000501552337. Description of property - All the piece and parcel of vacant Land bearing Plot No.128 measuring and extent of 740 Square Feet, of the layout named as "SUVARNA BHOON!" situated at New No.23, Old No 6/2 Sorancheri Madura Ayailchery Village Poonamalle Taluk Tiruvallur District. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 18,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,80,000/-.

S.No.5. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower / Guarantor -Mr. C. R. RAVISHANKAR & Mrs. R. KANCHANA, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 61,75,788/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No. AFH000500865137. Description of property - All that piece and parcel of residential flat situated at bearing Door No.1/122, Flat No.F1, in First Floor, having a Plinth area of 1130 sq.ft., 540 sq.ft. UDS of Land, including common area with One Covered Car Parking, measuring to an extent of 2205 sq.ft., at MUGALIVAKKAM VILLAGE, Sriperumbudur Taluk now Alandur Taluk.

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 47,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs.4,70,000/-

S.No.7, Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -Mr. Shanmugam M and Mr. Ajithkumar, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 20,49,766/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000500664676. Description of property - All that piece and parcel of Land and building situated at plot No. 549, measuring to an extent of 770 Sq.ft in the layout named as "SRI KRISHNA NAGAR-I', situated at no.45, Melakondaiyur Village (also known as Melakondaiyar Village), Thiruvallur Taluk. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 15,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,50,000/-

S. No 01 to 07 Obligants to pay the same within 15 days from the date of publication.

Date and of inspection of property: 10.01.2025; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Last date for submission of bid: 22.01.2025 till 5 PM Date and time of e-auction: 23.01.2025; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.

S.No.8. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -Mr. M Punithan and Mrs. Shyamala, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 34,15,327/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No. AFH000501323581. Description of property - Vacant house site bearing plot no. 23, measuring an extent of 2400 sq.ft in SRINIVASA Nagar, VADAMAGALAM village, Sriperumbur Taluk, Kancheepuram. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 26,70,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 2,67,000/-

S.No.9. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -G Kandan and Mrs. K Usha, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 16,16,390/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000500701209. Description of property - Land and building in Plot No.193-A Part. measuring an extent of 510 sq.ft (Northern Part), in the layout named "SRI GAYATHRI Co-OPERATIVE MEGA

NAGAR\*, situated in No.67, Villiyambakkam Village, Chengalpattu. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 13,20,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,32,000/-

S.No.10. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor -Mr. Vinoth kumar J and Mrs.P.Selvi, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 16.73,737/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000500805146. Description of property - Vacant land bearing Plot No.B3, measuring to an extent of 1477 Square Feet, "RATHNA GARDEN" situated in Ganapathy Nagar

Kovilpathagai Village, Avadi. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 26,70,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 2,67,000/ Known Encumbrance - As per Local enquiry subject premises have double document/Litigation issues

S.No.11. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower / Guarantor - P UTHIRIYA MARY and P ENINVIYOLA, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 27,14,749/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No.AFH000501116801. Description of property - Land and building situate in Plot no.5 measuring to an extent of 1560 Sq. Ft., Phoenix City at Panruti Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District. The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 32,50,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 3,25,000/-

S.No.12. Name of Borrower / Co Borrower/ Guarantor - Mr. M Selva kumar and Mrs. Tamilselvi, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 15,35,393/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No. AFH000500720419, Description of property - Residential Apartment bearing No.328 on the THIRD FLOOR of the Project known as "VAAN MEGAM", having a carpet area of 352.2 sq.ft. [32.72 Sq. Mts.] and super built up area of 464 Sq.ft. at Sembakkam Village, Thiruporur Taluk The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 15,50,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs. 1,55,000/-

S.No.13, Name of Borrower / Co Borrower / Guarantor - 1, Mr.Manoharan R, 2, Mr. Sakhi Mageshwaran and Mr. Gnanavel M, for recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 2,05,24,122/- as on 26.12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No. MOR000500860998. Description of property Land and building property bearing Plot No.26, Door No.3, New No.44, Omsakthi Street, Ayyappa Nagar, Ayapakkam, Chennai - 600 077, measuring 3169 Sq.Ft., less lease hold land measuring 354 Sq.Ft., now the property measuring 2815 Sq.Ft., together with the building thereon.

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 2,13,00,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs.21,30,000/-S.No.14. Name of Borrower/Co Borrower/Guarantor - 1. S Elson Pinto, 2. Arnald Pinto S and 3. Arulmozhi S, fo

recovery of amount outstanding of Rs. 24,10,425/- as on 26,12.2024 subject to further interest and other charges at contractual rate in Loan Account No. AFH000501283570. Description of property - Vacant House site situate in Plot No 72 measuring to extent of 1500 Sqft phonenix city at Panruti village Sriperumbudur Taluk Kancheepuram.

The Reserve Price for sale is Rs. 22,30,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit is Rs.2,23,000/-S. No 08 to 14 Obligants to pay the same within 30 days from the date of publication

Date and of inspection of property; 20.01.2025; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM Last date for submission of bid: 03.02.2025 till 5 PM.

Date and time of e-auction: 05.02.2025; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.

The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date of publication of the notice for public auction/ Sale then the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of tha secured asset.

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ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Website For SARFAESI - https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net. Date: 27.12.2024 (Authorized Officer) Place: Chennai

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# Revanth proposes cess on movie tickets, says no to benefit shows

MANDA RAVINDER REDDY @ Hyderabad

THE Telangana government has proposed to levy cess on movie tickets for use in the construction of Integrated Residential Schools in the state. It is one of the few ideas that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy floated at the crucial meeting here with the Tollywood's star-spangled delegation on Thursday. He also made it clear that the government would not give permission for an increase in ticket prices, benefit and special shows for new film releases. He, however, assured that the government will extend all support the film industry needs for its growth.

Another key takeaway was the constitution of a Cabinet sub-committee to resolve the problems of the film industry. The chief minister also suggested that the filmmakers constitute a committee among themselves.

The meeting took place against the backdrop of the death of a woman and serious injuries to her son in a stampede that took place during the premier of Pusha-2 at Sandhya Theatre in the city on December 4.

During the course of the meeting, Revanth Reddy, without referring to the stampede, however made it clear promote the government's initia-



Tollywood delegation meeting with Telangana CM Revanth Reddy in Banjara Hills | EXPRESS

that celebrities should control their tives, he underscored the need for its fans and that the government will not compromise on the maintenance of the law and order.

The bigwigs of the film industry who attended the meeting included Akkineni Nagarjuna, Daggubati Venkatesh, Allu Arvind, K Raghavendra Rao and M Murali Mohan.

The chief minister emphasised the need for Telugu tinsel world to create a global brand image. He said that the government accords the same importance to the film industry as it does to the IT and pharma sectors.

Appealing to the film industry to

support to promote eco-tourism and temple tourism in the state and cooperate with the government to attract investments to the state.

The film industry should take the responsibility of educating people and create awareness on social issues including drug menace, he said.

Later, speaking to reporters, film producer Dil Raju said that benefit shows and ticker price hike were too small an issue to be raised at the meeting. "Taking the Telugu cinemas to international level is what is more important and the government is

## MT leaves behind eternal void in cultural realm

ANIL S @ Thiruvananthapuram

Death gave him no pain; coz life never enamoured him! Thus wrote MT in 'Shathru'. Yet he cherished each moment, endowed with a profound gaze that penetrated deep into the innermost recesses of the Malayali psyche, pouring out a slew of timeless creations. With Malayalam left bereaved of its two most precious letters - MT - that enriched its literary aesthetics for over seven decades, cultural Kerala stands orphaned. Never in its history had Kerala witnessed such a legendary writer, auteur par excellence and the most celebrated literary editor.

The passing of M T Vasudevan Nair, who over the decades had attained iconic status among Keralites across the globe with his wide canvas of literary works and a brilliant bouquet of films, leaves behind an eternal void in the state's socio-cultural, literary and political spheres. A colossal, irreparable loss indeed!

On Thursday, Kerala bade adieu to the doyen of Malayalam literature and cinema, who breathed his last at a private hospital in Kozhikode on clastic characters stand out.



Artists painting scenes from MT's novel Randamoozham on Thursday | BP DEEPU

As a writer-filmmaker, he portrayed the inner tussles of those on the margins of society. Yet, an underlying streak of rebellion in his icono-

How can cultural Kerala ever forget the distraught oracle who spat communal intolerance, provides



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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 power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14.10.2024 calling upon the Borrower: (1) M/s, MAS Enterprises, (Borrower), Proprietor: Mr. T V Mahalingam, No.20, Padavattamman Kovil Street, Thirupporur-Chengalpattu District - 603 110, (2) Mr. T V Mahalingam, (Proprietor), S/o Veerappathiran, No.20, Padavattamman Kovil Street, Thirupporur-Chengalpattu District - 603 110, (3) Mrs. Kasthuri, (Guarantor/Mortgagor), W/o Veerappathiran, No.20, Padavattammar Kovil Street, Thirupporur-Chengalpattu District - 603 110, with our Siruser Branch to repay the amount mention in the notice being Rs.10,42,369/-(Rupeess Ten lakhs forty two thousand three hundred and sixty nine

only) 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, Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules, on this 21st day of December 2024.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs.9,66,412/-(Rupees Nine lakhs sixty six thousand four hundred and twelve only as on 21.12.2024 and interest thereon.

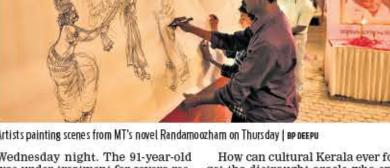
"We draw attention to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed there under which deals your rights of redemption over the securities"

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

Mortgaged Asset: All the piece and parcel of land and building bearing No.20, as per Property Tax Receipt, Padavattmman Koil Street, Thiruporur Pin - 603 110, comprised in Grama Natham Old Survey No. 153 (Part) as per Patta No.462, Grama Natham New Gramanatham S. No. 282/8 of Thiruporur Village measuring an extent of 1819.4 Sq. ft., (169. Sq. mtrs) Thiruporur Taluk, Chengalpattu District. Bounded on the - North by Gopal Plot, South by : Gothandam Plot, East by : Kuppan Plot, West by Lane. Measuring - East to West on the Northern side : 49 feet 3 inches East to West on the Southern side : 50 feet 6 inches, North to South on the Eastern side: 39 feet 4 inches, North to South on the Western side: 33 feet inches. And situated within the Registration District of Chengalpattu and Sub Registration District of Thiruporur.

Date : 21.12.2024 Authorised Officer, Place: Thiruporur Indian Bank.



Wednesday night. The 91-year-old was under treatment for severe respiratory issues. Thousands gathered at MT's house on Kottaram Road and the Smrithipatham crematorium to catch a final glimpse of their fayourite writer-filmmaker.

on the face of the deity whom he had worshipped for long - an image that lies etched in the minds of Malayali cinephiles. Such evocative imagery, in an era of religious and much food for thought in an increasingly polarised world. As a filmmaker too, he walked away from popular narratives.

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(APPENDIX IV) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [(Rule 8(1) Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized 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 nder section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 002 issued a demand notice dated 30.07.2024 calling upon the Borrowers 2002 issued a demand notice dated 30.07.2024 calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors M/s V K Constructions Rep. by its Proprietor Mr K Veerappan S/o.T.Kasi Chettiyar & Mortgagors/Guarantors: 1.Mr.T.Kasi Chettiar S/o.VR T.Thenappa Chettiar & Mr.P.R.Perichiappan (Deceased) Piot No.325, Brindavan, 3rd Cross, Ram Nagar South Extension, Main Road, Pallikaranai, Chennai-600100 (Hereinafter referred as borrowers/mortgagors/guarantors) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 1,20,23,706/- (Rupees One

12.07.2024 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 borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties 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 21" day of December of the year 2024.

Crore Twenty Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Six Only) as on

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Indian Overseas Bank** for an amount of ₹ **1,12,77,382/-** (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Two Only) as on 30.11.2024 with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agree charges, costs etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice t date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is ₹ 1,12,77,382/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Two Only) payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., till dat

The borrower's 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

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES Collateral Security: 1) Owner: Mr.T.Kasi Chettiar. All that piece and parcel of land

with building with an extent of 3276 Sq feet site in Sy No.GRS No.348/1A part, in Karaikudi Registration District within the limit of Sub-Registrar Joint No.1, Karaikudi Taluk, Kottaiyar Panchayat, Ward No.6 and building constructed thereon with Door No 71 standing in the name of Mr.T.Kasi Chettiar with following boundaries:- South S S Muthu House, North: K P M Palaniappan House, West: North South Hospita Road, East: Sundarajan and Adhilakshmi House

 Owner: Mr.P.R.Perichiappan. All that piece and parcel of house site, situated at Ponmeni Village, land in R S No.34/4 measuring 72 cents, This plot adjacent to Eastern side Plot No.26 and Western side Plot No.27, Madurai South Taluk, Madural South Registration District, Arasaradi Sub Registration District, Madural Corporation limits standing in the name of Mr.P.R.Perichiyappan S/o.Periyanna within the following boundaries:- East of : Property of A Gnanappa, West of :Property o CT Meyyappan, South of : Plot No 24 & 25, North of : U C High School Bungalow The measurement are on East-West 38 ½ feet on the North, 39 ½ feet on the South, North South 56 ¼ feet on the East, 61 ¼ feet on the West. The total extent is 2312 squar

Date: 21,12,2024 **Authorised Officer** 

# Security beefed up at Puliyarai check post

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tenkasi

THE Tenkasi police have beefed up security at the Puliyarai check post on the Tamil Nadu-Kerala border to prevent the transportation of various wastes from the neighbouring state into Tamil Nadu here on Thursday Superintendent of Police VR Sriniyasan said that a police team led by an inspector, assisted by two sub-inspectors and four police constables, has been deployed at the

Puliyarai check post to monitor vehicles round-the-clock in rotation

"The move aims to curb the entry of restricted items and waste materials into Tenkasi district. Apart from police, revenue officials and veterinarians have also been deployed at the check post. The staff of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board will also join us soon. We have also set up a watch-tower and installed eight CCTV cameras to effectively monitor the vehicles from and to Kerala. To promptly remove the broken-down vehicles from the hilly road and ensure uninterrupted traffic flow, a crane has been permanently stationed at the S-Bend in Pulivarai," Srinivasan told TNIE.

The SP, who inspected the check post, issued guidelines to the personnel on duty. The SP warned that strict action would be taken against vehicles transporting banned goods or waste into the district.

#### EXPRESS READ

#### App will soon automatically assign ambulances sans EMO intervention

Continued from page 1: Besides live tracking, the application enables the automatic assigning of ambulances without the intervention of an EMO. Once a call is received, an ambulance will be automatically assigned, without the caller even speaking to the driver, sources said. The feature is yet to be tested, they added. Ranjith Viswanath, head of the emergency response centre, EMRI Green Health Services, said the average response time in the state is 13.22 minutes, in Chennal it is 7.54 minutes. "The EMO at the call centre can track if an ambulance is assigned, and if so, where It was assigned and if the ambulance is idle," Ranjith added.

#### NCW seeks strict action against personnel responsible for FIR leak

Continued from page 1: The leak also violates guidelines issued by the Supreme Court in the Nipun Saxena vs Union of India case, the letter added. Strict action must be taken against the police officers responsible for this as It has compromised the identity of the victim, the commission said. Sources said the NCW is also likely to send a committee to Chennal to take stock of the issue. In the letter to Jiwal, the NCW asked police to include BNS Section 71 which covers punishment for repeat offenders as Gnanasekaran was found to be habitual offender.

# Foresters' attempts to unite elephant calf with herds fail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

FOREST department officials have been attempting to unite a two-month-old elephant calf with a herd for the second consecutive day on Wednesday.

The calf, left alone after the death of its mother near Thadagam on Tuesday, was rejected by two herds.

According to officials, three teams went to Thadagam Re-

serve Forest at Ponnuthu Amman Temple to search for herds. An official said, "When the calf was sent to the first herd, they changed their way. Using a drone camera, the route of the second herd was detected at Chinnamalai area, and when the calf was taken there, the elephants left it alone. Following this, the calf was rescued and taken into care." The search was udnerway on Thursday as well.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that the Proposed Construction of Residential Building Development at Survey Nos. 31, 32, 33 & 34 of Puzhal Village, Madhavaram Taluk,

Chennai District, Tamil Nadu has been accorded Environmental Clearance by the State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority of Tamil Nadu. The Copy of the said clearance is available with the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and may also be seen on the website of the State Environmental Impact Assessment

Authority of Tamil Nadu at https://parivesh.nic.in/ newupgrade/#/ trackYourProposal

M/s. Silversky Builders LLP

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#### CHANGE OF NAME

I, Divya Sekaran, DOB 20/01/1988, W/o Ramesh Kothandaraman, R/o No.136 8th St, TVK Nagar, Perambur, Chennai-11, have changed my name to Divya Ramesh for all future purposes.

## NAME CHANGE

NANDAKUMAR RAJU S/o RAJU Residing at 123 Sri Ragaventhra Garden, 3rd Cross, Tv Koll Tiruchirappalli Urban Tamil Nadu, India 620005 Have Changed My Name To SANKARAN RAJU NAIDU S/O RAJU NAIDU for Future Purposes

#### CHANGE OF NAME

I. VENKATESAN S/o. Sundaram, Date of birth: 01.01.1972, residing at No.46, Murugan Koil Street, Nemili Village, Valarpuram Post, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District-602105. In my Passport (K3854371) my name was wrongly mentioned as

instead of my correct name is VENKATESAN Hence, I declare that my correct name is VENKATESAN

VENKATESELU

Kanchipuram, 26.12.2024

# **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, CHENNAI**

The under mentioned property will be sold by online E-Auction through website https://www.bankeauctions.com for recovery of a sum of Rs.38,09,447/- (Rupees Thirty eight lakhs nine thousand four hundred and forty seven only) as on 31.10.2024 from Mr. P. Babu & Another payable to Indian Bank, Korattur Branch in OA No.262/2016.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.51, Mylapore Village, Devanthavakkan Panchayat, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District to the total extent of 1995 Sq. ft. as per document and neasurement comprised in Survey No.42/3B, 3C, 3D & 3E, Patta No.706, commonly known as Sri Sai Nagar' and the vacant land approved as per DTCP bearing Approval No.324/92 and the land being bounded on the - North by : 30 feet Road, South by : Vacant land, East by : Plot No.50, West by Plot No.52, Situated within the Registration District of Tiruvallur, SRO Uthukottai. Schedule B 351 Sq. ft. undivided share of land out of 1995 Sq. ft. of land in Plot No.51, described in Schedule above. Schedule C : Flat No.F-1, in the First Floor in Plot No.51, of Sai's Grand with super built up area of 890 Sq. ft. which is inclusive of the share in the common built up area in the proposed storied building of the Schedule B land within the Sub Registration District of Uthukottai and Registration

Upset Price	Rs.1,40,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand only)
Date and time of e-auction	04.02.2025 between 1100 hours and 1200 hours with auto time extension of 3 minutes each, till sale is concluded.
Earnest Money Deposit	10% of the upset price
EMD Remittance & last date of submission of bid form	on or before 31.01.2025 through EFT/NEFT/RTGS Transfer in favour of "The Recovery Officer, DRT-3, Chennai" with EMD to the credit of Current A/c No.163302000000200, Indian Overseas Bank, Cathedral Branch, Chennai - 600 002.IFSC Code: IOBA0000109.
Bid Increment	Minimum Rs.10,000/- or multiples of Rs.10,000/-
Inspection of Property	17.01.2025 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

The other details about the above auction and the e-auction bid form declaration and detailed terms and conditions are available in the website: https://www.bankeauctions.com Service Provider contact person:-Mr. M. Prabakaran -7418281709.

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(P. PREMKUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER

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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 / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: (1) M/s Vajravelu Earth Movers, Prop Mr Masilamani Vajravelu, (2) Lakshmi V (Guarantor). (3) Mr Masilamani Vajravelu, All are residing at: No 8, 4th Street, Ulaganathapi Kathivakkam Ennore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600057

Amount due: Rs. 13,84,948.87 as per 13(2) demand notice dated 26-07-2024 and interest thereon.

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of 1 Acre and 88 cents (0.76.5 Acers less an extent of 19 cents deducted towards open space Reservation) comprised in survey no 1261/2A, Sriperumandur Town Panchayat and Taluk Kanchipuram District, Boundaries: North by: Sriperumandur – Kiloy Road, East By: Vacant Land, South By: Vacant Land, West By: Vacant Land, With in the registration district of Chengalaput and sub Registration District of Sriperumandur., Schedule B: Property hereby correved undivided share of 257 Sq Ft. of Land in Schedule-A Property, Schedule C: Plot No S.10, Measuring

600 Sq. Ft. in the First Floor, of Block OAK and covered car parking space bearing OAK S 10 RESERVE PRICE ₹ 12,75,000 /- EMD ₹ 1,27,500/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 20,000/-Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor : Nil

However indenting bidders are advised to verify the EC and satisfy themselves before submitting bid) OF E-AUCTION:

between 12 Noon to 05.00 PM (with unlimited auto extensions)

Interested bidders for Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit: https://baanknet.com & For queries contact Number: 8291220220 & Email ID: support.baanknet@psballiance.com, For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://baanknet.com and https://www.unionbankof india.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx. For auction related queries e-mail to ubin0533289@unionbankofindia.bank or Contact: Branch Manager of Kathivalkkam High Road (Sol Id :33280) Address at No 82/83, Kathivalkkam High Road, Ennore, Chennai 600057 Mob No : 9110573040 or Authorised Officer MR. MD Shahnawaz, Mob no 8368679821

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002. This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

Place: CHENNAI Union Bank of India INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

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Ramnath Goenka

### PROTECT CITIZENS' **RIGHT TO SCRUTINISE** ALL POLL MATERIALS

HE Centre recently tweaked an election rule, and the Election Commission of India saw nothing wrong with it. An angered opposition attacked both for curtailing transparency in the election process. The reference is to the Centre amending one of the Conduct of Election Rules of 1961 following a recommendation from the ECI-in effect, denying citizens access to video and CCTV footage of the election process. The commission argued that contestants can still access the visuals; but the issue is about denying the voter. The commission also insisted that easy access could compromise voter secrecy; but nobody records how the voter votes. Set aside these two contentions, and one question would remain: whether the amendment was in reaction to the Punjab and Haryana High Court directing the ECI to provide election process materials, including visuals, to a petitioner—a citizen, not a contestant-seeking them. There is no clarity on this yet.

Technically, the amendment does not close all doors to citizens. They can always approach the courts to access the restricted materials. However, the move falls short of the constitutional spirit by limiting the scope for public oversight. The move may also discourage people from scrutinising the ECI's actions. The Congress said it would challenge the rule change because "transparency and openness are key factors" in ensuring free and fair elections—the spirit in which the high court gave its order.

Pressures the ECI faces in conducting India's massive electoral exercises are well known and its efforts are appreciated. However, like Caesar's wife, it must be above suspicion. Political parties repeatedly question its independence and often suspect it of colluding with the dispensation ruling at the Centre. The ECI cannot protect its credibility without erasing even the remotest appearance of a connection with the executive. For it to be independent of all interferences, it must derive unequivocal powers from the Constitution, including on the appointment and tenure of the commissioners. Currently, it derives some strength from judicial pronouncements. Constitutional jurisprudence must also rescue citizens. Their right to vote is not a fundamental right; but once they enter the booth and vote, their freedom of expression, a basic right, arises. Protecting this freedom means having a constitutional right to clarify doubts about the process by scrutinising any material, including footages.

### TELANGANA LAND RECORD LAW CLEARS UP OLD MESS

HE winter session of the Telangana legislature that closed last weekend will be long remembered for adopting the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Bill 2024 replacing the Telangana Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act 2020. A similar law is being tried in several other states, but the one in Telangana promises to bring relief to lakhs of farmers and agricultural land holders who had been running from pillar to post following tal came into being and led to chaos in land records.

The purpose of Dharani, the brainchild of the previous BRS government, was the same—to address land disputes and digitise the records. However, it was riddled with flaws, including the lack of a redress mechanism that could catch up with the spate of complaints pouring in. With land rates shooting up, more unscrupulous people usurped the lands of genuine owners, forcing many to either lose their land or move the courts. The Congress government brought in the new legislation to untangle this web and improve transparency. We welcome this bill as it incorporates several measures to give hope to those affected by the Dharani portal. The new system will bring in district appellate tribunals, Bhudar cards and proper surveys. It will also require revenue officials at village level to maintain manual records and allow space for protection of government lands. The power to address grievances has been given back to tahsildars, revenue divisional officers and collectors, so that people need not have to wait for long. Interestingly, the bill also seeks to rope in volunteers to give legal advice to the poor for free. It also makes succession in landholding much simpler.

The government must be appreciated for placing the draft bill in the public domain for suggestions and incorporating the opposition's recommendations. Now, as the saying goes, the proof of the pudding will be in the eating. The law needs to ensure that past mistakes are not repeated and lower-rung officials do not play spoilsport in a well-laid framework. After all, land triggers deep emotions in people, especially farmers. Erring officials must be strictly punished and those already proven to have been involved in Dharani's irregularities must face the stern face of the law.

## QUICK TAKE

#### IMBIBING VALLEY VALUES

OME 2025, the national capital will be set to be connected with Kashmir through trains that will traverse the distance in about 13 hours. Details that have emerged recently include sleeper coaches fitted with heating options and more rigorous security checks for passengers. Cheaper and faster travel to the Valley will transform tourism in a state trying to leave behind its troubled history. But as the opening of the Atal tunnel under Rohtang pass showed, such a surge can be devastating for the fragile ecology of the Himalayas. It will be helpful if the in-train announcement system is used to inculcate the value of responsible tourism among the onrushing tourists.

IKSIT Bharat is a pipe dream of the pied piper. The question that we have to ask ourselves today is 'whither Bharat'.

We have much to ponder over. The absence of dialogue between the treasury benches and the opposition, unruly scenes within and outside parliament, jostling for vote-bank politics by seeking to appropriate the legacy of Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, feeding the environment of hate, and spouting historical inaccuracies to make unsubstantiated allegations. The toxic environment within parliament has reached a situation in which the chairman of the Rajya Sabha is sought to be removed through a noconfidence motion.

All of these are symptomatic of the decline of an institution that saw stalwarts like Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Abul Kalam Azad, Atal Bihari Vajpaye and several others who contributed to civilised discourse within parliament.

The reasons for this institutional atrophy are not far to seek. We have a prime minister who, when abroad, ex-tols the virtues of India's diversity; but while at home, allows a political agenda seeking to foist a majoritarian culture that vilifies minorities. The accompanying public discourse is also echoed within parliament.

The motive is not far to seek. The vitriol is intended to be an emotive appeal to create a narrative that pitches 'us' against 'them' in a bid to consolidate Hindu votes. The course of electoral politics today is centred on minorities, who are as much citizens of India as anybody else. Their cultural habitsincluding what they consume and what they practice under their personal laws-are all matters of public discourse, as if other religions are bereft of any evil. Minority-bashing qua a particular community has become part not just of a social agenda, but integral to the government's political agenda.

It is in this context that we hear about the country being in dire need of not just a uniform civil code, but of reforming practices of the community that are perceived to be discriminatory, especially qua women. After the Supreme Court frowned upon and ruled against the practice of triple talag. laws were enacted to make it a criminal offence, visiting the husband with other consequences, including those related to the custody of children. Such laws have been challenged and are

Given our fractured polity and institutional atrophy, this isn't a moment to celebrate the Constitution. Instead, we should ponder about the future of our democracy and constitutional culture

## WHEN THE UNION IS NOT A SUM OF THE PARTS

KAPIL SIBAL



Member of the Raiva Sabha, former Union cabinet minister and senior advocate



MANDAR PARDIKAL

pending adjudication in court.

If such a practice was rampant among Muslims, prosecutions launched would be in the public domain. Such agendas have a twofold motivation. One that fuels the majoritarian agenda, and two, that the real issues that concern 1.4 billion people are relegated to the backburner. Otherwise, why should our nation be obsessed with inter-faith marriages only if a Muslim boy marries a Hindu girl?

Personal choices of this nature, protected under our Constitution, are given a communal colour, becoming matters of public discourse. The law requires public objections to be invited in the event of such marriages, abhorrent to all that our republic stands for.

I wonder why laws are not enacted to prohibit khap panchayats, whose orders and decisions have no legal sanction. Perhaps, such a step may be politically unwise for the BJP.

Every other day, there is a court proceeding with reference to religious structures that are alleged to have been built by demolishing temples in the past. We also see lumpen elements openly committing acts of violence that are not even investigated. We see individuals belonging to a particular minority community being constantly threatened even during their train journeys; being forced to cancel their sale deeds because the majority community feels that their presence may jeopardise their own security. Even a judge of the Allahabad High Court, at a

function organised by the VHP, was brazen enough to extol the virtues of majoritarianism and made unacceptable comments on minorities.

Unsayoury comments are made about the fear of India becoming a Muslim majority nation. Mohan Bhagwat's statement that we should have three children-when we happen to be the most populous country in the world-suggests that in times to come, the minority will become the majority. We have heard, in the course of election campaigns, dialogues about 'qabristan' and 'shamshaan ghat' to polarise and exploit public sentiment. Yet, our prime minister calls us the 'mother of democracy'.

All these are matters of great concern. Ambedkar once said, "Independence is no doubt a matter of joy. But let us not forget that this independence has thrown on us great responsibilities. By independence, we have lost the excuse of blaming the British for anything going wrong. If hereafter things go wrong, we will have nobody to blame except ourselves. There is a great danger of things going wrong."

The sequence of events unfolding one after another is an indication of things going terribly wrong in this country. Before democracy can be a thriving force in this country, we need a social revolution to end the blatant discriminatory nature of our caste system. In the absence of such a social revolution, democracy will be in jeopardy. We seem to be flourishing in an environment where the caste and creed have become central to the politics of this country.

These are not times to celebrate 75 years of our Constitution. These are times to ponder and to worry about where this nation is going; how the very foundation of our constitutional culture is being slowly eroded and the nature of our democracy being transformed. We live in fear, worried about government agencies reaching our doorstep to target us, if we protest, with false cases to destroy the gift of freedom that was given to us by the people on November 26, 1950.

This is worse than the Emergency. This nation is being made subservient to the wishes of a chosen few-economic oligarchs who have aggrandised wealth and a political establishment that has 'bulldozed' the opposition, publicly stating that they will rule this country for the next 30 years. That too is a pied piper's dream.

> (Views are personal) (Tweets @KapilSibal)

## FOR BALANCE IN REGULATING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR CHILDREN

USTRALIA'S recent bipartisan legislation banning social media for children under 16 has fuelled a global debate about the psychological impact of online platforms on children's well-being. It is not surprising that the ban has been widely welcomed, as its intention is to shield children from the harmful effects of social media by reduc-

ing their exposure to cyberbullying, unrealistic standards and harmful content. The Australian law may be a global first, but it is not an exception. Take Norway, which is planning to enforce a minimum age limit of 15 for social media use, while France has initiated mobile phone

bans in schools on a trial basis. A 2021 report by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights highlights that approximately 30 percent of children aged 8-18 own smartphones, and 62 percent access the internet via their parents' phones. About 43 percent have active social media accounts. Research from India shows both the digital divide and disparities in access to digital devices, while also revealing a concerning link between excessive social media use and increasing levels of stress, anxiety, and depression.

Numerous studies, including by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, have identified tech addiction—particularly involving smartphones, online gaming, and social media—as a significant public health issue. Many adolescents exhibit compulsive behaviour, such as late-night scrolling, which disrupts sleep patterns and adversely affects their mental and physical well-being.

Clearly, social media's impact on mental health is central to this debate. American social psychologist Jonathan Haidt, in his book The Anxious Generation, identifies a strong correlation between increased screen time and the rise in anxiety, depression, and self-harm among adolescents. Social media platforms, he argues, heighten social comparisons and expose young users to idealised personas, leading to self-esteem

issues, particularly for teenage girls. While the Australian move shows growing concerns over mental health, healthy physical development, digital and privacy rights of children and regulatory challenges, it also raises questions about whether an outright ban is the most effective approach. Its effectiveness depends heavily on enforcement mechanisms. Children often bypass age restrictions by falsifying birth



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dates. Implementing a strong age-verification system raises concerns about privacy.

More importantly, it may undermine children's digital rights and learning opportunities. It is important to remember that children have rights, just like adults. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child explicitly recognises these rights, which include the right to express opinions, particularly on decisions that affect them; access to



While Australia's social media ban for adolescents reflects growing global concerns over children's safety, it raises questions about whether an outright ban is the best approach. Psychologist Jonathan Haidt suggests a 'whole child' approach balancing regulated digital engagement with offline activities

information, especially from the state and media; the ability to share their own ideas and information with others

Surely, it risks excluding children from the benefits of digital literacy and online collaboration. There are certain benefits of social media platforms when used responsibly. They enable self-expression, promote social connections, and provide access to educational resources. Restricting access completely may limit these opportunities, depriying children of essential skills in an increasingly connected world.

Haidt suggests a 'whole child' approach, balancing regulated digital engagement with offline social and physical activities, and equipping children with critical thinking to navigate online spaces. Nations like

France offer valuable insights. Its ban on mobiles in schools has improved student focus, increased physical activity, and encouraged interpersonal interactions.

Regional Director, Dhenkanal campus,

Finland's digital citizenship curriculum equips children with the skills to navigate online spaces safely. This fosters digital resilience while promoting media literacy, serving as a model for other nations. But beyond government policies, parental guidance and educational interventions play a crucial role.

Parents must engage in open discussions, set boundaries, and encourage children to manage their digital identities thoughtfully. Schools, in collaboration with policymakers, can integrate media literacy programmes to help children critically assess online content and develop healthy habits.

Technology companies too cannot escape their responsibility. Platforms must create "safe mode" options for younger users, featuring curated content, restricted interactions, and mental health resources. Policymakers must actively explore alternative options like frameworks for allowing supervised, limited access to social media. 'Time windows' for digital engagement, coupled with content moderation and age-appropriate features, could protect children without isolating them from the digital world. Governments should collaborate with tech companies to design more child-centric digital spaces.

The debate over regulating social media for children underscores the need for nuanced, collaborative solutions. This may be time-consuming, arduous, and appear overly idealistic, but shortcuts like outright bans have never resolved complex social issues. As this concerns children, we

must resist the temptation of quick-fixes. Rather than isolating children from the digital landscape, efforts should focus on empowering them to use technology responsibly. Ultimately, the goal should be to promote a healthier relationship between children and the digital world—one that promotes learning, creativity, and wellbeing while safeguarding mental health

and personal development. (Views are personal)

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#### Disaster management

Ref: Put to better use lessons learnt from the 2004 tsunami (Dec 26). Tamil Nadu is a state that faces a disaster almost every year. Owing to this, the state is always prepared for disaster management. The rescue operations are fast and effective. However, more importance should be given to the mental health of survivors. Aadya Tyagi, Bengaluru

#### Cardlac scans

Ref: Cardiac checks must to tackle disease epidemic (Dec 26). Energetic young people and sportspeople are dropping dead due to cardiac failures at gyms or workplaces. Elderly people are leading a healthy life with regular checkups, moderate exercises and balanced nutritious diet with timely medication. There is no definite age for getting heart diseases. It is high time cardiac scanning of young people in schools, colleges and universities is given priority. Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

#### Regular checkups

Heart ailments are on the rise, especially among the youth in India. Every individual past 40 must undergo ECG tests on a regular basis. Aside from avoiding alcohol, smoking and junk foods, a minimum 30 minutes of walking is practicable by all. G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

## Improve vigilance

Ref: 2 decades on: strides in warning systems (Dec 26). While numerous countries are taking on the responsibility of developing tsunami warning systems, there is an urgent need for a motivated effort to constantly improve the system in light of increasing risks from natural disasters. Collaboration with emergency services and securing adequate funding are vital. NR Jagannath, Bengaluru

#### Creative genius

Ref: M T Vasudevan Nair, doyen of Malayalam literature, dies (Dec 26). The tribute to the legendary M T Vadudevan Nair was touching. He was a genius writer who enthralled the filmgoers of Kerala. His creativity is unmatchable. V O Harindranathan, Chennai

#### Campus shocker

The unpardonable act of a student's rape on Anna University's Guindy campus by a stranger is highly shocking, intolerable and bereft of ethical conduct. The entire society is at its wit's end as to why law and order is not effectively enforced to end this trend. The culprits should be stringently punished without mercy for such violent transgression. R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

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UT did she not just do what she promised her supporters," asked Dr. Manmohan Singh to me on 25th September 2022, his 90th birthday. When streams of visitors were

pouring in to wish him, he was more interested in discussing the then UK Prime Minister Liz Truss' controversial budget that she had just presented which eventually led to the collapse of her government.

This one incident conveys a lot about Dr Singh, as I fondly called him. Nothing excited him more than nation building. He devoted his entire life to his country's development and prosperity. At 90, he still had a child-like curiosity about political, geo-political, social and economic developments in India and the world. He was always looking to imbibe ideas from all around on what and what not to do for India's development. He understood profoundly that navigating the treacherous terrain of politics was critical and inevitable to make a meaningful contribution to the nation. But just as he sharply observed in Truss' budget incident, he had an oldfashioned belief about leaders' keeping their promises to people. Virtues of sincerity, integrity, loyalty and diligence mattered as much to him as free trade and poverty alleviation. He never believed that they were contradictory.

But he was also careful to be not dogmatic and was willing to change his views as facts changed. Be it in the importance of pursuing headline GDP growth as a sole economic objective to unabashed free trade to even his opinions on people, he listened, collected information and open to alter his views. Most importantly, Dr Singh was a true multi-disciplinarian and, contrary to popular belief, decried a siloed technocratic approach to solving complex prob-

lems of networked societies. There have been reams written about the 1991 economic reforms that he championed as India's finance minister and the enormous foreign policy successes that he achieved as prime minister. But as he often said. those were possible only be-

VVP SHARMA @ New Delhi

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and trade outlook.

INDIA will always see Manmo-

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economic reforms. The Con-

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litical stage as PV Narasimha

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revolutionalised the taxation

policy. He re-defined India's FDI

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i honestly believe history will be kinder to me than the contemporary media or for that matter, the Opposition parties in Parliament ... I think taking into account the compulsions of a coalition polity. I have done as best as could do under the MANMOHAN SINGH 26 SEPT 1932-26 DEC 2024 succeed in public life'

cause he had his resignation letter handy, ready to sacrifice power if the cause was not right. He was able to effect dramatic turns in India's governance landscape, not only due to his intellectual heft but also through the power of his integrity and righteousness. "Be detached to

power and attached to purpose,"

he would often tell me.

Manmohan Singh will surely fill many chapters of history books in India and the world. There will be abundant information on his governance achievements and the course of the nation under his stewardship. But the true legacy of Dr Singh, as he may have preferred, would be to inspire and motivate young people to enter public life and uphold the highest ideals in service to the nation. His life story is about how, in the desert of political cynicism, there can be a flowing oasis. That it is possible to uphold the highest principles and still succeed in public life. He is the reason I am in politics. His pass-

ing is deeply personal to me.

The scholar-politician who achieved a lot. And silently

successive terms, he continued

liberalising the economy, over-

coming intense pressure from

various corners, domestic and

foreign and, worst of all, from

He completed his innings as a

parliamentarian in early 2024,

perhaps satisfied that he would

hold the record of having been

the Grand Old Party's last PM

Steering this big nation, its

twisted federal structure, and a

chequered polity divided ideo-

logically, linguistically, and re-

gionally was never easy for him.

The gentle soul who never

raised his voice because he

could not raise it beyond civil

decibels remained a man of

He was reluctant to be drawn

for a long time to come.

within his party.

India's epochal civil nuclear agreement with the US in 2008 will remain a crowning glory for Manmohan Singh in the foreign nuclear apartheld and created a configuration. Singh was so convinced about its futuristic no-confidence vote in Parliament.

## Asked JNU V-C to be soft







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1982-1985:

**RBI** Governor 1985-87: Planning

Commission Deputy Chairman 1987-90: Secretary

General of South Commission in Geneva

1990: Advisor to Prime Minister on Economic Affairs

March 1991: Chairman of UGC

1991: Rajya Sabha MP from Assam, and re-elected in 1995,

2001, 2007 & 2013 1991-96: Finance Minister in P V

Narasimha Rao govt 1998-2004

LoP in Rajya Sabha 2004-2014: PM

# 'Gentleman with impeccable integrity, openness & humane approach'



KM CHANDRASEKHAR

DR Manmohan Singh was a man with impeccable integrity. A true gentleman. As Cabinet Secretary, I worked with him closely. The first thing he told

me was to inform him about the wrongdoings that came to my notice, even if the 'perpetrator' was from his family. Openness, humane approach, consideration for others and the willingness to accept good suggestions

made him a class apart. The weekly meetings between the PM and the Cabinet Secretary always started with the PM asking "How's the economy doing?" or "What's the state of the nation?" Everytime carried brief notes for these questions.

Besides me, he would talk to four-five experts before taking major decisions. At meetings, he would listen to all and was

ready to accept good ideas. His openness helped in resolving the issues related to the Sethusamudram project. During the Satyam issue, I felt bad when some ministers made public remarks. I suggested to the PM to restrict them as the Ministry of Corporate Affairs was the authority to make a statement on it. He immediately accepted it.

He laid much trust on me. During discussions or arguments at the Cabinet meeting, I would hand him a brief note on my view. If he felt them good he would act upon them. He put me in charge of the Commonwealth Games when it faced a crisis. And we could conduct the games successfully.

Once I was admitted to AIIMS for chest pain, the PM rang me up immediately. "What happened? Are you alright? Ring me when you are cured," was his words. He always had consideration for others. Dr Singh's wife, too, had many

of his qualities like gentleness The UPA-II years were marred by policy paralysis and scams. During one of his interviews towards the end of his second term as the PM, Singh said, "History will be kinder to me than the media.'

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, denoting his honesty, said that few people in politics inspire the kind of respect that Sardar Manmohan Singh did.



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in his commitment to serve the nation... He was egalitarian, wise and strong willed until the end

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

# Gentle soul loses battle with life, nation joins in mourning, grief

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

"INDIA mourns the loss of one of its most Ji," Prime Minister Narendra Modi posted on X on Thursday, "Rising from humble origins, he rose to become a respected economist. He served in various government positions as well, including as finance minister, leaving a strong imprint on our economic policy over the years. His interventions in Parliament were insightful. As our prime minister, he made extensive efforts to improve people's lives.'

Extending condolences to the former prime minister's wife and family, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi wrote on X that he lost a mentor and guide. "Manmohan Singh Ji led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and deep understanding of economics inspired the nation," said Gandhi.

Known as the architect of economic reforms in the country, the economist-turnedpolitician served as the prime minister of India from 2004 to 2014. He was the third longest serving prime minister after Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, until Narendra Modi broke his record earlier this year.

Condoling his death, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge described Singh as a visionary statesman and an economist of unparalleled stature, whose enduring legacy of ushering in India's growth, welfare and policies of inclusivity, will forever be cherished. "Undoubtedly, history shall judge you kindly, Dr Manmohan Singh ji," he posted on X.

One of the first prime ministers of the country from a minority community, Singh is also credited with shaping India's foreign policy and steering the talks for a civilian nuclear deal with the US amid stiff opposition from the Left parties.

As the Finance Minister in the PV Narasimha Rao-led Congress government in 1991, Singh played a pivotal role in ushering in economic reforms in the 1990s when the country was facing an economic crisis. "No power on earth can stop an idea whose time has come," Singh famously said.

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"His honesty will always be an inspiration for us and he will forever stand tall among those who truly love this country, as someone who remained steadfast in his commitment to serve the nation despite being subjected to unfair and deeply personal attacks by his opponents. He was genuinely egalitarian, wise, strong-willed and courageous until the end," Priyanka wrote.





policy domain. It ended india's favourable geopolitical outcomes that he pushed it strongly though the survival of his government was at stake during a

## on student agitators

The former prime minister was shown black flags at Jawaharlal Nehru University by Left-backed students staging a protest during his visit to the campus in 2005. The incident led to show-cause notices to students by the university with few of them getting detained by the Delhi Police. However, a day later, Singh intervened, suggesting to the then V-C BB Bhattacharya to be lenient with the students.

ister-his predecessor.

Coincidentally, their person-

alities and characters comple-

mented each other. They were

'outsiders' in the Congress fam-

He was called Sonia Gandhi's

rubber stamp. Tales were ex-

changed about how he informed

her of cabinet decisions. The





#### ily command's scheme of things. Whatever the reason that propelled them to the PM's chair, they did justice to it, at least from their perspectives. Both survived shabby treatment by their party's high command. Rao's fate was by far the worst, declared a pariah even in death. Singh's was more a public humiliation in Parliament when the high command's scion humiliated him, the PM, by tearing the copy of a proposed bill.

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contradictions.

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# Shinde makes courtesy call on PM

Maharashtra Deputy CM 'demands equal share of ple' In current power structure In state

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbal

AFTER denial of the home ministry and due space in cabinet expansions, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde arrived in Delhi on Thursday and met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi. Sources close to Shinde said that rather than giving due respect and share in power, his party, which has 61 MLAs, has been squeezed.

Sources in the know said requesting anonymity: "First, BJP denied Eknath Shinde the top post. Later, it refused to concede the home ministry, and now, Shiv Sena is struggling to get the guardian ministry of Thane, Sambhaji Nagar, Nasik, and Kolhapur districts. Therefore, Eknath Shinde's meeting with top leaders of the BJP is very important and crucial. He has an excellent rapport developed in his previous 2.5 years in government. He may have aired and shared the current political situations with the BJP leaders for solutions.'

They said the BJP was the single largest party with 132 seats in the state, but the alliance partners were equally responsible for the stability of the government. "We got the massive mandate that has to be respected; otherwise, it will go

BTC chief steps

in to douse fire

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

ASSAM'S Bodoland Territorial

Council (BTC) chief Pramod

Boro on Thursday made an ap-

peal to Manipur's warring

Meitei and Kuki communities

to bury the hatchet and make a

Talking about ethnic conflicts

in Bodoland, the former student

leader-turned-politician said

usually two generations get im-

pacted by such conflicts. "A con-

flict like the one in Manipur

will impact two generations.

Bodoland witnessed two ethnic

conflicts, in 1996 and 2012. They

are impacting our lives even to-

day," Boro said appealing to all

those indulging in violence to

review their agenda and realise

Bodos and Adiyasis (Santhals)

in 1996 had left over 200 people

dead and two lakh displaced.

Over 100 people were killed and

four lakh others displaced in

the 2012 conflict between Bodos

Boro said the Meiteis and the

Kukis would have to decide

their future agenda, "I request

flict and violence," he said.

An ethnic conflict between

the impact on people.

and Bengali Muslims.

new beginning this New Year.

in Manipur



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde during a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday | pm

However, Shinde termed the meetings courtesy calls after the NDA alliance registered a landslide victory in the Maharashtra state assembly polls.

He issued a sanitised statement to the media: "When I was chief minister of Maharashtra in the last 2.5 years, we showed how public-related work should be done. The way the people of Maharashtra yoted us back into power shows they reposed faith in us. The central government is with us. The new innings under the leadership of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has started. Maharashtra has huge potential and capacity

In a bid to obliquely explain

the situation in the state, the sources referred to the Beed Sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh murder case and said the accused and mastermind, Walmik Karad, was yet to be arrested. There is anger among the Maratha community for this reason. If justice is not meted out to the deceased Santosh Deshmukh and his family, then it will send the wrong message." Besides, "welfare schemes like Ladli Bahin should continue, and promises of increasing the amount from ₹1,500 to ₹2,100 per month should be honoured", they said, adding: "It will send a positive message to those women who massively voted for Mahayuti."

## Clamour grows for NCP minister to quit over Beed

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbal

AMID demand for NCP minister Dhananjay Munde's resignation over his close aide Wamlik Karad's alleged connection in murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh's murder in Maharashtra's Beed, he met CM Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday.

Munde said he clarified to the CM that Karad is his aide but the law is equal for everyone. "If Karad is involved in the murder of Santosh Deshmukh, action should be taken against him. I am not here to protect anyone. The chargesheet should be filed soon and the case should be tried on a fast track court. The culprit case should be hanged for such shameful acts," Munde said.

BJP MLA Suresh Dhas said Karad is yet to be arrested. "Once Karad is arrested, skeletons will tumble out of the cupboard and many big names will be in trouble," Dhas said.

Maratha quota leader Manoj Jarange Patil said, "Santosh is Maratha, therefore the BJP-led government is not taking actions against the culprit."

## After Guv stint in Odisha, Raghubar says BJP will decide his role in party

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

FORMER Odisha Governor Raghubar Das on Thursday said the BJP leadership will decide his new role in the party.

After resigning as the Odisha Governor, Das hinted at returning to active politics. He is likely to take BJP membership in Ranchi on Friday. According to BJP sources, he is likely to be made Jharkhand BJP president after January 15.

'Now, the party will decide my role. Whatever responsibilities I get, I will fulfil them responsibly. In independent India, the governor is not a 'Laat Saab,' he is also a representative of the people. It is his responsibility to solve the problems of the people," Das said after returning to Ranchi.

According to Das, he remained connected to the people of Odisha during his tenure as the Governor. "I have no aspirations and will keep on serving the people as a worker of BJP." he said. He started his political career from Jamshedpur and was the first CM of Jharkhand who completed five years' tenure from 2014 to 2019. Das also has the credit of being the first non-tribal CM of Jharkhand. In the 2019 Assembly polls Das

lost to rebel MLA Saryu Roy. The BJP's decision to appoint



In independent India, the governor is not a 'Laat Saab,' he is also a representative of the people. It is his of the people

Raghubar Das, former Odisha Governor

Das as Odisha's governor was seen as a move to grant Babulal Marandi greater influence in Jharkhand, Marandi, who merged his JVM with the BJP in 2020, was unable to wrest control from the JMM-led coalition in 2024 elections.

After the BJP's below par performance in the assembly polls, there is growing pressure within the party to focus on consolidating support from Jharkhand's 74% non-tribal population. The tribal population largely supported the JMM-led coalition. It was being expected that Das will return to active politics after resigning



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#### It's NC versus NC on reservation policy

The differences have surfaced within the ruling National Conference after the party MP and firebrand leader Aga Ruhullah staged a protest against the existing reservation. policy outside CM Omar Abdullah's residence in Srinagar on Tuesday. The NCMP was joined by hundreds of students and political opponents including PDP's littla Mufti and Waheed Para and AIP MLA Shelkh Khursheed. The NC MP demanded rationalisation of the reservation policy, which is now in disadvantage for the Open Merit (OM) category as only 30 percent reservation is for OM category despite having nearly 70 percent population.



#### Intelligent traffic management system

in a move towards modernising urban management, the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) has been introduced in Srinagar to capture traffic violations by hi-tech cameras at city intersections. The system has been launched with an aim of enhancing city governance through data-driven decisionmaking in daily operations and crisis response. The ITMS is a cutting-edge solution for improving traffic regulation and enforcement. Cameras have been deployed at 66 key junctions in the city and these are being monitored from the Integrated Command & Control Centre located in Srinagar outskirts.

#### 'LoP writes to CM about not getting facilities'

The Cyber Police Kashmir has warned social media influencers to refrain from promoting betting apps and fraudulent investments schemes. There have been many Instances wherein people were duped for investing in fraudulent schemes and betting apps being promoted by the social media Influencers. Such actions not only mislead the public but are also punishable under the law, a Cyber police official said. He said Cyber Police is closely monitoring these activities. The official warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone found advertising or endorsing such fraudulent platforms

## Know 500 teachers who don't go to schools but have hired others: Mantri

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh School Education Minister Rao Uday Pratap Singh faced a foot-inthe-mouth situation when a video went viral with him claiming to know teachers who use proxies to teach students.

What's worse, he didn't admit this knowledge in a closeddoor meeting but at a public event organized in Raisen district, ironically, to mark the birth centenary of former prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Apart from the emarrassment the selfdamaging admission caused, he also gave opposition Congress enough ammo to attack the government

even as the year drew to a close. This is what the minister said at the Wednesday function: "I personally know 500 teachers who don't go to schools and have instead hired others (as substitutes). Out of them, 100 may be in my district only.

These are the challenges of so-

both conflicting groups to try to ciety on which we need to understand what they are gobrainstorm." ing to achieve through this con-The video of the minister's open admission about teachers

hiring substitutes for Rs 10,000 to Rs 12,000 to work as substitutes in schools went viral on Thursday.

Sharing the video on the social media platform X, state Congress chief Jitu Patwari, while tagging the post to CM Dr Mohan Yaday, wrote, "It's a shame that your (CM) minister knows that there are no teachers, but instead of taking action against the erring teachers, he is glorifying them from the stage.

Congress spokesperson Mrinal Pant demanded action against the erring teachers. Since the minister knows who these teach-

ers are, he should first fire them from their jobs and lodge criminal cases against them instead of glorifying them and recover the salaries drawn.

Incidentally, government statistics show that in September 2024, student enrolment in Class 1 in over 5,000 schools for the 2024-25 session was zero. Many such schools are situated in the education minister's home district of Narsinghpur.

# Gujarat plaque row refuses to ebb, Jain seer slams BJP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA

A Jain Muni has stirred a controversy by rapping the Gujarat BJP leadership of surrendering to individualism and ignoring ideological and cultural traditions.

The sharp observations of Jain Muni Acharya Suryasagarji Maharaj come in the context of disagreements within the state BJP over the installation of a plaque in a halfcomplete office of the party in

The plaque was criticized for including the names of select party leaders, the ire directed against the state party president, CR Patil. The plaque was hurriedly removed and replaced with another carrying some more names to douse the anger. The Jain Muni questioned the necessity of the plaque, obliquely saying it was a departure from the party's committed ideology against notions of individualism.

In a video that is going viral, he said: "On October 21, 1951, Syama Prasad Mookeriee founded Jana Sangh in Delhi with Hindutya at its core. The transition from Jana Sangh to



'Auspicious time skipped'

Suryasagarji Mahara) referred to the hurrled inauguration of an incomplete building by skipping "auspicious time". The seer questioned: "What was the need for plaques in a half-built BJP office? And that too, without consulting an auspicious time? is there any plaque installed at the BJP's Delhi headquarters?"

Bharatiya Janata Party was built on ideology, not individu-

al prominence. He also referred to the hurried inauguration of an incomplete building by skipping

"auspicious time" The seer questioned: "What

was the need for plaques in a half-built BJP office? And that too, without consulting an auspicious time? Is there any plaque installed at the BJP's Delhi headquarters? He also took a dig at the BJP's internal dynamics and slamming the poor turnout of lead-

ers at the Vastu Pujan ceremony of the Vadodara city BJP office. The acharya delivered a scathing critique of the Vadodara BJP, questioning its alignment with party ideology. "Is the local BJP organization in Vadodara unaware of the party's core principles, or does it see itself as above the organization? This is incomprehensible."

Taking a swipe at the state leadership, he added, "Even the state organization, present there, is busy unveiling plaques. What will happen to Gujarat? What will happen to Vadodara? Lord Ram, save Gujarat!"

Jain Acharya Suryasagar, renowned for his sharp critiques, previously grabbed headlines by questioning the government's response to Vadodara's floods and raising doubts about BJP leaders and the party's organizational strength.

# A journey from Kashmir to Kanyakumari on track Disaster-prone U'khand early warning

DREAM BECOMES REALITY

S GURU SRIKANTH @ Srinagar

THE long-awaited train service from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is about to become a reality. This follows the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) inspecting the 17 km Katra-Reasi stretch of the 65 km Katra-Sangaldan section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link on January 5, 2025.

This is a vital link connecting Kashmir to the rest of the country. PM Narendra Modi is likely to dedicate it to the nation on January 26. "Of the 65km long Katra-Sangaldan, the Reasi-Sangaldan part including Reasi Station has been completed. Only a 17 km stretch between Katra and Sangaldan which has the iconic Anji Khad bridge is pending CRS inspection. All of them together will be inaugurated together by the PM," said K Sainath Reddy, executive engineer of Konkan Railway at Reasi Station.

Anji Khad Bridge, which connects two tunnels between Katra and Reasi station is India's first cable-stayed bridge is 473.35 meters long. Katra is the last railway station on the Jammu side where people get down

17 KM long Katra-Reasi stretch of the 65 km long Katra-Sangaldan VITAL LINK CONNECTING section of KASHMIR VALLEY Udhampur TO COUNTRY approach roads constructed Srinagar to provide connectivity to Baramulla TO CREATE CHANCES inaccessible areas, which Rail Link FOR TRANSPORT, benefited 1.5 lakh people TRADE, AND TOURISM living in 73 villages Anji Khad bridge is India's first cable-Katra-Sangaldan section with most no. **METERS** stayed bridge of bridges and tunnels

for the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine. "The bridge has support of 96 cables having cable lengths varying from 82 meters to 295 meters," said Sjuo Kumar Deputy Chief Engineer (Bridges) of Konkan Railways. After Reasi, comes Bakkal, and thereafter comes Kanthan Chenab Railway Station. Before the station is Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge.

The height of this arch bridge is 359 meters above the riverbed. It is taller than the Statue of Unity, which is 182 meters, and the Eiffel Tower, which stands at a height of 330 metres," said RR Mallick, Deputy CE of Chenab Bridge.

For the people in the rest of the country, especially those down South, Kashmir is a dream destination, which the majority have heard of or seen only in movies.

Given the high cost of air travel, Kashmir visit remains a dream for many. "If there is a train to Srinagar, I would go. My heart desires to see Dal Lake in Srinagar, where the famous song from Kashmir Ki Kali was shot," said Swapna from Vijayawada.

Qadir, who has been operating a Shikara on the famous Dal Lake in Srinagar for more than 40 years, calls it a welcome development. Afsan, who operates Kashmiri Arts Gallery, a floating shop on Dal Lake said many artisans and craftsmen would benefit. Feroz, who runs a Kashmiri crafts shop in Srinagar, said, "Now, we are spending anywhere between ₹3,000 to ₹4,000 on cabs. The cost would decrease by one-third," he said.

Nisar from Anantnag said the though the new railway connection will bring more opportunities for Kashmir, but there are concerns that those dependent on transportation like cabs, trucks, might suffer from decrease in demand for them.

# system to firm up alert mechanisms

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority is developing a multi-hazard early warning system to improve alert mechanisms in disasterprone areas. This system aims to anticipate threats from landslides, earthquakes, floods, and other natural calamities, ensuring that local residents are

warned in advance. Vinod Kumar Suman, SDMA secretary, announced the launch of the 'U-Prepare' scheme. "Under the U-Prepare scheme, contacts will be established with organisations involved in disaster management and early warning agencies. These agencies will only be compensated for their services when they provide accurate and timely information. The objective of this system is to ensure that we can minimise in a disaster," Suman said.

"A system equipped with modern technologies is being developed in the state. This system will be implemented under the World Bank-funded U-Pre-



pare scheme," he added. In Uttarakhand, landslides,

floods, and cloudbursts during the monsoon season result in significant loss of life and property every year.

The Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation on Thursday released its report on the Char Dham Yatra. titled 'Pathways to Pilgrimage'. Anoop Nautiyal, founder of SDC, said, "This year's Char Dham Yatra has seen 261 fatalities across all four shrines and Hemkund Sahib. Among these, 249 deaths were due to medical reasons, while 12 were attributed to natural disasters."

## 1 worker killed, another hurt in tunnel collapse

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

ONE worker died and another injured as a rock formation collapsed at the Gholtir tunnel on the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line in Uttarakhand.

Investigations reveal that the workers were working under conditions where loose rock was present. Official sources have indicated that safety measures in such areas will be reviewed to prevent similar inci-

dents in the future.

Construction work was underway at the Gholteer tunnel on the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line. On Wednesday, workers from the contracting company, Megha Engineering, were working near the ITBP camp when a weak rock formation collapsed, burying two laborers under the debris.

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# Massive fire in Dhaka damages official papers

The Inferno broke out early in the morning at Secretariat; no casualties were reported

#### DHAKA

A massive fire broke out at a major building of the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka on Thursday, damaging official documents that prompted authorities to form a high-powered investigation committee amid suspicions that it could be an act of sabotage.

The fire broke out in Building 7 of the Bangladesh Secretariat and it was brought under control after nearly six hours of firefighting efforts.

According to officials, the fire broke out Thursday early morning in the nine-storey building housing seven ministries inside the high-security complex. However, no casualties were reported.

"The fire broke out in three spots (of the building) simultaneously hours after midnight yesterday," fire service chief Brigadier General Zahed Kamal told newsmen indicating it might not be an accidental inferno.

Officials said a power outage caused by the fire forced as well other ministries apart from the building to halt their normal work while security agencies restricted entry inside the complex preventing many staff and officials from enter-

ing into the complex at the central part of the capital. They said most rooms on the sixth, seventh and eighth floors of building no 7 were severely damaged while a huge volume of documents from the local

government and post & tele-

PAKISTAN's military court

has convicted and sentenced

another 60 civilians to prison

terms ranging from two to 10

years for their involvement

in attacks on army installa-

tions during violence on May

9 last year, the army said on

The announcement by the

Inter-Services Public Rela-

tions (ISPR)-the media wing

of the military - came a week

after the army announced

the conviction of 25 individu-

als for involvement in attacks

on military facilities when

supporters of Imran Khan

resorted to vandalism and

violence during a protest

Israel strikes

Yemen capital

airports, ports in

HOUTHI rebels in Yemen said Is-

raeli airstrikes on Thursday tar-

geted the rebel-held capital of

Sanaa and the port city of Hodei-

da, following several days of

Houthi launches setting off sirens

The Israeli military said it at-

tacked infrastructure used by the

Houthis at the international air-

port in Sanaa and ports at Hodei-

da, Al-Salif and Ras Qantib along

with power stations. It came a day

after Israeli Prime Minister Ben-

jamin Netanyahu said that "the

Houthis, too, will learn what Ha-

mas and Hezbollah and Assad's

strikes along with military lead-

Netanyahu monitored the new

The Iran-backed Houthis' media

regime and others learned."

ers, his government said.

against his arrest.

DEIR AL-BALAH

in Israel.

ISLAMABAD

Thursday.

#### 2009 army mutiny to be investigated

Bangladesh on Thursday ordered a commission to investigate a falled 2009 army mutiny and subsequent crackdown, including the role of alleged "foreign" backers, the inquiry chief said. 'We aim to determine whether any foreign entity was involved in the carnage, as allegations of national and international conspiracy have been raised," commission chief A L M Fazlur Rahman told reporters

communications ministries were burnt alongside the furniture.

"The water used to douse the fire also damaged many documents...pigeons which made different parts of the building were seen dead and window spans were broken," an official said after visiting the

Local government adviser Asif Mahmud Sajeeb Bhuiyan, a leader of the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement that led the ouster of exprime minister Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5 said, "The conspirators have

not stopped their activities." He said the documents which were damaged included papers and proofs of corruption of millions of dollars during the

ousted Awami League regime. "But no one will be given a single inch pace to escape (punitive actions) if found involved to fail us," said Bhuiyan.

Pak military court jails 60 civilians

kistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

supporters allegedly attacked

several military installa-

tions, including the army

headquarters in Rawalpindi

and the ISI building in Fais-

alabad, to vent their anger

against the arrest of their

party founder in a corrup-

Hundreds of suspects were

arrested in the countrywide

swoop and at least 103 were

handed over to the military

authorities for trial due to

their involvement in attacks

ment of the May 9 punish-

ments in light of the Supreme

"Sequel to the announce-

on military installations.

tion case.

CHINA has approved the construction of the world's largest dam, stated to be the planet's biggest infra project costing \$137 billion, on the Brahmaputra River in Tibet close to the Indian border, raising concerns in riparian states - India and Bangladesh.

The Chinese government has approved the construction of a hydropower project in the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo River, the Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra, according to an official statement quoted by state-run Xinhua news agency on Wednesday.

The dam is to be built at a huge gorge in the Himalayan reaches where the Brahmaputra river makes a huge U-turn



to flow into Arunachal Pradesh and then to Bangladesh.

The total investment in the dam could exceed one trillion yuan (\$137 billion), which

would dwarf any other single infrastructure project on the planet including China's own Three Gorges Dam, regarded as the largest in the world, the

World's largest dam to be built over Brahmaputra

Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Thursday.

China has already Operationalised the \$1.5 billion Zam Hydropower Station, the largest in Tibet in 2015.

The Brahmaputra dam was part of the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) and National Economic and Social Development and the Long-Range Objectives Through the Year 2035 adopted by Plenum, a key policy body of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2020.

Concerns arose in India as the dam besides empowering China to control the water flow, the size and scale of it could also enable Beijing to release large amounts of water flooding border areas in times of

India too is building a dam over Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh.

India and China established the Expert Level Mechanism (ELM) in 2006 to discuss various issues related to trans-border rivers under which China provides India with hydrological information on the Brahmaputra river and Sutlej river during the flood seasons.

The Brahmaputra Dam presents enormous engineering challenges as the project site is located along a tectonic plate boundary where earthquakes occur.

The Tibetan plateau, regarded as the roof of the world, frequently experiences earthquakes as it is located over the tectonic plates.

PTI



Emergency specialists work at the

## Plane crash investigation veers towards Russian attack

DRC No.156/2020

AZERBAIJANI authorities believe the crash of an Azerbaijan Airlines plane in Kazakhstan that killed 38 people was caused by a Russian surface-to-air missile, several media reported Thursday.

The jet was en route from

the country's capital Baku to flight". Military and aviation the city of Grozny in Chechnya, southern Russia, on Wednesday but crashed near Aktau in Kazakhstan.

Euronews cited Azerbaijani government sources as saying that "shrapnel hit the passengers and cabin crew as it exploded next to the aircraft midexperts have pointed to apparent shrapnel damage on the fuselage of the plane.

Euronews also cited its sources saying the damaged plane "was not allowed to land at any Russian airports despite the pilots' requests for an emergency landing".

stead ordered to fly across the Caspian Sea to Aktau - far off its original route. Turkey's official Anadolu news agency carried a similar report citing the preliminary results of the investigation, saying "the plane was attacked by a Pant-

They said the plane was insir missile system."

action through websit

## **EXPRESS READ**

#### New York cabbie hits six pedestrians

New York: A taxicab hit six pedestrians in Manhattan on Wednesday, police said, with three people including a 9-year-old boy transported to hospitals for their injuries. A New York Police Department spokesperson said the taxi driver may have suffered a medical episode, but that the investigation had vet

ments to the following re-

maining 60 culprits after ex-

amining all evidence,

ensuring the provision of all

legal rights to the convicts,

completion of due process

and the appropriate legal

proceedings," according to

victs is Khan's nephew Has-

san Khan Niazi, who was

awarded 10 years of rigorous

imprisonment for his in-

volvement in the attack on

the Jinnah House residence

of Lahore Corps commander.

The army also said that with

the latest verdict, the trial of

May 9 accused under mili-

Top on the list of new con-

#### KERALA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT (KSWMP) LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Project Director, Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) under SGD, intends to notify tender for Hiring of the following activities

SL No	Activity	Published Date
1	Consulting Services for Procurement Post Review for World Bank financed KSWMP	18 December 2024

RFP is available at <a href="https://etenders.kerala.gov.in">www.kswmp.org</a> and <a href="https://etenders.kerala.gov.in">https://etenders.kerala.gov.in</a>. Interested Consultants must submit their Proposal through the electronicprocurement portal of Government of Kerala https://etenders.kerala.gov.in. Telephone: 0471-2333011, E-Mail: tenderkswmp@gmail.com

#### Metro Railway, Kolkata

Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender for the following work: Name of Work: "Execution of deep cleaning, regular cleaning of each floor including back up house areas of Concourse & Platform level, entry exit areas, subways Jessore Road side & Airport side), track area, undercroft areas of NSCB Airport Metro Station, Yard, Cut & Cover tunnel and adjoining area over ground including disposal of debris/ rubbish from Ch. 5030m to 7026m, in connection with extension of Metro Railway from Noapara to Barasat via Bimanbandar.", Approx Cost of Work: ₹3,26,07,947.00; Earnest Money ₹3.13.000.00: Completion Period : 30 months. Date and Time of Closing: 16.01.2025 at 12:00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in Amendments Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the webs

Abridged e-Tender Notice No.: Civil-2506-2024 (Open) Follow us at: (2) /metrorailwaykol (1) /metrorailkolkata

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#### POSSESSION NOTICE (for image

under the Securitisation 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 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 23.09.2024 alling upon the Borrower: (1) M/s. Elite Mart, (Borrower), Proprietrix Mrs S. Mansoora Begum, W/o Shahul Hammed, 738/1, Trunk Road, Vishwanath Nagar, Kumananchavadi, Poonamallee, Thiruvallur District Tamilnadu - 600 056, (2) Mrs S. Mansoora Begum, (Proprietrix/Mortgagor) W/o Shahul Hammed, 61, 62 Main Road, Sri Nagar, Poonamallee Thiruvallur District, Tamilnadu - 600 056, (3) Mr. Mohammed Amrins Guarantor), S/o Sadique Raja, 61, 62 Main Road, Sri Nagar, Poonamallee Thiruvallur District, Tamilnadu - 600 056, to repay the amount, mentioned, in the notice being Rs.1,23,14,761/- (Rupees One crore twenty three lakhs ourteen thousand seven hundred and sixty one only) as on 23.09.2024 with fruther interest from 24.09,2024 to the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The total present outstanding balance as on 24.12.2024 is Rs.1,27,51,252/-(Rupees One crore twenty seven lakhs fifty one thousand two hundred and fifty two only) together with further interest, cost, other charges and

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors 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 & 9 of the said rules on this 24th day of December of the year 2024. The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public is general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount Rs.1,27,51,252/- (Rupees One crore twenty seven lakhs fifty one thousand two hundred and fifty two only) as on 24.12.2024 togethe with further interest, cost, other charges and expenses 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 edemption 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 - A Schedule: All that piece and parcel of vacant house site bearing Plot No.A2A, extent : 2400 Sq. ft. Plot approved vide Planning Permit No.314/2018-19, vide Letter No.204/2018/A1, dated 12.12.2018, by Mangadu Town Panchayat as per Delegation of Powers Given by CMDA Old Patta No.142, Survey No.52/1, as per Patta No.5147, New Subdivision Survey No.52/1B, 52/1D, Mangadu-A Village, Presently Kundrathu (previously Pallavaram Taluk) Kancheepuram District. Bounded on the North by : Plot No.A2B, South by : 24 feet wide Road, East by : 24 feet wide Road, West by : Property belonging to Mr. M. Kumaravel. Measuring - East to West on the Northern side 60 ft., East to West on the Southern side 60 ft. North to South on the Eastern side 40 ft., North to South on the Western side 40 ft. Total Extent: 2400 Sq. ft. The above property is situated within the limits of Mangadu Town Panchayat and within the Sub Registration District of Kundrathur of Kancheepuram District. B Schedule (Property belonging to Mrs. S. Mansoora Begum) - Item No.1: 435 Sq. ft. of undivided share of land from and out of the "A" Schedule property. Residential Fairy Land Apartment, Flat in the Second Floor, bearing Flat No.S1, measuring an extent of 909 Sq. ft. (including common area) one covered car parking and one electricity service connection. Item No.2: 297 Sq. ft. of undivided share of land from and out of the "A" Schedule property. Residential Fairy Land Apartment, Flat in the First Floor, bearing Flat No.F3, measuring an extent of 621 Sq. ft. (including common area) one covered car parking and one electricity service connection. Item No.3: 488 Sq. ft. of undivided share of land from and out of the "A" Schedule property. Residential Fairy Land Apartment, Flat in the Second Floor, bearing Flat No.S2, measuring an extent of 1021 Sq. ft. (including common area) one covered car parking and one electricity service connection. Date : 24.12.2024

**Authorised Officer** 

#### DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.22, Mylapore Village Devanthavakkam Panchayat, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District to the total extent of 1750

The under mentioned property will be sold by online

Sq. ft. as per document and measurement comprised in Survey No.42/3B, 3C, 3D & 3E commonly known as 'Sri Sai Nagar' and the vacant land approved as per DTCP bearing Approval No.324/92 and the land being bounded on the - North by : Plot No.14, South by : 23 feet Road, East by: Plot No.23, West by: Plot No.21. Situated within the Registration District of Tiruvallur, SRO Uthukottai. Schedule B: 308 Sq. ft. undivided share of land out of 1750 Sq. ft. of land in Plot No.22, described in Schedule A above. Schedule C: Flat No.F-1, in the First Floor in Plot No. 22, of Sai's Grand with super built up area of 855 Sq. ft. which is inclusive

of the share in the common built up area in the proposed storied building of the Schedule B

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, CHENNAI** 

6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shashtri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006

E-AUCTION SALE

https://www.bankeauctions.com for recovery of a sum of Rs.27,43,705/- (Rupees Twenty seven lakhs forty three thousand seven hundred and five only) as on 31.10.2024 from

Mr. M. Murugan & Another payable to Indian Bank, Korattur Branch in OA No.264/2016.

land within the Sub Registratio	n District of Uthukottai and Registration District of Tiruvallur,			
Upset Price	Rs.1,25,000/-(Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand on			
Date and time of e-auction	04.02.2025 between 1100 hours and 1200 hours with auto time extension of 3 minutes each, till sale is concluded.			
Earnest Money Deposit	10% of the upset price			
EMD Remittance & last date of submission of bid form	on or before 31.01.2025 through EFT/NEFT/RTGS Transfer in favour of "The Recovery Officer, DRT-3, Chennai" with EMD to the credit of Current A/c No.163302000000200, Indian Overseas Bank, Cathedral Branch, Chennai - 600 002. IFSC Code: IOBA0000109.			
Bid Increment	Minimum Rs.10,000/- or multiples of Rs.10,000/-			
Inspection of Property	17.01.2025 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.			
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTAN	CES BIDS IN PHYSICAL FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED			

BY THE TRIBUNAL & NO ENQUIRIES WILL BE ENTERTAINED.

The other details about the above auction and the e-auction bid form declaration and detailed terms and conditions are available in the website : https://www.bankeauctions.com Service Provider contact person: - Mr. M. Prabakaran - 74182 81709.

Further details, if any, shall be obtained from Indian Bank, Korattur Branch, No.14, 31st Street, TNHB Colony, Perlay Nagar, Korattur, Chennai - 600 080. (Contact Person: Mr. Bikram Sahu, Branch Manager of Indian Bank, Cell No. : 9444987081) E-Mail korattur@indianbank.co.in

(P. PREMKUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER



Asset Recovery Management Branch Dewa Towers, 1st Floor, 770-A. Anna Salai, Chennai -600002.

Ph: 044-28493770, E-mail ID: c0765@psb.co.in SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

#### [APPENDIX-IV-A]

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

SIANOSI: Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors: (1) M/s Kaligambal Pharmacy, 18/1, Brewary Road, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai- 600 030. (2) Mr. Kamala Kannan M S, S/o. Muthukumaraswamy, 18/1, Brewary Road, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai- 600 030. (3) Mrs. Suguna Venugopal (Guarantor), W/o Muthu kumaraswamy, 5/4, Raj Flats, 17th Street, Jai Nagar, Arumbakkam, Chennai- 600 106. Also at, 18/1, Brewary Road, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai- 600 030.

Demand Notice date U/s. 13(2) & Amount: Date: 01.08.2024; Amount: Rs. 2,60,43,783.26 Present Outstanding amount (secure Debt): As on 30.11.2024, Rs. 2.72.65.254.98 plus cost, charges and future interest; Status of Possession: Symbolic Possession dated 18.11.2024.

Detail of Properties along with Boundaries : PROPERTY 1: All that Piece & Parcel of land & building bearing Detail of Properties along with Boundaries; PROPERTY 1; All that Piece & Parcel of land & building bearing plot no.15, Door No.18, Brewary Salai, Shenoy Nagar, Chennal — 600030, comprised in T.S.No.7 part, Periyakudal Village, Egmore Nungambakkam Taluk, Chennal District measuring an extent of 861 Sq.ft. along with building measuring about 1200 sq.ft., ground & first Floor with all fixtures and fittings electrical installations, TNEB Service connection along with its security deposits and service connection charges and all common amenities provided thereon & all other appurtenances whatsoever appertaining thereto situated within the Registration District Chennai Central & Sub Registration District of Anna Nagar in the name of Mr. M.S. Kamalakannan, and the land bounded on the North by the land owned by Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance board & Lane, South by Plot no.17 & Lane, East by Plot no.16 and West by Plot no.12. Ebkray Property ID: PSI800027

RESERVE PRICE 7 128.00 Lakhs EMD 7 12.80 Lakhs BID INCREASE AMOUNT 7 0.50 Lakhs

PROPERTY 2: All that Piece & Parcel Of Land & Building Comprised In Survey No. 454/1 Measuring About 1200 Sq.Ft. (Southern Side) Measuring An Extent Of 1200 Sq.Ft. (Southern Side) Measuring An Extent Of 1200 Sq.Ft. Bearing Plot No.44, Door No.48/2, Rajashanmugam Nagar, 4th Street, (As Per Approved Layout Approval No.18/1975 Of The Deputy Director Of Town And Country Planning) Thiruvottriyur Taluk, Tiruvallur District, Along With Building Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. Roc Roof Building, With All Fixtures & Fittings, Electrical Installations, TNEB Service Connection Along With Its Security Deposits & Service Connection Charges & All Common Armenities Provided Thereon & All Other Appurtenances Whatsoever Appertaining Thereto Situated Within The Registration District Chennai North & Sub Registration District Of Thiruvottriyur And Land Bounded On The North By: Plot No. 44 Northern Portion, South By: Plot No. 43, East By: Plot No.50 & West By: 20 Feet Road. In The Name Of Mr.S. Karnalakannan By Deed Of Sale Dated 11.11.2024 & it Is Registered As Document No. 8066/2014 In The Office Of The SRO, Thiruvottriyur. Ebkray Property ID: PSIB00028

RESERVE PRICE | ₹48.00 Lakhs | EMD | ₹4.80 Lakhs | BID INCREASE AMOUNT | ₹0.50 Lakhs

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 30.01.2025 Time: 11.30 AM to 4.00 PM Last Date of EMD Submission 27.01.2025 upto 4.00 PM

THIS NOTICE IS ALSO BE TREATED AS 30 DAYS STATUTORY SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER AND

Property Inspection Date & Time

GUARANTORS UNDER RULE 8(6) SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 The online E-auction shall be held through auction platform i.e. https://ebkray.in or https://baanknet.com/ on

24.01.2025 at 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM

the date and time provided. For queries contact number - 8291220220 & email id support.ebkray@psballiance.com / support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in: https://ebkray.in or https://baanknet.com/ and https://www.psbindia.com. For more details if any prospective bidders may

contact the Authorised Officer on Tel No/Mobile No.9895249904. Place: CHENNAI. Date: 26.12.2024 Authorized Officer, Punjab and Sind Bank

#### Date : 26.12.2024 Place : Chengalpattu

#### tryways for humanitarian aid. Over the weekend, 16 people were wounded when a Houthi missile hit a playground in Tel Aviv. AP

#### outlet confirmed the strikes in a Telegram post but gave no immediate details. The US military also has targeted the Houthis in Yemen in recent days. The United Nations has not-

ed that the ports are important en-

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General Court Martial has concluded.

MELAMAIYUR BRANCH

Court's decision, the Field tary custody, has hereby been

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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation 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 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 15.05,2024 calling upon the Borrower: (1) M/s. Ananda Jothi Electronics, (Borrower), Proprietor: Mr. Ananda Manikandan, H No.7/27A, Ward No.III, Block No.20. Gandiban Vedhachalam Street, Chengalpattu - 603 001 (2) Mrs. A. Subbulakshmi, (Guarantor/Mortgagor), W/o Annamalai, H No.7/27A, Ward No.III, Block No.20, Gandiban Vedhachalam Street Chengalpattu - 603 001, (3) Mr. Rajkumar, (Guarantor), H No.7/27A, Ward No.III, Block No.20, Gandiban Vedhachalam Street, Chengalpattu 603 001, to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.41,44,539/- (Rupees Forty one lakhs forty four thousand five hundred and thirty nine only) as on 15.05.2024 with further interest from 15.05.2024 to the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of

The total present outstanding balance as on 26.12.2024 is Rs.43,60,199/ (Rupees Forty three lakhs sixty thousand one hundred and ninety nine only) together with further interest, cost, other charges and expenses thereon The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby give to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Ac read with the said rule 8 & 9 on this 26th day of December of the year 2024. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs.43,60,199/- (Rupees Forty three lakhs sixty thousand one hundred and ninety nine only) as on 26.12.2024 with further interest, costs, other

charges and expenses 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

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY The specific details of the assets in which security interest is created are

Mortgaged Asset: All the part and parcel of residential house property

ituated at Door No.7/27A, S. No.1173/1A1B & 1173/1A1A, Ward No.3, Block No.20, Gandiban Vedhachalam Street, Chengalpattu, Dist. - Chengalpattu standing in the name of Mrs. A. Subbulakshmi to an extent of 2130 Sq. ft. Boundaries - North : House site of Mr. Jagannathan, South : House site of Mr. Govindasamy, East : Gandiban Vedhcalam Street, West : House site of Mr. Govindasamy

Authorised Officer, Indian Bank.

# Bank balance sheets robust as NPAs fall

RBI report says focus on cleaning up books has led to bad loan ratios dropping to 13-year lows

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbal

THE financial position of the banks has stayed robust, marked by the sustained expansion in assets and also liabilities/deposits, while their continuing focus on cleaning up their books has led to the gross bad loan ratios dropping to 13year lows, a central bank report released on Thursday said.

In the latest 'report on trends and progress of banking' which shares data up to the September quarter and for the fiscal 2024, and released Thursday, the central bank said, system wide gross non-performing assets ratio (NPA) of banks slipped to an over-13-year low of 2.5% as of September from 2.7% as of March 2024. Similarly, net bad loans fell to 0.57% of total loans during the period under review from 0.62% as of March 2024, driven by

stronger loan-loss buffers. It attributes the strong balance sheets to robust credit growth during 2023-24. Banks capital to risk weighted assets ratio was 16.8% as of September, with all bank groups meeting the regulatory minimum requirement and the common

equity tier 1 ratio requirement. On the profitability side, the report said it rose for the sixth consecutive year in fiscal 2024 and continued to rise in the first



half of fiscal 2025 with the restandard advances at the beginning of the year, improved durturn on assets at 1.4% and return on equity at 14.6 percent. ing 2023-24. For the third con-On the improvement in asset secutive year, the slippage ratio quality, as measured by their of private banks remained GNPA ratios, commenced in higher than public banks on ac-2018-19. GNPAs came down by count of the former's larger fresh accretion to NPAs. 15.9% year-on-year to ₹4.8 trillion as of March 2024 and

The combined balance sheet of urban co-operative banks expanded in 2023-24, with asset quality improving for the third consecutive year while capital buffers and profitability were

strengthened. Banks have cleaned up their balance sheets in recent years by selling bad loans to asset reconstruction companies or by writing them off to the tune of ₹10 trillion in past five years and ₹12 trillion since the Modi government assumed office in May 2014.

## ₹21,367 cr lost in bank frauds in H1, up 8-times

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THE number of bank frauds has seen a significant increase during the first half of the current financial year to 18,461 cases, as per the RBI report released on Thursday. The amount lost during the period has skyrocketed more than eight times to ₹21,367 crore.

As per the report on trend and progress of banking in 2023-24, the number of bank frauds has witnessed a massive year-on-year rise during the first half of the current fiscal to 18,461 cases as against 14,480 cases in the year-ago period, while the amount lost has jumped over eight-times to ₹21,367 crore as against only ₹2,623 crore in the comparative period of the last financial year.

It further said frauds present multiple challenges for the financial system in the form of reputational risks, operational risks, business risks and erosion of customer confidence with financial stability implications.

Former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is no more. He had served as the Governor of RBI and as Finance Minister of budget of 1991 which liberalised the Indian economy. Respected by all, he was soft-spoken and gentle. Condolences to his family

Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister



Deeply saddened by the passing of Dr Manmohan Singh. History will forever honour his pivotal reforms that reshaped India and opened its doors to the world. A rare leader who spoke softly but achieved monumental strides through his actions, Dr Singh's life remains a masterclass in leadership, humility and service to the nation and will inspire generations to come.

Gautam Adani, Chairman, Adani Group



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#### ARCHITECT OF ECONOMIC LIBERALISATION FALLS SILENT

Industrialists and people from economic arena mourned the death of former prime minister Manmohan Singh, who is credited with successfully anchoring the sinking ship of the Indian economy by uphoring in hold economy by ushering in bold economic reforms under Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao. He died at the age of 92 on Thursday.



Deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Manmohan Singh ji, former Prime Minister of India and the visionary leader behind India's economic liberalisation. A statesman of humility and wisdom-India owes him a debt of gratitude.

Salian Jindal, chairman & MD, JSW Group



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India moums the loss of Dr. Manmohan Singh, a true statesman whose quiet demeanour belied his transformative impact. An architect of economic reforms, he shaped modem India with intellect, grace, and integrity. A leader who let actions spec louder than words. #RIP

Harsh Goenka, chairman, RPG Group



My generation of Indians was the creation of the economic reforms introduced by Finance Minister Manmohan Singh & Prime Minister Rao in 1991. As I have said before, the two most significant years of the twentieth century for India were 1947 and 1991 - one brought political freedom and the other economic freedom, Manmohan Singh will always be remembered for announcing the Great

Sanjeev Sanyal, member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

Liberalisation...

#### TRADEMARK

## HC bars websites from copying RummyCircle

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THE Delhi High Court has passed an order of interim injunction restraining defendants- impugned websites-from using the RummyCircle trademark or any other similar trademark in their domain name and social media posts.

The HC has issued a John Doe order (which allows a person to take legal action against unknown parties) in favour of Games24x7, parent company of RummyCircle, in a case of trademark and copyright infringement. Games24x7 had filed a suit in the court for restraining infringement of copvright, trademark, misrepresentation and image rights of celebrity endorsers of Rummy-Circle and unlawfully using the names of the company's founders against certain websites.

Acknowledging that the case was of gross violation of Games24x7's rights and its founders, the court passed the order restraining defendants from using Games24x7 founders' names in any manner.

Games 24x7's equity funding till now stands at \$99.1 million and as of FY23, its annual revenue stood at ₹2,020 crore. In its recent report, interactive media and gaming VC fund Lumikai said the country's new media market is worth \$12.5 billion in FY24, with 30% share accrued to the gaming sector.

## Quick commerce growth in 2024: From gold, groceries to gadget delivery in 10 min

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

the GNPA ratio declined

to 2.7%, the lowest in 13

years, from 3.9% in

March 2023. During

2023-24, nearly 44.4% of

the reduction in GNPAs

recoveries and upgrades.

was attributable to better

The net NPA (NNPA) ratio fell

to a decadal low of 0.62% at end-

March 2024, driven by stronger

provision buffers. As of Sep-

tember 2024, the NNPA ratio im-

proved to 0.57%. The slippage

ratio, which measures new ac-

cretions to NPAs as a share of

THE quick commerce sector in 2024 not only witnessed significant venture funding and growth, but also saw the entry of major players and extraordinary growth in terms of users. Swiggy went public this year and Zomato-backed Blinkit business turned adjusted EBIT-DA positive in March 2024.

While Flipkart forayed into quick commerce with 'Minutes', Amazon announced Tez and Myntra launched 'M-Now'. All major players are now focusing on the rapidly booming quick commerce market. Thanks to widespread adoption and demand not just in metro cities but also across tier-2 and 3 cities.

As per Tracxn report, the quick commerce space in 2024 saw a significant jump in terms of funding as the sector raised \$1.37 billion in equity funding from 7 rounds, driven largely by Zepto, which secured \$1.355 billion across three \$300 million rounds. In the next three years, Redseer predicts a 40-45% GMV CAGR for q-commerce. Not just groceries and food, all players have now expanded their offerings that include toys, gold during Dhanteras, beauty products, fashion

and electronics, among others. On Thursday, Swiggy's quick commerce platform Instamart in its 2024 report said the fastest delivery of the year happened in



Kochi in 89 seconds and that a single user spent ₹8.3 lakh on gold during Dhanteras. People in Delhi have spent about ₹60 crore on noodle snack. The capital topped the charts for maximum orders of potato chips and instant noodles. Vizag went big on playtime, with a user spending₹27,742 on toys this year. The cheapest order of the year came in at ₹3, a pencil sharpener, purchased by a user in Hyderabad at 8:15 pm. A user from Chennai splurged ₹1,25,454 on electronics, electricals and home appliances this year, picking up near-

Instamart is aiming to double its dark store count by March 2025 from 523 in March 2024. In its first-ever results post IPO, Swiggy said its quick commerce arm saw improved performance where its gross order value growth accelerated to 24% sequentially to reach ₹3,382 crore.

# Govt could reduce income tax rates in budget

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

AMID outcry over the growing tax burden on the middle class, the government might reduce income tax rates for individuals earning up to ₹15 lakh a year, according to a report by Reuters.

Citing two unnamed sources, the international news agency said the move could benefit tens of millions of taxpayers, especially in the urban areas. The sources, who didn't want to be named, said the government has not decided on above that. the size of any reduction.

A decision would be taken closer to the budget that will be presented in parliament on February 1. The benefit would be

available for those taxpayers who have opted for the new tax regime.

Under the new tax regime, there are no exemptions but have lower tax rates. The tax rates range from 5% to 20% for those earnings up to ₹15 lakh and 30% on earnings

The old tax regime offers several exemptions including deduction on certain investments and expenses. However, under the old tax

regime, any earnings above ₹10 lakh are taxed at 30%. India collects maximum tax from those earnings ₹10 lakh or more.

Several consumer companies have pointed out a slowdown in consumption, especially in the urban areas. Some have even hinted at the shrinking middle class. Recently, in a pre-budget

meeting with the finance minister, economists had suggested a reduction in income tax to boost consumption. Private consumption growth

has seen a decline in the second quarter to 6%, lower than 7.4% growth recorded during the first quarter. The consumption slowdown

was despite a lower base of 2.6% a year ago. Private consumption contributes 61% of the gross domestic product in real terms.

## Rupee continues to decline for third consecutive session, hits low of 85.26

THE rupee continued to bleed for the third consecutive day on Thursday, pressured by a firm dollar and importers' monthend dollar demand. At the end of the market hours, the currency lost 6 paise against the dollar at 85,2625 from 85,20 in the previous session and had an all-

time low of 85,2825 intra-day. A trader said importers were very active in the market, though trading volume was relatively low as the year-end is nearing. It can be noted that the rupee's drop to 85 from 84 happened over two months, while the decline to 84 from 83 took nearly 14 months. Yet in terms of the real effective exchange rate (REER) at over 108.14 in November, or its value

RENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbal relative to multiple foreign cur- for December, the Reserve Bank rencies after adjusting for inflation, it is still at record high as its pair currencies have lost much more than the rupee.

Since slipping below 84 in mid-October, the rupee has been falling gradually amid growth slowdown, massive foreign outflows (over \$12 billion in a month), worries over US president-elect Donald Trump's trade policies and a hawkish Federal

However, persistent interventions from the Reserve Bank have kept the rupee's decline in check. According to RBI, it has sold more than \$47 billion in October alone to defend the rupee. According to the RBI bulletin

net sold \$9.28 billion in the spot forex market in October while the net outstanding forward sale stood at \$49.18 billion compared to the net sale of \$14.58 billion in

> The central bank said it purchased \$27.5 billion and sold \$36.78 billion during October. As against this the central bank has bought a net of \$9.64 billion in the

spot market in September. It can be noted that October was the most volatile month for the rupee which began with foreign funds starting a selling spree of domestic equities and then Donald Trump winning the US presidential polls only added to the pain for the currency.

#### EXPRESS READ

#### Sumitomo invests ₹3k cr into local arm

MUMBAI: The financial powerhouse Sumitomo Mitsul Financial Group Inc (SMFG) has reinforced its commitment to local subsidiary here infusing another Rs 3,000 crore equity Into SMFG India Credit Company, which was formerly known as Fullerton India Credit though a rights issue. ENS

#### HC stays Dec 31 AGM of Religare Enterprises

NEW DELHI: Madhya Pradesh High Court has stayed the annual general meeting of Religare Enterprises (REL) scheduled for Dec 31 amid a tussle between the company's Chairperson Rashmi Saluia and the Burman family over open offer. As of Sept 30. Burmans, through its four entitles, own a 25.12% stake in REL. ENS

#### YEAR-ENDER 2024

## India sees higher oil demand growth than China

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

THE year 2024 is going to end with a higher oil demand growth rate as compared to Chaina's. This will position the South Asian country as one of the fastest-growing consumption centres in the global oil market, according to a report by S&P Global Commodity Insights.

This shift is expected to continue into 2025, prompting India's refiners to accelerate expansion efforts and broaden their crude diversification strategies to keep pace with the surge in demand. Despite China's slower demand growth, its market size-more than three times larger than India's-will continue to contribute significantly to global oil demand by volume. However, oil market stakeholders are increasingly turning their focus to India, as its peak demand is expected to occur much later than China's.



"India will be the leading driver, along with Southeast Asia and other parts of South Asia, of the region's future oil demand growth," said Kang Wu, global head of macro and oil demand research at S&P Global Commodity Insights.

He added that in 2025 India is forecast to deliver a relatively faster growth in oil demand of 3.2% as against China's 1.7%. He emphasised the role of petrochemical feedstock requirements in oil consumption growth in both countries next year. In the first ten months of 2024, India's oil demand rose by 180,000 barrels per day (b/d), or 3.2% year-over-year, significantly outpacing China, which saw a rise of 148,000 b/d, or 0.9%, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. As the global oil market adapts to these shifting dynamics, all eyes will remain on India as it takes centre stage in driving future growth in global oil demand.

India is also set to see significant refining capacity growth in 2025. The country is just months away from launching its first greenfield integrated refinery complex in nearly a decade, leading to active negotiations with global oil producers for term crude imports for a project with the potential to generate incremental annual feedstock demand of up to 9 million metric tons.

HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Ltd., an integrated refinery and petrochemical complex under construction in Pachpadra, Balotra district of Rajasthan, has already seen certain units enter the pre-commissioning stage. The refinery is designed to process over 83% imported medium-grade crude, with the remainder being domestic crude.

# Indian companies may raise ₹2 lakh cr from market via public issues in 2025

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DESPITE a sharp correction in the equity market in recent months, the initial public offering (IPO) market has remained robust. While concerns persist that benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 - may take time to reclaim their alltime high levels, there are no signs of a slowdown in the primary market.

Investment banking company Pantomath Group has forecast record-breaking IPO fundraising in 2025, exceeding ₹2 lakh crore. "With the continued momentum in the markets, we now project that equity raised through IPOs will cross ₹2 lakh crore in the year 2025. This milestone is a testament to the resilience of India's capital markets, the confidence of investors, and the critical role

IPOs play in fueling economic growth," said Mahayir Lunawat, managing director of Pantomath Capital," said Mahavir Lunawat, managing director of Pantomath Capital.

Market data reveals that 34 companies have received Sebi approvals to raise ₹41,462 crore, while 55 companies await clearance for ₹98,672 crore. Additionally, 143 draft red herringprospectuses

(DRHPs)



were filed in 2024, compared to 84 in 2023 and 89 in 2022.

In the first 11 months of 2024, 76 firms raised ₹1.3 lakh crore via IPOs. This surge is attributed to favourable regulatory reforms and investor confidence, which fueled market momentum eyen amid broader downturns. The biggest IPO of 2024 and the largest in India's

history—was Hyundai Motor In-

dia Ltd.'s ₹27,870 crore IPO, which was subscribed 2.37 times and listed at a 1.33% discount. Other notable IPOs included those by Swiggy, NTPC Green, and Bajaj Housing Finance. 2025 is expected to see high-profile IPOs such as e-commerce giant Flipkart, PhysicsWallah, Zepto, HDFC Credila and Ather Energy. Korean electronics giant' Indian subsidiary - LGis expected to launch a mega IPO in 2025.

# Top Gun 4: Oz batters foil India's plans Teen Konstas takes bowlers

In front of record number of fans at MCG on Day 1, Australia top-four help team post 311/6



UST as India walked off the field at 12.30PM local time on Thursday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, they seemed resigned. Sam Konstas had set the tone upfront; Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne had followed through as Australia went to lunch with a score of 112/1 in 25 overs.

It was a session that had many firsts. From Australia fielding their youngest-ever Test opener to Jasprit Bumrah getting hit for a six in the longest format after three years to Australia getting their best opening stand since 2023 Boxing Day Test and so on. But most of all, it was about Konstas disrupting India's plans and setting the tone for the rest of the innings in front of 87,242 fans on debut.

In a session where India bowled 26 overs, Bumrah bowled almost one third of iteight overs, three maidens for 41 runs - split into two spells. And this came despite India fielding six bowlers, opting Washington Sundar over Shubman Gill. While one could argue that they wanted Bumrah to bowl most while the ball had some movement — the fact that Konstas threw him off the length and India fielded two spinners on a pitch that was flatter than expected despite them having a piece of the teen sensation in Canberra felt a bit confusing.

India assistant coach Abhishek Nayar would later explain that the purpose of Washington coming in was to give the pacers a breather post 50 overs till the second new-ball comes into play. That was exactly what Rohit Sharma did



Marnus Labuschagne (R) and Steve Smith added 83 runs for the third wicket | AP

 he did not bring the offie till after Tea even when Khawaja was cruising past a half-

Now, credit where it is due, Konstas took the risks and it paid off on the day. However, it is hard not to ignore India once again following the ball on the field. Konstas reverse scooped Bumrah and soon there was a fielder in the deep. Bumrah stuck to length and the teenager hit him down town. Konstas was exceptional in executing what he came out to do but the same cannot be said for India. "He batted really well and then we felt that that is an area that we had to stop. You had fielders in those areas and often that happens when a player is known to play certain shots, you want to make sure that you have fielders there and you still bowl to your lengths, your strengths. It's Test cricket, so you don't necessarily have to change your deliveries. It's just having the fielders in the right place and you still try to hit top of the off-stump more often than not. And that was pretty much the plan," Nayar would

#### SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st Innings: Konstas b Jadeja 60, Khawaja c Rahul b Bumrah 57; Labuschagne; c Kohli b Washington 72; Smith n.o 68; Head b Bumrah 0; Marshic Pant b Burnah 4; Carey c Pant b Akash Deep 31; Cummins n.o 8. Extras (lb 7, nb 4): 11. Total (86 ovs): 311/6. FoW: 1-89, 2-154, 3-237, 4-240, 5-246, 6-299. Bow ling: Burnrah 21-7-75-3; Siraj 15-2-69-0; Akash Deep 19-5-59-1: Jadela 14-2-54-1: Nitish Kumar Reddy; 5-0-10-0; Washington 12-2-37-1.

explain later. That is not how things went down on the field. Konstas frustrated the Indians with his batting display. Virat Kohli even had a run in with the youngster, bumping his shoulder in between overs. Kohli was later fined by the ICC for that incident. Without uttering a word, the teenager had got under the skin of Kohli and by extension, India. That was visible as the bowlers were struggling with their lengths. Khawaja was the beneficiary, especially against Siraj. Bumrah kept beating the left-hander and Akash Deep was unlucky but Sharma's struggles with sticking to a plan and executing it as captain continued.

Even after Konstas got out, Khawaja and Labuschagne were allowed to take easy singles with no drop in the run rate. They were not in a hurry and played multiple maidens, but it did not look like they were going to get out any time soon. Khawaja got to his fifty and looked set for a long day on the field. At the brink of lunch, a momentary lapse in concentration from the left-hander meant he played a pull — a shot Khawaja would nail in his sleep against a ball that stopped on him and hit it straight to KL Rahul. Such was the dismissal that even Bumrah could not believe it. Similarly, Labuschagne, too, suffered a soft dismissal while trying to take on Washington.

It was only Travis Head, who left a ball and got bowled by Bumrah, for whom India had a plan and executed it perfectly. After being quiet for two sessions, the Indian diaspora that had filled the MCG finally found their voice. From thereon till the end of play, they got behind every ball India bowled, cheering on Akash Deep, who did induce few plays and misses. But such was the other bowlers' line and lengths that Alex Carey and Steve Smith - the last of the top four who scored fifties added 53 runs from just 80 balls. Akash Deep finally got his reward in Carey as Australia finished the day on 311/6.

At the start of the day, where all roads in Melbourne led to the G, fans swarmed the stands in their hopes to see the visitors dominate the proceedings. They were treated with one of the most audacious Test debuts in modern cricket history. For India, they would want to take confidence from the late wickets, but more importantly, Sharma and Co would want to come back with better plans and remove Smith and the rest

# to cleaners on his Test debut

JASPRIT Bumrah had just welcomed Sam Konstas to Test cricket. The youngster, all of 19, walked in as the youngest ever Test opener to have played for Australia. Through the national anthem in front of a massive Boxing Day crowd at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, all the cameras had been on the teenager. Understandably, he was having a ball. Even as the teams walked on to the field, Konstas was the first to get in, take a look at the centre pitch, soaking it all in.

And then, he faced Bumrah. Off the first six balls of his international career. Konstas was beaten on the outside edge four times and left the other two alone. With the dominating Indian diaspora cheering on, Bumrah was showing the teen debutant what it is like at the highest level. At least for the first six balls. From the time he scored twin centuries for New South Wales two months ago, Konstas and his fearless strokeplay had been a topic of discussion. The hype had been such that even Ricky Ponting was on the bandwagon. And Ponting wasn't the only one. Everywhere you go in Australia, all they have to talk about is the confidence with which Konstas operates. The youngster himself spoke about how it would be just another day when asked about the debut a couple of days earlier. Till the time he took guard, it all continued like a breath of fresh air. And then it seemed like Bumrah had brought him back to reality.

Little did anyone know that it was just a brief calm before the storm arrived at the MCG.

In Bumrah's second over, Konstas had gotten off the mark on the second delivery. He resorted to a deadbat defence before getting beaten. The real ripper came on the fifth ball. Konstas pulled out a reverse ramp with little success. That, however, wasn't going to stop

the youngster. Konstas was picked with one objective. Challenge Bumrah and disturb his line and length. He was not going to stop the reverse scoop till it came off. And it did off the first ball of the seventh over, but as a scoop for a four. The next ball, a reverse scoop, and this time it went all the way. He did it again on the last ball to get another four. From the media centre to the commentary box to the Indian players on the field, everyone was losing their mind. Who in their right sense would try to scoop Bumrah and be successful at it?



Sam Konstas plays a ramp shot | AFP

Konstas was. He had been brought in to take his chances and so far, it had not backfired. There were numerabale plays and misses, but it didn't matter. Konstas was still out in the middle, alive and kicking. It also allowed Usman Khawaja, who had been struggling to buy a run, to catch a breather.

In the first ten overs, Australia raced to 44/0 - their highest opening stand of the series. While all the attention had been on Konstas, Khawaja had been at a better strike rate with little notice. And it was just after the early break, something happened. Konstas had clearly rattled the Indian team and Virat Kohli took it upon himself to get in on the action.

Kohli bumped shoulders with Konstas and the umpires had to intervene. The youngster, while having looked up to Kohli all his life (he was a 2005 born, remember), wasn't having any of it. Unfazed, he went out and smashed Bumrah down the ground for 18 runs. Now, it all might seem like a freak show

to an extent, it was - but there was a method to Konstas madness. He used the reverse scoop to throw Bumrah off his length and put a fielder in the back and never brought it back again. In the first hour of the Test match — on a pitch that was flatter than expected - he had not just gotten under the skin of India captain Rohit Sharma who was struggling for moves, but also Bumrah who had to alter his lengths.

And then when the ball was pitched full, Konstas threw the bat down the ground. He became the first batter since Jos Buttler in 2021 to hit Bumrah for a six in Tests. He also ensured Bumrah went for more than run-a-ball in his first spell. The 34 of the 38 he scored is the most any batter has ever scored against Bumrah during a spell in Tests. Konstas would later admit that the scoops were premeditated to throw the Indian pacers off their lengths. "Yeah definitely premeditated especially with the pace but just trying to keep my head still and just watch it as hard on my back. But yeah, got a few away today and changed the field, which was good, and then trying to bolster my zones," Konstas said.

The teen sensation, who created history by just walking onto the field, lived up to every bit of hype that was around him as he got to his half-century in front of family and friends and coach Tahmid Islam who had flown in from Sydney to watch him. He eventually fell to Rayindra Jadeja in the 20th over, with an 65-ball 60 to show, but Konstas' knock was so much more than that.

#### **LOCAL EXPRESS**

### Sujay delivers for Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya

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S Sujay Gregoney's 3 for 23 helped Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya, Trichy to beat Srirangam Boys HSS in the Junior Super Kings inter-school T20 meet.

Brief scores: SriVageeshaVidhyashram, Trichy 109/5 in 13 ovs bt Santhanam Vidhyalaya, Trichy 92/9 in 13 ovs; Kamala Niketan, Trichy 146/4 in 20 ovs bt Chellammal Vidhyaashram, Trichy 96 in 20 ovs; Mount Litera Zee 148/8 in 20 ovs bt Campion, Trichy 100/8 in 20 ovs; Srirangam Boys HSS 82 in 16.5 ovs lost to Sri Vignesh Vidyalaya, Trichy 83/7 in 18.4 ovs: Meenakshi Ramasamy Matric, Ariyalur 85 in 14.5 ovs lost to Govt HSS. Arivalur 87 /4 in 11.4 ovs; Siga HSS, Villupuram 89 in 16.4 ovs lost to Sacred Heart, Villupuram 92/6 in 13.2 ovs; Govt. Boys, Krishnagiri 168/3 in 20 ovs bit Ashok Leyland School, Hosur 72/4 in Tlovs, Note: Ashok Levland won by 9 runs VJD method: Vliav Millennium, Krishnagiri 103/6 in 20 oys lost to MSD Global, Hosur 106/2 in 7.3 oys.

# City pay penalty, Chelsea stunned

ERLING HAALAND had a second-half penalty saved as crisis-torn Manchester City failed to end their dismal run with a 1-1 draw against Everton, while title contenders Chelsea suffered a first home defeat against Fulham since 1979.

City have just one victory in their last 13 games in all competitions as their Christmas schedule started in disappointing fashion. Bernardo Silya put City in front early on before Iliman Ndiaye salvaged a point for Everton. City are languishing in seventh place and sit five points adrift of the top four, with their astonishing decline

showing no sign of ending. At Stamford Bridge, secondplaced Chelsea were stunned by Fulham's late fightback for a 2-1 win in a dramatic west London derby, Cole Palmer put Chelsea ahead after 16 minutes.



Manchester City's Erling Haaland missed a penalty on Thursday | AP

the England forward drilling home from the edge of the area. But Fulham levelled with eight minutes left when Antonee Robinson's cross was headed down by Timothy Castagne and Harry Wilson nodded in from close range. In stoppage-time, Rodrigo Muniz scored to bag all three points for the away side. Results: Man City 1-1 Everton; Southampton 0-1West Ham: Chelsea 1-2 Fulham: Newcastle 3-0 Aston VIIIa; Nottm Forest 1-0 Tottenham; Bournemouth 0-0 Crystal Palace.

## Shahrukh, Mohamed help TN down UP

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SHAHRUKH Khan's 85-ball 132 not out and Mohamed Ali's unbeaten 76 powered Tamil Nadu to a massive 114-run win over Uttar Pradesh at Visakhapatnam in a Group D match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Tamil Nadu fought back after being reduced to 68 for five at one stage batting first, as a 216run stand for the sixth wicket pushed them to a formidable 284 for five. In reply, UP skipper Rinku Singh struck a half-century (55 off 43 balls, 6x4s, 2x6s) after their top order collapsed. Rinku's effort was not enough as Uttar Pradesh were shot out for 170 as TN bowlers produced a combined effort.

Brief scores: TN 284/5 in 47 ovs (S Khan 132 n.o., MAII 76 n.o; Y Dayal 2/67) bt Uttar Pradesh 170 in 32.5 oys (P Garg 48, R Singh 55).

#### EXPRESS READ

### Rodriguez double powers Mohun Bagan

NEW DELHI: Mohun Bagan Super Glant returned to winning ways with a 3-1 triumph over Punjab FC in the Indian Super League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on Thursday. It was Punjab who struck first through Ricky Shabong. Alberto Rodriguez scored a double for Bagan while Jamie Maclaren netted the other goal. With this outcome, Bagan, who sit atop points table, extended their lead.

#### PKL: Rajput takes UP Yoddhas into semis

PUNE: Bhavani Rajput stole the show to take UP Yoddhas Into the semifinals of Pro Kabaddi League season 11 with a thumping 46-18 win over Jaipur Pink Panthers here on Thursday, UP Yoddhas will now face the Haryana Steelers In the first semifinal of this season on Friday.

#### Maiden national title for shooter Vijayveer

NEW DELHI: Punjab's Vijayveer Sidhu beat fellow Olympian Gurpreet Singh of Army Marksmanship Unit to clinch his maiden men's 25m rapidfire pistol (RFP) title at the on-going 67th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for pistol events here on Thursday.

#### MOP Vaishnay College bag hockey crown

CHENNAI: MOP Vaishnay College for Women bagged the first place in the University of Madras Inter-zone (women) hockey tournament held at MRK hockey stadium. In the final match, MOP blanked B Zone Combined team 11-0. Placings: I. MOP Valshnay: 2. A Zone Combined team: Ethiraj College; 4. B Zone Combined team.

The sorry state of affairs in wrestling continues even though Aman Sehrawat, with his Olympic bronze, salvaged some pride earlier this year. As 2024 nears end, Firoz Mirza sheds some light on issues ailing the sport and way forward to reclaim the good old days...

# Wrestling continues to grapple for survival

ARLIER this month, a er by the ad-hoc committee. Greco-Roman wrestler from Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), who was representing Raiasthan in the senior national championships in Bengaluru, got a few calls after he won the first bout. He was instructed to pull out of the tournament as the RSPB has not given him a no-objection certificate (NOC) to compete in the championships. A few Railway wrestlers though represented their home states and even won medals but a majority of them were deprived of the nationals organised by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for the second straight year.

The same was the case last year as well. Repercussions for non-participation, however, could be more this time as in 2023 two nationals were organised - one by the WFI and othThe second one was hosted by the RSPB and hence their wrestlers got a tournament even if they were not allowed to compete in the WFI's event. Besides, winners of Railway

nationals were considered for future events given the situation at that time. It may not be the case now and this can affect Railway wrestlers badly.

"It's sad but wrestlers who didn't compete in Bengaluru nationals would not be considered for upcoming camps and tournaments," Sanjay Kumar Singh, WFI president, told this daily. The deadlock between the RSPB and WFI is an open secret and what makes it more intriguing is the fact that unlike Railways, Services Sports Control Board (SSCB) competed at the championships. Both RSPB and SSCB are members of the WFI. Interestingly, RSPB



secretary Prem Chand Lochab is also the secretary-general of the WFI. It all started last year in January when the country's top wrestlers - Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik and multiple World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat — staged a protest against former WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accusing him of sexual harassment. A lot has happened since then with Brij Bhushan being sidelined, Sakshi announcing her retirement and Bajrang and Vinesh joining politics ahead of Haryana

assembly elections. Despite all these changes, the sorry state of affairs in wrestling continues and the Bengaluru tournament exemplified it.

"The protest caused irreparable damage to wrestling in the country. The biggest impact was reflected on the Indian wrestlers' show at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Had it not happened, Indian wrestlers would have won at least four medals but unfortunately only one medal could be earned," la-

mented Sanjay Singh. It's usual for national sports federations (NSFs) to predict medals before every Olympics but not all of them are on the mark always. However, negative impact of the unrest was clearly visible as only one freestyle wrestler, Aman Sehrawat, managed to qualify for the Paris Games. Since 2004 Olympics, at least three or more men



wrestlers (freestyle & GR) have qualified for the Olympics but the number took a nosedive ahead of the 2024 Games.

#### Vinesh's heartbreak

The protest centered around harassment of women wrestlers but that could not prevent them from shining on the mat. They created history when a record five women grapplers including the torchbearer of the protest, Vinesh, qualified for the Games. Vinesh not only qualified but set the stage on fire by bulldozing her opponents on her way to the 50kg final. Unfortunately, she was

#### Olympic participation (Since 2004) Year FS GR WW 6 1 0 2008 3 0 0 2012 0 2016 2 2 3 2020 4 0

2024 1 0

## OLYMPIC MEDALS 1952: 1-KD Jadhay bronze

2008: 1 - Sushil Kumar bronze 2012: 2 - Sushil Kumar silver, Yogeshwar Dutt bronze

2016: 1 - Sakshi Malik bronze 2020: 2 - Ravi Dahiya silver, Bajrang Punia bronze

2024: 1-Aman Sehrawat bronze

found to be overweight ahead of the summit clash, ending her hopes and country's dream of an Olympic gold.

Besides, wrestlers in various age groups continued their dominant show, highlighting all is not lost. "Our next crop is talented and I am confident everything will be back on track once the issue with the sports ministry is resolved," signed off the WFI president. Notably, the WFI was suspended by the ministry last year and the matter is pending in the court.

#### Long road ahead

Sanjay Singh might be hopeful

but unending litigations and suspension by the sports ministry meant WFI is like a toothless tiger at the moment. It cannot hold camps and has to arrange funds to organise national tournaments. The federation that has given at least a medal in each Olympics since 2008 has to run from pillar to post to send its team for any international events. All these paint a grim picture of the sport. A lot has to be done to bring back the good old days but at the moment. wrestling in the country is suffering and so are the wrestlers and other stakeholders.

Full story: newindlanex press.com

talked-about technologies of 2024,

capturing global attention for its

transformative potential. Madhusudan Murthy, senior vice-president,

head of engineering APAC (private

equity, hi-tech & ISV), GlobalLogic,

says this paradigm shift in computational power is no longer a distant

theoretical concept but the year's

most electrifying technological nar-

rative, promising to redefine the

boundaries of what's computation-

ally possible. With the breakthrough

announcement from Google on their

state-of-the-art quantum chip com-

bined with the ability to solve prob-

lems once deemed unsolvable, quan-

Amazon Music and the Universal Music Group (UMG) are working together to tackle unlawful

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

HOUGH many emerging technologies took centre stage in 2024, the year was more about driving transformation and integrating technology across various industries. Here's our technology roundup for 2024:

#### Al/Gen Al

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI continued to drive interest in 2024 as from small organisations to tech giants, companies tried integrating REWIND and leveraging its benefits. They tried multiple use cas-2024 es and one of the highlights of 2024 was that many companies moved from the proof of concept(POC) step to the next phase transitioning the concept to reality. From automating business operations to creating copilots and redefining customer experiences, these technologies have unlocked new op-

portunities for innovation and effi-

ciency. GenAI, in particular, has em-

owered organisations to deliver hyper-personalised solutions, says Kanchan Ray, chief technology officer, Nagarro. "What truly stands out this year is the emphasis on ethical and responsible innovation. The focus has shifted from isolated technological advancements to building interconnected ecosystems that drive end-to-end business efficiency with inclusivity and sustainable growth. Like the rest of the world, in India, the adoption of AI-driven solutions

healthcare, education, and e-com-

#### Digital twin

vancements," Ray adds.

Another tech that caught the attention was the digital twin. Though it has been widely used for a couple of years now, in 2024, it helped organizations simulate real

situations and also their

outcomes. Pankaj Vyas, CEO and MD, Siemens Technology and Services, said that they saw a significant increase in developments of smarter systems and solutions for sustainable practices, enabled by the adoption of AI, IoT and digital twins. This has allowed organizations to leverage the

strengths of each technology to opti-

mise processes, improve predictive

analytics, and accelerate innovation. "Leveraging real-time data from IOT enabled infrastructure in digital twins and AI applications, helps augment each of these technologies to create high impact outcomes. We are seeing a large number of enterprises actively investing in digital transformation by utilising these technologies across all the workflows. Individually, each technology holds sighas accelerated, with sectors like nificant potential, but when combined, they merce witnessing significant adhold the potential not just to unlock significant efficiency gains but also are instrumental in meeting sustainability targets," he says.

#### Agentic Al

Though it comes under AI, Agentic AI is now widely being used as it powers AI agents and autonomously performs tasks. These agents are capable of analyzing data and solving complex issues. Tech giants are now focusing on Agentic AI architecture as it will revolutionise human and computer interaction. John Roese, global chief technology officer and chief AI officer at Dell Technologies, in his pre-

dictions for 2025 said: "The word adapt to real-time scenarios, says Anil Kumar, CTO, Exotel. of 2025 will be Agentic. It is a defining advancement in AI technology Quantum computing and will be a catalyst for signifi-This has emerged as one of the most cant progress in how we approach

AI architecturally." Gartner highlights that the rise of Agentic AI systems capable of autonomous decision-making and adaptive learning, is reshaping industries at an unprecedented pace. This trend is particularly impactful in customer engagement, where organisations are moving beyond basic automation to creating intelligent systems that can proactively

resolve issues, make contextual decisions, and

> tum computing is unlocking breakthroughs across industries. "India, with its National Quantum Mission (NQM) at the forefront, is striving to establish itself as a key player in the global quantum race. Unlike traditional computing, which relies on binary bits, quantum computing harnesses the power of qubits, enabling simultaneous computation in multiple states. This capability has far-reaching implica-

tions for sectors like healthcare, finance, and cybersecurity, offering revolutionary solutions for drug discovery, portfolio optimisation and encryption systems," he says.

Apart from these technologies, there were breakthroughs in the ecosystem of semiconductors. Apart from LLMs (large language models), the focus was also on small language models that are efficient. Every industry now uses AI to be more sustainable and experts believe

that the future will be more focused on human-machine interaction.

#### TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

## Y29 5G: Vivo stylish addition to its Y series

Vivo launched Y29 56, a stylish new addition to its Y series, featuring a sleek design with dynamic lighting effects. Available in Glacier Blue, Titanium Gold, and Diamond Black, the smartphone is built for durability, offering military-grade shock resistance, an IP64 rating, and SGS certification. Equipped with a 5500mAh battery and 44W FlashCharge, the Y29 ensures long-lasting performance. The phone is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 processor.

#### W Chain launches L1 Mainnet blockchain

W Chain, a Singapore-based innovative hybrid blockchain, has announced the soft launch of its Layer 1 Mainnet. After the Testnet launch, the developer community was invited to explore the W Chain features and share constructive feedback with the core team at W Chain. After evaluating the suggestions from the developer community, new features like the W Chain bridge are introduced In the Mainnet soft launch, the company said.

#### Union Bank of India REGIONAL OFFICE BROADWAY CHENNAI - NORTH

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Broadway, Chennai -600108. Ph: +91 9633457999 Mail: crld.rochennainorth@unionbankofindia.bank

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

Xiaomi launches 'Xplorers' programme

initiative, which the company said, is designed to inspire creativity and

newly launched Redmi Note 14 Pro + 5G. Participants must sign up at

Xlaomi India announced the launch of the 'Xlaomi Xplorers' programme, an

exploration. The program will feature 100 challenges over 100 days using the

'xiaomixplorers.com' and answer a few simple questions. Xiaomi will announce the 100 selected 'Xplorers' by the end of December via social media channels.

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 / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned under to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1) Mr. K V S Velan & 2) Mrs.Malliga Swamikkanu, Both are residing at: No.24, 1st Cross Street, Anna Ninavu Nagar, Puzhal Chennai-600066.

Amount due: Rs. 19,62,126.65 as per 13(2) demand notice dated 11-10-2021 and interest thereon

Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All that piece and parcel of land & building measuring an extent of 4142 square feet or 0 Acre 09 1/2 Cents, Comprised in old survey No.80, New Survey No.80/2, Patta No.830 of No.73, Punapakkam Village, Uttukottal Taluk, Thiruvallur District. Boundaries: North: Land Comprised in Survey No.57 belongs to Sampath, South: Road Comprised in Survey No.81, East: Land Comprised in Survey No.80 belongs to Valliammal, West: Land Comprised in Survey No.80 belongs Kamalakannan.

RESERVE PRICE ₹ 12,48,000/- EMD ₹ 1,24,800/- BID INCREMENT ₹ 20,000/-

Encumbrances known to the Secured Creditor: Nil

(However indenting bidders are advised to verify the EC and satisfy themselves before submitting bid) 29.01.2025 between 12 Noon to 05.00 PM (with unlimited auto extensions)

Interested bidders for Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit: https://baanknet.com & For gueries contact Number: 8291220220 & Email ID: support.baanknet@psballiance.com, For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://baanknet.com and https://www.unionbankof

india.co.in/auction-property/view-auction-property.aspx. For auction related queries e-mail to ubin0802271@unionbankofindia.bank or Contact: Branch Manager of Anna Nagar Branch (SOL ID :02271) No.231,Y Block ,6th Main Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai-600040 Phone: 044-26264077/2077 or Authorised Officer Mr. Javan, M.A. Mob No 8606181975

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6)/Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002. This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6)/Rule 9(1) of security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-auction Sale on the above-mentioned date.

Union Bank of India

#### DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, CHENNAI 6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shashtri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006

E-AUCTION SALE The under mentioned property will be sold by online E-Auction through website https://www.bankeauctions.com for recovery of a sum of Rs.42,28,249/- (Rupees Forty two lakhs twenty eight thousand two hundred and forty nine only) as on 31.10.2024 from

#### Mr. L. Rajasekar & Another payable to Indian Bank, Korattur Branch in OA No. 263/2016. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.52, Mylapore Village

Devanthavakkam Panchayat, Uthukottai Taluk, Tiruvallur District to the total extent of 2013 Sq. ft. as per document and measurement comprised in Survey No.42/3B, 3C, 3D & 3E commonly known as 'Sri Sai Nagar' and the vacant land approved as per DTCP bearing Approval No.324/92 and the land being bounded on the - North by : 30 feet Road, South by Vacant land, East by : Plot No.51, West by : Plot No.53. Situated within the Registration Distric of Tiruvallur, SRO Uthukottai. Schedule B: 298.5 Sq. ft. undivided share of land out of 2013 Sq. ft. of land in Plot No.52, described in Schedule A above. Schedule C: Flat No.G-2. in the Ground Floor in Plot No.52, of Sal's Grand with super built up area of 750 Sq. ft. which is inclusive of the share in the common built up area in the proposed storied building of the Schedule B land within the Sub Registration District of Uthukottai and Registration District

of Tiruvallur.				
Upset Price	Rs.1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand only)			
Date and time of e-auction	04.02.2025 between 1100 hours and 1200 hours with auto time extension of 3 minutes each, till sale is concluded.			
Earnest Money Deposit	10% of the upset price			
EMD Remittance &	on or before 31.01.2025 through EFT/NEFT/RTGS Transfer			

last date of submission of in favour of "The Recovery Officer, DRT-3, Chennai" wit bid form EMD to the credit of Current A/c No.163302000000200. Indian Overseas Bank, Cathedral Branch, Chennai 600 002. IFSC Code: IOBA0000109. Bid Increment Minimum Rs.10,000/- or multiples of Rs.10,000/-

Inspection of Property 17.01.2025 from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BIDS IN PHYSICAL FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

BY THE TRIBUNAL & NO ENQUIRIES WILL BE ENTERTAINED. The other details about the above auction and the e-auction bid form declaration and detaile terms and conditions are available in the website: https://www.bankeauctions.com Service Provider contact person: - Mr. M. Prabakaran - 74182 81709.

Further details, if any, shall be obtained from Indian Bank, Korattur Branch, No.14, 31st Street, TNHB Colony, Periay Nagar, Korattur, Chennai - 600 080. (Contact Person: Mr. Bikram Sahu, Branch Manager of Indian Bank, Cell No. : 9444987081) E-Mail

> (P. PREMKUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER

KVB Karur Vysya Bank

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH: No.1, Padmavatheyar Road, 8 Floor, [Off. Peters Road], Gopalapuram, Chennai-600 086 Ph: 044-28359331/33/34 POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Issued under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Karur Vysya Bant Limited under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13/12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interes Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notices dated 10.07.2024 calling upon the Borrower: 1.Mr.N.R.Abdul Kadir, S/o.Mr.Abdul Rahman, No.518/ Chithoor Main Road, Sahasrapadmapuram, Tiruvallur-631 302 Also at, No.50, Kula Street, Chinna Nagapoondi Village, Pallipet, Tiruvallur-631 302 Also at, No.3/252(1), Periyanagapoondi Road, Chinnanagapoondi, Peddanagapundi Tiruvallur-631 302 Legal Heir of deceased Mr.N.R.Nausath, 2.Mrs.N.Sahitha, W/o.Late.Mr.N.R.Nausath, 3.Mrs.N.Prithosh Banu, D/o.Late.Mr.N.R.Nausath 4.Mrs.N.Aysha, D/o.Late.Mr.N.R.Nausath, 5.Ms.N.Arshiya D/o.Late.Mr.N.R.Nausath, All at, No.776/3B, Near Om Sakthi Temple, Vannivedu Valaja Taluk, Ranipet-632 513 To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being o

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 under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 24" day of December 2024.

Fifty Six and Two Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to dea with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd – Sholingur Branch (A/c No.1735280000000276) for an amount of ₹ 17,86,100.02 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eight Six Thousand One n amount of ₹ 17,86,100.02 (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eight Six Thousand Onlundred and Two Paise Only) as on 30.11.2024 and interest thereon from

he 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

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Details of the mortgaged property of Borrower/Guarantor)

All that Piece and parcel of the Vacant Land measuring an extent of Acre 0.62 cents comprised in Old S.No.518/1, Dry S.No.518/1B, Veeramangalam Village, Pallipattu Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Formerly Registration District of Kanchespuram, Presently Registration District of Thiruvallur and Sub-Registration District of R.K.Pettai within the following boundaries: On the North Channel, On the South: Chithoor Main Road, On the East: Bagadhur Sahib's Land and N.R.Abdul Kadir and N.R.Nowsath 900 Sq.Mtr. of Land leased out o Essar Oil Ltd, On the West : Channel.

Date : 24 12 2024

AUTHORISED OFFICER

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#### POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable Property)

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the date mentioned against the account and stated hereinafter calling upon him to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of

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 herei pelow in exercise of power conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said. Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the date mentioned against the account,

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 the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereo

The borrowers 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.

Residential Address: (Borrower): Mr. Raikumar C S/o Mr. Chinnappa, No. 391, Kalamegar Street, Mogappair West, Chennai - 600037, Also at: No. 28, Vellalar Street, Periya Nolambur, Chilhathar Nagar, Nolambur, Chennai - 600037, Office Address: (Borrower): Proprietor- Chennai 37 Sweets and Snacks, No. 2/854 Kalamegam Salai, Mogappair West, Chennal - 600 037, Property Address: (Borrower): Flat No. F1, First Floor, Plot No. 3, Annal Velankanni Nagar, Aathanur Village, Kundrathur Taluk, Kancheepuram - 603 202.

SBI Housing Term Loan A/c No. 42304408989 & Suraksha A/c No. 42305910671 in the name o Mr.Rajkumar.C at our Kodambakkam (Chennal) Branch (1444) linked With RACPC Chennal (04487). Date of Demand Notice: 14-10-2024. Amount as per demand Notice Rs. 47,69,932/- as on 14.10.2024, Date of Possession: 24.12.2024, Total Amount due as on 22.12.2024 : Rs.49.48.842/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two Only) and further interest from 23,12,2024 and costs etc., thereon

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : Property owned by: Mr. Rajkumar.C: Schedule -A: All the piece and parcel of Vacant house site measuring an extent of 2100 sq.ft., bearing Plot No.3, in the layout named as "Annai Velankanni Nagar" (Approved vide No.LP/DTCP.No.351/2002) Comprised in old survey No.370/3, Patta No.3088, as per New Survey No.370/3B1 & 370/97, situated in No. 112, Aathanur Village, Sriperambathur Taluk Now Kundrathu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Bounded on the North By: Vacant Land, South By: 30 feet Road, East By: 23 feet Road, West By: Plot No.2, Measuring on the North By: 35 Feet, South By: 35 Feet, East By: 60 Feet, West By: 60 Feet, within the Registration District of Tambaram and Sub-Registration District o Guduvanchery. Schedule "B" Property (Property hereby agrees to be conveyed); 642 sq.ft., undivided share of Land out of 2100 sq.ft., more particularly described in the schedule "A" above mentioned property. SCHEDULE "C" Description of Flat: A two bedroom flat bearing No. F1 saving super built up area of 1010 sq.feet, (Including Common area) situated in the First Floor of the building constructed in Schedule "A" land as per the approved plan, including Covered Car parking.

Place: Chennai

**AUTHORISED OFFICER** STATE BANK OF INDIA, CRAMC LHO, CHENNAI

## SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-AUCTION FOR CONTRACT FOR THE WORK OF ADVERTISEMENT Description of Work - E-Auction for Contract for the work of Advertis over entire exterior surface of the side wall of the train coaches is allowed an nterior advertisement is allowed in 23 sqm per coach.

E-Auction has been invited for the work of 'Contract for the work of Advertisement over entire exterior surface of the side wall of the train coache is allowed and Interior advertisement is allowed in 23 sgm per coach. Gross advertising area (Sq.mtr.) are shown tentative." The catalogue has already been published on the IREPS Website (https://www.ireps.gov.in). The details are as follows:-

gue No.	Category	Date & Time	Lot No.	Lot Description	Period
MA- BSP- 18237-3	Advertising - Train Interior and Exterior	08-01-2025 15:00:00	ADVT- IntExt- 185077- 1-24-1	Contract for the work of Advertisement over entire exterior surface of the side wall of the train coaches is allowed and interior advertisement is allowed in 23 sqm per coach.	1826 Days

DCM, For Sr. Divl. Comml. Manager, S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur South East Central Railway X @secrall

#### SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

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Tender Value (Approx): Rs 4 78 084 38/- FMD amount: Re 1,29,600/-, Tender Closing Date Time-06/01/2025, 15:00 Hrs.

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For further details, eligibility iteria & complete details for the above work, please refer/download ender document which is available or website www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divl. Elect. Engg.(RS&G) CPR/10/385 S.E.C.Railway/Bilaspe f South East Central Railway @@secrail

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

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerty known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) IIIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.38 Udyog Vihiar, Phase-Mc Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and Branch Office at "Sal Empire Tower Door No.25, 1st Main Road, 5th Floor, Unified India Colo-Ny, Kodambakkam, Chennal –600024/Plot no.32 (Part 44 & 45), Velachery, Main road, Selva Rumar Avenue, Medavenue, Medavekkam, Kancheepuram Dist, Tamil Nadu-600100 "under the Socialisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and En-Forcement of Security Interdate Act, 2002 (Internation 4-Act, 1002) (Internation 4-Authorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following propertyries pursuant to the notice issued US 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect not. with a right to self fire same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for restization of IIFL-HFL's clues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned throughe-euction platform provided at the websits: www.ilfonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price Rs. 10.00,000/-	
Guarantor(s)	15-Mar-2022 Rs. 15,03,576/	All that part and parcel of the property Flat No.	09-July-2024	2024 (Rupees Ten	
Mr. Palani G     Mrs. Girija P     Mr. Senthikumar P     (Prospect No 848037)	(Rupees Fifteen Lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Only)	O11, Carpet Area of 296 Sq. Feet, Super Bult-up area of 450 Sq.ft-plinth area plus proportionate common area) Ground Floor,	Total Outstanding As On Date 25-Dec-2024 Rs. 17,24,544-/Rupees Seventeen Lakit Twenty Four Thousand Pive Hundred and Forty Four Only)	Eakh Only) Eamest Noney Deposit (END Rs. 1,00,000\( (Ruppers One Lakh Only)	
	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Arum Excello Compact Homes-Niranjana, Mavaturkuppam, Sriperumbudur, Chenna, Chennai, 602025, Tamil Nadu,India (Area Ad Measuring, 208 Sq.ft)			
Mr. Arul P     Geetha Agencies     Mrs. Geetha M     (Prospect No. 8250038, 919943)	11-Apr-2022 Rs. 24,43,676/-	All that part and parcel of the property Flat	12-Jun-2024	Rs. 9,00,000/-	
	(Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Forty Three Thousand Six	No. 7, (Floor Measuring 595 Sq ft), 1St Floor, Block 3, Compact Homes - Manjari, Mevalurkuppam Village, Sriperumbudur	Total Outstanding As On Date 5-Dec-2024 Rs. 35,45,8001- Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	(Rupees Nine Lakh Only)	
	Hundred Seventy Six Only)  Bid Increase Amount Rs. 20,000+ (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Taluk Karchespuram, 602105 Tamil Nadu (LAND AREAAD MEASURING: 332 SQ FT)		Rs. 90,000/- (Rupees Ninety Thousand Only)	
Mr. Murugan P     Mrs. Ganapathy     Uma A		All that part and parcel of the property Flat No.	09-July-2024	Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven LakhOnly)	
		S3, 2nd Floor, admeasuring 285 Sq. Ft. (Carpet Area) & 380 Sq. Ft. (Super Built Up	Total Outstanding As On Date 05-Dec-2024 Rs. 18,19,617/- Rupses		
(Prospect No	Hundred Six Only)	Area), Plot No 1 Vijatakshmi Flats Old No 99 New No 18, Kovilambakkam, Chennai, Tamil		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ten Thousand Only)	
iL10025880 & IL10106791)	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Nadu, India, 600129 (Land Area Ad.Measuring: 177 Sq.R)	Eighteen Lakh Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seventeen Only)		
Mr. Gethsemane Nicodum S     Mrs. Sheele A     Mr. Sundersingh A. (Prospect No. 856567)	13-Sep-2022 Rs. 24,06,607/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Six Thousand Six Hundred Seven Only)		Date of Symbolic Possession	Rs. 14,00,000/-	
		Apartment No 306, Admeasuring Carpet Area Of 420 Sq. Feet Along With An	6-Dec-2022	(Rupees Fourteen Lakh Only)	
		Undivided Share Of 305 Sq. Feet, Third	Total Outstanding As On Date 26-Dec-2024	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Rs. 1,40,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	
	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 25,000\(^{\text{Rupees Twenty}}\) Five Thousand Only\(^{\text{Increase}}\)	Floor, Compact Homes-Saranga, Sy No 27/58 Parl, 27/5C Part, 51/1 And 52/1, Karanaithangal Village, Sriperumbudur Tauk, Kancheepuram Dictrict, TN (Super Built Up Area Ad Measuring 665 Sq. Ft.)	Rs. 32,90,948/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Eight Only)		
Date of Inspection of property		EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction 17, Jan. 2025 11:00 hrs -13:00 hrs		

Mode Of Payment: - EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have tovis-it https://www.ilflonehome.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 bury vide public auction. For Balance Payment - Login https://www.ilflonehome.com > My Bid > Pay Balance Amount.

For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider https://www.idionehome.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 details the effect of the selection of the column.

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 processer has to pay TDS application to the transaction symment of sale amount and submitle TDS certificate with IIFL HFL.

Biddens are advised to go through the website https: I www.liflonenbme.com and https://www.lifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed

terms and conditions of auction sale, auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.

For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E-mail ID:- care@iffonehome.com

Support Helpline no. 1800 2672 499.

For any query related to Property details, inspection of Property and Online bidlets, call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09.38 hrs to 18.00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email: -care@iiflonehome.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.

9. Notice is hereful 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 IRFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of properly under the circumstances.
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowerk, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be friended including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
12. NO reserves the rights to postponetizancel or vary the terms and condition of tenderiauction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IFFL-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 anothery expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and belance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.
Place: Chennai: Date: 27-12-2024
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Sd/- Authorised Officer, For HFL Home Finance Ltd. Place: Chennai; Date: 27-12-2024

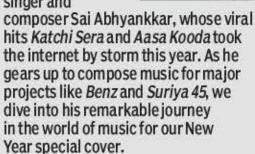


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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear readers.

As 2024 draws to a close and we prepare to welcome a brand new year, we speak to the sensational singer and



With the festive season in full swing. we take a glimpse of Ankush Jain's Navoday collection, which redefines bridal couture for the modern Indian bride, alongside Shasha Gaba's stunning new couture pieces. It is also the perfect time to refresh your beauty regimen with the latest products designed to enhance your glow, and we help you up your beauty game.

As we bid farewell to 2024, hotels and restaurants in the city are leaving no stone unturned to usher in the New Year with gusto. Whether it's an elegant dinner, a lavish feast, or a lively party, the city is ready to offer a night to remember, and we provide a guide to the best places to ring in New Year.

On the cultural front, Bharatanatyamdancer Bala Devi Chandrashekar pays tribute to nature through MAA-The Eternal Truth. Moreover, we feature An Ode to the Tanjore Quartet, a digital presentation of a traditional Bharatanatyam Margam.

Enjoy and Happy New Year!



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December 28 | Nungambakkam December 28 | Nungambakkam
Get ready for a magical night celebrating
Taylor Swift's birthday and the epic
conclusion of *The Eras Tour*. Sing along to
your favourite hits, enjoy themed décor,
friendship bracelet stations, and exclusive
merch. It's the ultimate tribute to Taytay
and the incredible Swiftie
community! ₹500 onwards. From
3 pm. At Hard Rock Cafe.



THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024 | CHENNAI

## A creative touch

December 28 | Anna Nagar Unleash your creativity at this Terracotta Pottery Workshop. Learn the art of shaping clay into unique pieces, guided by experts, with all materials provided. Perfect for women and girls (12+), this experience promises hands-on fun and relaxation. ₹1,700 perperson. From 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. At Ology Studio.



## **Kollywood** calling

## December 28 | Meenambakkam

Celebrate New Year's Eve 2025 with Vijay Antony 3.0, a live concert that promises a grand musical experience. Relive the timeless hits like Nakka Mukka, Aathichudi, and Ussumu Laresay as the iconic artiste takes the stage, bringing his signature Tamil rap and OG vibes. 6 pm onwards. At AM Jain College Ground.

# **Rhythmic beats** December 28 | RA Puram Dive into an electrifying night of live

saxophone and DJ jamming as Basanth and DJ Harley bring soulful melodies and pulsating beats together. A perfect blend of live music and vibrant energy awaits you in this festive season! ₹1,000 (includes ₹400 redeemable drink coupon). 7 pm onwards. At Black Orchid.

## **Manifest your dreams**

## December 28 | Alwarpet

Kickstart 2025 with clarity and inspiration at the Vision Board Workshop. Learn the art of journalling, manifesting, and creating your personalised vision board. Guided by experts, the session includes visualisation, meditation, group discussions, and everything you need to turn your dreams into reality. ₹1,400 per person. 11.00 am-1 pm. At Canvas Cafe, TTK Road.



## Down memory lane

#### December 28 | Velachery

Rewind to the golden era of '90s Tamil music this week, and sing along to classics from Ilaiyaraaja, AR Rahman, and Harris Jayaraj with karaoke, live music, and a vibrant jam session. Meet fellow music lovers and create new memories in a nostalgic setting. ₹499 per person. Starts at 5.30 pm. At Ikigai The Space.

## The treasure hunt

December 27 | PVR

Enjoy this visual spectacle brought to life by Mohanlal's directorial vision Barroz: Guardian of Treasures. Barroz, a loyal guardian of Vasco da Gama's treasure, waits 400 years for a worthy heir. When a young girl confronts her destiny, she must choose between preserving her legacy or breaking the ancient curse with the power of friendship. In theatres.

### **Back to the roots**

December 27-29 | Mylapore

Immerse yourself in the soul of Tamil music at Margazhi yil Makkalisai 2024: From the powerful beats of parai and folk to the raw energy of gaana, tribal rhythms, and rap, this three-day festival promises a unique blend of tradition and innovation. Entry free. At Santhome School, Sullivan St, Kuil Thoppu.

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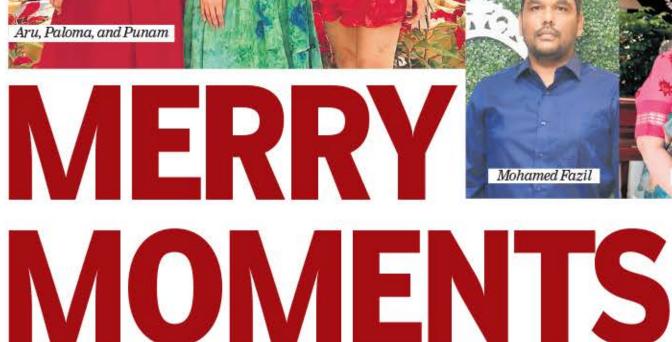
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LOVE HOW Christmas was celebrated around the city, in so many different ways. From the simple to the 'all out', there was something for everyone. Plus, Christmas after having a child is a completely different affair. Lot more wrapping of presents, cookie decoration, and multiple visits from Santas of all shapes and sizes. One of the highlights included an evening of carols and fun at Taj Coromandel, where the little ones unleashed their creativity on cookies, while the adults enjoyed catching up over high tea. The centre of attention though, was the fabulous Christmas tree featuring in all our pictures.

Saraswathi

Besides bells on bob sleighs and reindeer, the week went past in a flurry of launches and parties. Another section of people is busy this time of the year with the Margazhi season, enjoying the music and the best of Saapad. Grand Chennaiby GRT Hotels present-

ed Grand Gaana Sabha, a monthlong celebration of music, dance, and culture. Rasikas are invited to immerse themselves in the magic of Margazhi with a lineup of Carnatic and Hindustani Jugalbandhi concerts, performed by renowned artistes. And staying true to the tradition a specially curated menu at J Hind features elevated renditions of traditional sabha canteen favourites.



wellness trend this year with multiple locations opening up across the city, including three events just this past week. Our first stop was at Dr.B 360, a dermatology experiential centre launched by Dr Bhairavi Senthil. The revo-

Krithika

Suhasini

lutionary space introduces the exclusive Casmara skincare lounge, featuring advanced dermo-cosmetic solutions and algae peel-off masks in the luxurious peacock pods. Our next stop was at Amoha, Besant Nagar,

> enriching session on the art of selfcare. The event brought together wellness enthusiasts and experts for an inspiring exploration of holistic health and mindful living. With a focus on physical

and mental well-being, the session offered practical insights and transformative experiences. Dr Giovanni Dicran Megighian, a pioneer in stress management and creator of the MioBalance technique, led the programme. He guided participants in identifying and releasing hidden tensions, improving body awareness, and achieving mental clarity. Our final stop was at the launch of Welona in T Nagar with actors Teju Ashwini and Puzhal doing the honours.

Shravan

And for the foodies, Madurai Jigarthanda Factory was rebranded as 'Jignature' and was unveiled by Master Chef India finalist Aruna Vijay. This rebranding is a significant milestone as the brand celebrates its expansion to 90 outlets, spanning Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, the UAE, and Bahrain. In attendance were food bloggers, entrepreneurs, and popular faces.



TV Host and Lifestyle Influencer, Paloma Rao gives you a ringside view to the biggest parties in town.



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## food & drink

# new year special



## The final countdown bash

Raise a glass to new beginnings at the Mystic Soirée New Year Bash 2025. The event will unfold at The Leather Bar, where DJ Viswa and DJ Harri will take over the turntables, delivering an enchanting mix of beats to ignite a night of magic, mystery, and celebration. Guests can dance the night away to electrifying rhythms, while enjoying unlimited premium imported drinks and delicious bar bites. ₹4,444++ onwards. From 7 pm onwards. December 31. At The Park.

#### celebratory

Unwrap the best of New Year celebrations with top dining, vibrant parties, and memorable experiences across the city

# toast to nev beginnings

As 2024 comes to a close, hotels, and restaurants in the city are gearing up to celebrate the arrival of the New Year in style. Whether it's sophisticated dinners, exquisite feasts, or vibrant parties, hotels are going all out to ensure this is a night to remember!

Indulge captures the festive atmosphere and gives a lowdown into where to ring in 2025 with gusto.

# Evening by the poolside

Executive Chef Sujan Mukherjee has crafted an exquisite seven-course bespoke menu, designed to deliver a truly memorable New Year's experience at The Poolside. The evening begins with a luxurious pick-up and drop-off in a chauffeur-driven car, followed by a warm welcome featuring a bouquet and a glass of champagne. As the night unfolds, guests are treated to a private, elegantly set table by the pool, complete with personalised butler service and soothing ambient music, creating the perfect atmosphere for a magical celebration. The experience is further enhanced with red and white wines. To cap off the evening, each guest is presented with an exclusive festive hamper as a thoughtful takeaway souvenir.

₹1,50,000++ per couple. 9 pm to 11.30 pm. On December 31. At Taj Coromandel.

#### **New Year feast**

Celebrate the New Year with a special dinner at The Ministry of Chutney. Enjoy a midnight buffet followed by a delightful New Year brunch to mark the occasion. Share a sumptuous meal with friends, family, and loved ones, while indulging in curated entertainment and live music for an unforgettable experience. Meal for one: Adults: ₹4,567++ Kids: ₹3,456++ From 7 pm onwards. At Radisson Blu Hotel & Suites GRT Chennai.



## A glocal gala

Ring in 2025 with a dazzling Glocal Gala New Year's Eve celebration at Bay 146-Resto Lounge! This unforgettable night will feature themed parties, delectable delicacies, vibrant music, and a wide selection of drinks spread across four exciting venues. Dance the night away to the hottest tracks by DJ Shane, keeping the energy high all night-long. Savour four unlimited starters, a mini buffet, and a variety of imported beverages.

36,000 nett/per couple. From 8 pm onwards.

At The Savera.

# Season's bounty

Bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 with a night of glamour, music, and exceptional culinary offerings at ITC Grand Chola. Celebrate the season's bounty with a Khaas Khasa-a regal vegetarian feast crafted from the freshest ingredients at Royal Vega. ₹4,750 onwards for one person (AI). 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm. December 31. AtITC Grand Chola.





# Join the Ultimate Celebration of Assam's Heritage at the Brahmaputra Carnival

Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and natural beauty of Assam at the Brahmaputra Carnival, running from December 15, 2024, to March 15, 2025. Set along the stunning banks of the Brahmaputra River at LachitGhat, Guwahati, this 90-day celebration offers a perfect blend of adventure, tranquility, and cultural immersion.







The carnival offers exciting activities for all ages. Adventure enthusiasts can indulge in kayaking, river rafting, speedboat rides, ATV rides, bungee jumping, jet skiing, and more. For those seeking a cultural experience, the event features live music performances, traditional dance showcases, and local craft exhibitions. The carnival also provides a platform for local artisans, musicians, and performers to showcase their talents, celebrating Assam's rich heritage.

#### LACHITGHAT

#### At LachitGhat, the heart of the carnival, guests can enjoy:

- Live Concerts on Weekends: Experience performances from local and national artists spanning a variety of musical genres.
- Food Stalls: Relish traditional Assamese dishes and other popular delicacies, offering a taste of the region's culinary delights.
- Handicraft Stalls: Explore handmade crafts from local artisans, including textiles and bamboo products, perfect for souvenirs.
- Adventure Activities: Get an adrenaline rush with exciting outdoor adventures like kayaking and boat rides, making it an adventure-filled destination.

## SANDBAR ISLAND TENT CITY

For a more luxurious experience, head to the Sandbar Island Tent City, where you can stay amidst nature in one of the 20 exclusive tents across three categories:

- Deluxe Tents: ₹7500 + taxes (09 tents available)
- Premium Tents: ₹9500 + taxes (09 tents available)
- Royal Tents: ₹14500 + taxes (02 tents available)

Each tent comes with an inclusive package offering three meals a day, hi-tea, and daily cultural performances. Guests can enjoy traditional dances like Bihu, Bagurumba, and Jhumur, showcasing the artistic richness of Assam and the broader northeast.

Visitors can also explore nearby attractions like the revered Kamakhya Temple, Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, and Umananda Temple, each offering a glimpse into Assam's natural beauty and spiritual heritage.

With easy access from Guwahati Airport (22.5 km) and Guwahati Railway Station (2.4 km), the Brahmaputra Carnival is an unmissable event. Whether you're seeking an adrenaline rush, cultural immersion, or a luxurious escape, this celebration offers something for everyone.

Join us at the Brahmaputra Carnival to experience the heart of Assam!

For bookings and more information visit the Brahmaputra Carnival Website: https://brahmaputracarnival.com/



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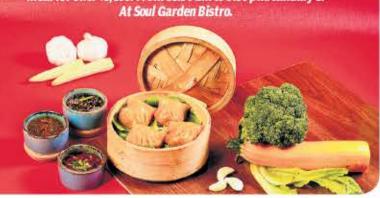
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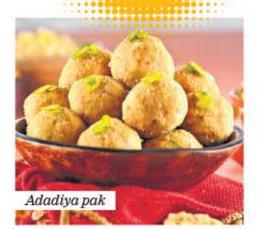
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S THE TEMPERATURE dips, the aroma of winter spices fills the air of all the establishments of the restaurant chain Khandani Rajdhani, as it brings back its much-loved Swad Kesariya Festival. A tribute to the culinary heritage of Gujarat and Rajasthan, this fest offers an elaborate menu of regional delicacies that transport you to those parts of the country.

At the heart of the festival is the iconic Surti undhiyu. A hearty, slow-cooked dish made with fresh, seasonal vegetables like surti papdi, purple yam, raw banana, and baby potatoes. We paired it with masala puri as instructed, and it makes for the perfect winter comfort food. The dish left us quizzical about its rich flavours and textures in the best possible way.

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# WINTER FES

Celebrate the flavours of Gujarat and Rajasthan at the Swad Kesariya Festival



The festival's appeal extends far beyond its signature dish. Each meal starts with a rotation of appetisers like the tangy Tuver bharmi kachori, the comforting Khaman dhokla, the mildly spicy Bikaneri patties and the earthy Bathua ka muthiya.

The mains are a celebration of the season's bounty, featuring highlights such as the royal Shahi angoor ki sabzi, Haldi nu shaak, Sarson ka saag, the vibrant Jamrukh saag, and the classic Paneer sangri kofta. The Jamrukh saag, a guava curry originating from Gujarat, and Paneer sangri kofta stole our hearts. These dishes are perfectly complemented by an array of breads like phulka, methi thepla, and the visually striking Beetroot puri.

Sarson ka saag doos to round off the experience. The Gajar halwa and the Badami rice phirni left us with a sweet memory that lingered long even after our last bite. Warm, authentic, and deeply satisfying, Swad Kesariya is a

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culinary heritage of Gujarat and Rajasthan—an experience that truly belongs to the season. Meal for one: ₹699++ Lunch from 12 pm to 3.30 pm and dinner from 7 pm to 11 pm.

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Sai Abhyankkar opens up about his meteoric rise and groundbreaking success, his musical influences and exciting future projects in this chat ahead of New Year | By P Sangeetha

> F THERE'S ONE person who has truly made a mark in 2024, it has to be Sai Abbyankkar He descended on the music landscape with his debut indie Tamil fusion single, Ratchi Sera, and hit it out of the park. The peppy romantic number not only went viral across the globe but also emerged as one of the most searched songs

> His sophomore single, Aasa Kooda, yet another romantic number, too went on to achieve a similar feat with over 100+ million views and became a smashing hit, thus cementing his position as one of the most promising singers and composers to keep your eyes peeled on.

> But not many knew when Katchi Sera took the internet by storm that Sai Abbyankkar's musical talent runs in his yeins. After all, his parents are popular playback singers Harini and Tippu, who have made their mark with timeless chartbusters

that continue to play on loop today.

The singer and composer is now all set to test the waters in tinsel town joining the Lokesh Cinematic Universe (LCU) with Benz, an action-packed film starring Raghava Lawrence and directed by Bakkiyaraj Kannan. With a cinematic universe that includes films like Kaithi, Vikram, and Leo, Sai becomes the third musician to join the LCU, following in the footsteps of Sam CS and

Anirudh Ravichander. But that's not all. Abhyankkar is gearing up to score music for RJ Balaji's next, tentatively titled Suriya 45, starring Suriya and Trisha At just 20 years old, Abhyankkar's kitty is teeming with some power-packed projects. As we bring down the curtains on 2024, we speak to the man of the moment about his incredible success, his journey so far, his New Year plans, and the exciting year ahead.

#### 202 4 has been exceptionally good for you. How did you handle all the attention?

I try to steer clear of social media and focus on my next projects. Most of the time, since I don't have my phone with me, my Instagram and Twitter accounts are not very active. I make an effort to distance myself from the pull of fame and that energy, staying grounded without getting caught

Didthe fameget overwhelmingstany given pointintine? I'm really happy, and every time I look back at my journey, I thank God for being so kind to me. I believe my prayers, along with the support of

sic Whatwash like growingupin ahomefiled withmusic? I was always surrounded by music, especially Hindustani, Indian, and Western classical, along with other rooted genres. I started listening to thesekinds of music at a very young age, and it has had a significant impact on me.

Given thatboth of your parents are highly successful in their respectives areas, did that ever create any pressure for you? When my first song was released, the audience didn't know who my parents were. So, I never felt any pressure to prove myself. I simply focused on giving my best and putting in 100% effort. For me, the real joy and happiness came from the process

#### Doyou seek tigs and feedback from your parents?

Inever showed my songs until they were finished. Once I completed them, I'd share the songs with my parents, and if they had any suggestions, I would consider them. But most of the time, I tend to be quite stubborn with my ideas.

#### What's your creative process like?

I try to infuse my emotions into the music, creating whatever resonates with me and reflects what Fyebeen listening to. I have around 600 to 700 songs right now, and I keep working on new music every day. My goal is to have a collection of about 1,500 or 1,600 songs by next year.

Earth! Sect took the internet by storm, and then Assa Ecoda followed inits footsteps. How did that makey on fee? I focus on giving my 100% and just for get about the song later. Most of the time, I lock myself in the studio, working on one thing or another. I try to block everything else out. The third single will be out sooner than you think. This new track will be a proper blend of Tamil and Mexican influences, with a rustic and rooted sound. There will be plenty of surprises for the audience, including the fact that, for the first time, they'll see me dancing throughout the video.

#### Has work on the LQI's tarted?

Yes, the work is well underway. There are about seven to eight songs, with three in English and four in Tamil. All of them are ready, and they'll be released one by one.

#### Who are your inspirations in music? MSV sir, Sirkazhi Govindarajan sir,

Baiyaraajasir, ARRahman sir, and many others. These musicians are the ones I grew up listening to, and they've played a huge role in shaping what I do today They are true legends, and I try to follow in their footsteps constantly learning from their work.

#### What's the update on Sariya 457

Things are moving really fast, and every-thing is happening quickly My main focus for this film is to deliver a blockbuster album. There will be a lot of tracks, and by God's grace, Ibelieve all of them will be hits. Of course, there's pressure, but if I dwell on it, it will only stress me out. I don't think about that. I've always been in a creative space, making new music every day, listen-ing to various artistes, and practicing a lot. That helps me stay focused on the process.

#### What are your other interests

when you are not composing music? I enjoy watching films, especially retro movies and those with strong values and

#### Would you ever consider becoming an actor?

Never eyer! First of all, I don't know how to act. Secondly, there are so many incredible

with a rustic and rooted sound. There will be plenty of surprises for the audience, including the fact that, for the first time, they'll see me dancing throughout the video

actors already, so why would I want to spoil cinema? I'll stick to making music for films. I'd love to bear great scripts, but music is my game, and I want to stay in that field for life.

You've already built a dedicated fanbase. How does that feel? It's all about love and respect. Honestly, I feel truly blessed when I see fan pages dedicated to me. I'm still at the beginning of my journey, and I never expected to have so many fan pages, but seeing them reminds me how fortunate I am. Every time I come across them, I feel blessed and gifted for the position God has given me.

#### What are your upcoming projects?

I'm working on a film with a debut director, Keerthiswaran, starring Pradeep Ranganathan and Mamitha Baiju. It's a beautiful script, and I'm confident the film will turn out really well. Currently, I'm involved in five projects. These three are the first ones, and the details of the other two will be announced very soon.

#### What are your New Year plans? And what doy ou usually doon New Year's?

I'll be giving a sneak peek of my song yery soon. As for my usual New Year celebrations, I spend most of it learning music. I don't go to parties— I'm usually in my studio. I'm quite a boring person, to be honest. I spend my days immersed in music, and the only extracurricular activity I do, is watch movies.

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#### Sai's sixer

grunoMars and Mark Ronson, I really admire the way they groduce their tracks . Every a burn and EP of theirs has such rich texture, and I'd love to understand their creative process.

#### Favourite song of your mother

Moongil Thottam, and there's also a song by Vidya sagar sir, Alanguyil goth of these are my absolute favourities.

#### And what about your father?

I love Vennstthi, Kannai Vittu, Kutti Puli Konttam, and Moongil Kaadugale Honestly, Jadone almost every song of my momand dad because all of themare super duper hits.

#### If you weren't amusician, what would you have been?

im not really sure because music is all i know. May be I would have bried cricket, but honestly, I don't think I have the talent for it.

#### If you had a superpower, what would it be?

fd love the ability to travel into the future to discover new sounds and then come back to reality and incorporate the mint omy music,

#### is there a film that has inspired or movedy on deeply?

castAway, The Green Mile, and Anbe Sivam-



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## The bridal collection comprises a stunning mix of saris, lehengas, and fusion styles

new dawn brings forth hope, transformation, and renewal—and the Navoday collection by Ankush Jain encapsulates these very sentiments, redefining bridal couture for the modern Indian bride. Drawing inspiration from the poetic elegance of the Renaissance, this exquisite collection blends traditional elements with contemporary flair, offering a fresh and enchanting take on bridal wear. The collection showcases a stunning mix of saris, lehengas, and fusion styles, such as draped skirts, all drenched in a rich and royal palette of dusky blue, deep maroon, rose quartz pink, rust, and more. With Navoday, Ankush has created more than just bridal attire; he's curated a symbolic journey of new beginnings and self-expression.

"The term navoday—mean-ing new dawn—perfectly captures the essence of this collection. It's a celebration of new beginnings, renewal, and hope. For the modern Indian bride, it symbolises not only the transition into a new chapter of life but also the strength and individuality that defines her,' explains Ankush.

The Navoday collection is a masterful blend of heritage and modernity, offering something for every bride. The intricate craftsmanship is evident in the stunof the Renaissance. The romanticism of that era finds expression

ning cutwork, 3D embroidery, and fabric manipulation that tell captivating stories through motifs of castles, horses, deer, and lush flora. These designs connect deeply with Indian traditions while drawing subtle influence from the grandeur

in timeless bridal silhouettes, paying homage to both the past and present.

"Modern brides are redefining bridal fashion," says Ankush, highlighting how Navoday caters totoday'sbridewhoseeksabalance between tradition and innovation. The collection seamlessly incorporates elements like traditional saris and lehengas with contemporary fusion wear, such as draped skirts and tops. "The key is giving brides the freedom to express their personal style, while honouring the rich cultural heritage they are a part of," he continues.

What truly sets Navoday apart is its meticulous attention to detail. "Every piece in this collection has been thoughtfully crafted to offer more than just a visual experience. From the luxurious fabrics to the tactile beauty of 3D embroidery and cutwork, each piece is

designed to connect emotionally with the bride. It's not just about looking beautiful; it's about feeling beautiful and powerful in the garments," Ankush shares.

For brides selecting pieces from the Navoday collection, Ankush offerssomestylingadvice."Don't be afraid to experiment. Mix and match different elements-pair a lehenga with a contemporary top or add statement jewellery to create a look that feels uniquely yours. The key is to wear it with confidence, as every bride deserves to feel her best on this special journey," he suggests.

> Price on request. Available online. -Manu Vipin manuvipin 🔤 @newindianexpress.com @ManuVipin



# Garden in bloom

Shasha's designs showcase exquisite techniques that celebrate the artistry of couture bloom. Serene mint hues take

center stage with ethereal lehengas and saris, both featuring multicoloured floral embroidery that evokes the beauty of nature. "The mint tones in this collection represent serenity and grace, like a peaceful morning in a lush garden," Shasha explains. In contrast, the vibrant yellow pieces radiate joy and exuberance, with peplum shararas, choker dupattas, and lightweight suit sets infused with intricate floral accents. "Yellow symbolises optimism and energy, perfect for those who seek to make a bold statement," Shasha adds.

Timeless luxury is embodied in the ivory and gold palette, where corset gowns, lehengas adorned with 3D flowers, and golden jackets embroidered with pearl scallops exude classic opulence. As the sun sets, the deep midnight hues of noir and blue emerge, with

capes shimmering in pearls, saris dazzling with tassels, and gowns adorned with 3D petals and gleaming crystals. "The midnight shades represent sophistication and the magic of the evening, capturing the allure of timeless glamour," says Shasha. What sets this col-

lection apart is its seamless blend of modern elegance with traditional craftsmanship. From floral embroidery to 3D flower details, Shasha's designs showcase exquisite techniques that celebrate the artistry of couture. "We work with intricate embellishments, such as hand-embroidered pearls and crystals, to add depth and dimension to each garment," Shasha explains. "The cut-dana work and delicate floral motifs enhance the visual appeal, bringing each piece to life."

The midnight hues of noir and deep blue hold particular significance in the evening wear section. "These colours evoke the elegance of twilight, and the shimmering details create a luminous effect, like dewdropsonpetals,"Shasha shares. The fabrics, including chinnon, silk organza, and chanderi, are carefully chosen to enhance the overall luxurious feel. while the fine details of embroidery and braiding techniques addasense of refinement. Themodernmuse.

according to the designer, is someone who embraces individuality and modern elegance. "Our designs are meant for women who seek to break away from conventional trends and celebrate their unique style. Each piece tells a story, reflecting the wearer's personality and sense of grace," she says.

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### **Gurmeet Sangha Rai** conservation architect

Gurmeet Rai is a conservation architect, heritage management specialist, permaculturist and educationist. She is the director of CRCI India, a premier organisation in India for heritage conservation and management (established in 1996). She was vice-president of the International Committee on Monuments and Sites, India, an advisory body to UNESCO (2014-2020) and continues to be a member of the international and national committees of ICOMOS on Climate Change and Rights-Based Approaches for Heritage Management.



Debjani Ghosh, a respected and transformative leader in the technology industry, serves as a distinguished fellow at NITI Aayog and the chief architect of the NITI Frontier Tech Hub. With a stellar career spanning over 28 years, including pivotal leadership roles at Intel and as the first female president, Nasscom. Debjani was at the forefront of driving India's

emergence as a global innovation leader.

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# Dr Aqsa Shaikh, professor, Jamia Hamdard

Dr Aqsa Shaikh (she/her) is an out and proud transgender woman. She is one of India's first transgender doctors who worked at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic response. She is a professor of community medicine at Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.



The Devi Awards saw another beautiful edition in Delhi recently and here are the amazing women who were honoured at that special event...



Chief guest and Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan (4th from left in second row), TNIE Group Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla (7th from left in second row) and Executive Editor Santwana Bhattacharya (2nd from the left in first row) with awardees

## Meeta artiste

Meeta Pandit is a leading and popular vocalist of hindustani classical music of India. She has enthralled audiences both in India and in more than 25 countries. Meeta is a top-grade artiste of All India Radio. She is a recipient of many national awards and honours including Pandit Kumar Gandharva Rashtriya Samman and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award - Bismillah Khan Award. She is the author of India's Heritage of Gharana Music: Pandits of Gwalior.

The 30th edition of the Devi Awards dazzled on December 23 at ITC Maurya, marking a spectacular milestone for this iconic celebration of women's achievements. A decade after the inception of these prestigious awards and the sixth edition in Delhi, 17 exceptional women leaders — our *Devis* — were honoured in a glittering ceremony that brought together the brightest and most influential figures from across the capital. Kerala governor Arif Mohammed Khan graced the event as the chief guest. eloquently highlighting that, "India's rise to pre-eminence in the modern era," owes much to the groundbreaking achievements of its women. Lakshmi Menon, CEO of TNIE Group, beautifully summed up the evening by declaring that Delhi is, "no stranger to powerful women." The event took a deep dive into the personal stories of each of these trailblazing Devis, celebrating their unwavering contributions across arts, economics, public service and governance. Here are the 17 distinguished Devis who were celebrated...

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## Dr Jyoti Anand, founder, Anand Organization for Social Development

Dr Jyoti Anand is a well-respected and accomplished social activist based in New Delhi, India. She has dedicated her life to serving the underprivileged and marginalised communities, especially children and women. Her NGO, Anand Organization for Social Development, has been providing free education to needy children for many years. More than 400 students come to her NGO.



Jyoti Bhatia completed her Bachelor of Architecture in 1989 and within six months, set up her enterprise by designing a small 700-square-foot office for Tarom Airways in Connaught Place. After doing many airline offices (Southeast Asia head office of Air France for one) and a few residential projects, Zelos Developers Private Limited was established in 1999 under her leadership.



## Meena Bindra chairperson, BIBA

Born in a business family and married to a naval officer, Meena Bindra was born and brought up in Delhi. In the early '80s, her desire to keep herself occupied in herfree time and her keen interest in designing led to the humble beginning of BIBA from her residence in Mumbai. Today, BIBA is one of the leading ethnic wear brands in the country. It has a pan-Indian presence, spread across 160 cities with over 375 exclusive stores.





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### Manjari Chaturvedi, danseuse

Manjari Chaturvedi, a leading exponent of classical dance in India, is an unusual dancer. She has blazed her own path in the field of performing arts. She has taken the traditional form of kathakto a different level altogether and has created her own style, her own brand of dance. Over 500 concerts in 25 years in more than 36 countries with 406 musicians, her work is vast.



## Dr N Kalaiselvi director General, CSIR

Dr N Kalaiselvi assumed charge as secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and director general, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), in 2022. Dr Kalaiselvi is the first woman director general of CSIR. Prior to taking over as secretary, DSIR and DG, CSIR, she was working as director, CSR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI), Karaikudi.



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Shalini Passi is a Delhi-based art collector; art, design and fashion patron; philanthropist; art and design advisor and artiste. She has been on the Khoj Studios Advisory Board since 2012 and continues to serve as a longstanding patron of the annual Kochi-Muziris Biennale. She is the founder of MASH, a digital platform that explores the intersection of architecture, art, craft, design and fashion in an accessible and engaging format. She also founded and conceptualised the Shalini Passi Art Foundation.



## Dr Rashmi Saluja executive chairperson, Religare **Enterprises Limited**

Dr Rashmi Saluja brings a multidisciplinary background to corporate leadership, holding advanced degrees, including an MBBS, MD, LLB, PhD and an MBA in Finance. Since 2018, she has been the driving force behind the transformative journey of Religare Enterprises Limited.

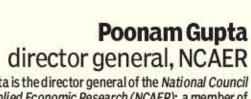


Chhaya Sharma is an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the AGMUT Cadreand currently holds the esteemed position of special commissioner of police training/PHQ in Delhi. Her career, spanning over two decades, is marked by a series of significant and impactful roles, including joint commissioner of police for the Eastern Range in Delhi, director at the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and deputy inspector general at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India.



## Upasana Taku, executive director, co-founder & CFO - MobiKwik Group

Upasana Taku is the chairperson of the MobiKwik Board and the executive director, co-founder and CFO of the MobiKwik Group. Upasana holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Punjab Technical University and a master's degree in Management Science and Engineering from Stanford University. Prior to her entrepreneurial journey, she worked as a product manager at PayPal, San Jose, USA; in the Financial Services, Global Payments and Risk divisions.



Poonam Gupta is the director general of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER); a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and convener of the Advisory Council to the 16th Finance Commission. She is currently on the boards of NIPFP and GDN (Global Development Network); a member of the World Bank's advisory groups for poverty & equity and the World Development Report; a member of the Development Advisory Committee of NITI Aayog and FICCI's Executive Committee.

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## **Poonam Sharma** chairperson, Accurate **Group of Institutions**

Poonam Sharma is the main force behind the growth of the Accurate Institute into one of the premier management institutes in Delhi/NCR. She has pursued her MBA in International Business Management. With her gifted insights, leadership qualities and zeal to contribute to the development of India by making India a more knowledgeable society, she established Accurate Institute in the year 2006 as the group director.



## **Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit** vice-chancellor, JNU

Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit was the first woman and alumnus vice-chancellor of India's top educational institution, Jawaharial Nehru University (JNU) in 2022. Her teaching and research career spans over three decades, beginning as a lecturer in Goa University and then moving on to the University of Pune. She has been a professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune, holding additional charge as director, International Centre.

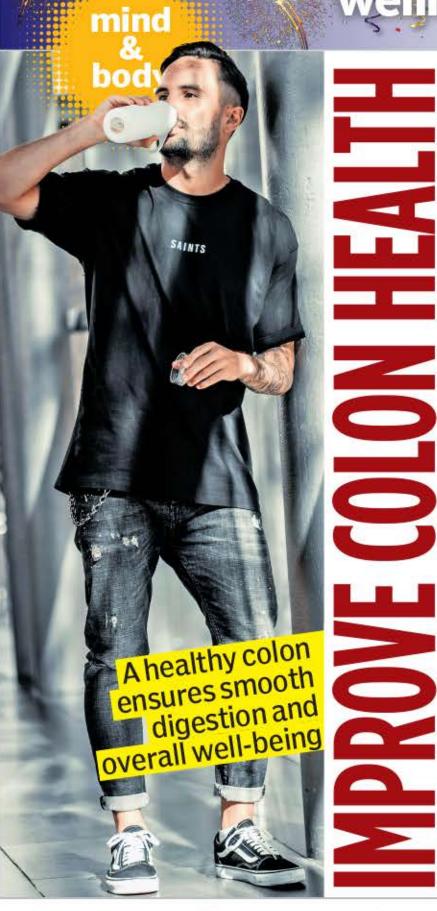




## Kalli Purie executive editor-in-chief & vice-chairperson, India Today Group

Kalli Purie is the vice-chairperson of the India Today Group. She has been working with the India Today Group for more than two decades and has held several important positions through her illustrious and long career.





HE FESTIVE SEA-SON brings joy, celebrations, and indulgent meals. While this is delightful, many people feel sluggish and uncomfortable afterward. The reason? Overloading the gut, especially the colon, with foods that slow digestion and increase toxicity. The colon, or the large intestine, plays a crucial role in processing waste and preparing it for elimination. It's also responsible for absorbing water, electrolytes, and some vitamins from the leftover food material. The colon houses billions of bacteria, collectively known as the gut microbiome, which aid digestion, produce certain vitamins, and protect against harmful pathogens. A healthy colon ensures smooth digestion and overall well-being.

Festive eating often involves low-fiber, highfat, and heavily processed foods, which can harm your colon in several ways. Processed and fatty foods slow down digestion, increasing the time food stays in the colon. This can lead to decay, fermentation, and toxin buildup. Over time, these issues can compromise colon health, causing inflammation, toxicity, and even chronic conditions. Incorporate these into your diet to counteract the effects of festive

Fiber also called the natural broom is essential for a healthy colon because it helps in sweeping away waste and toxins. It also absorbs water, softening stools and promoting regular bowel movements. There are 2 types of fibre: Soluble fibre found in oats, flaxseeds, psyllium husks, beans, rice, barley, apples etc dissolves in water, forming a gel-like substance that promotes healthy digestion. It feeds beneficial gut bacteria, reducing inflam-

mation and supporting colon

stools, easing their passage and preventing constipation. And the insoluble fibre found in whole wheat, rye, brown rice, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts etc adds bulk to stool, promoting regular bowel movements. and preventing constipation. It helps waste pass efficiently through the digestive tract, reducing the risk of blockages and toxin build-ups.

health. Soluble fiber also softens

Probiotics are the gut's best friend, these are live bacteria that keep your colon healthy, they help improve digestion, prevent harmful bacteria from growing, and support your immune system. Foods like yogurt, kefir, miso, sauerkraut, and kombucha etc are rich in probiot-

ics. Prebiotics too are important for good health because they are food for the good bacteria in your gut. Foods like garlic, onions, bananas, and oats are rich in prebiotics and essential for gut health.

 Leafy greens like spinach, kale, wheatgrass, barley grass, etc are good for your gut. They are rich in chlorophyll, which help cleanse the colon by

removing toxins and promoting healthy digestion. Chlorophyll improves oxygen flow in the gut, reduces harmful bacteria, and supports the growth of good bacteria. These greens also provide fiber, which aids in bowel movements and prevents waste build-up.

Avocado is rich in omega-3 fatty acids that lubricates the colon walls, prevent-

ing toxins from sticking and aiding smooth elimination. The fiber promotes smooth digestion and regular bowel movements. Enjoy sourdough toast with guacamole or add avocado in the salad to get maximum benefits.

Include ginger and garlic in everyday meals because garlic's antibacterial, antiviral, and antiparasitic properties help remove toxins, pathogens, and parasites from the digestive tract. Garlic also supports the growth of good gut bacteria, reduces inflammation, and prevents toxin build-up. Ginger, on the other hand, contains gingerol, which kills harmful bacteria and parasites.

Water is essential for keeping the colon healthy because it helps soften stool, making it easier to pass. It also aids in flushing out waste and toxins from the body. When you stay hydrated, your colon can absorb the right amount of water, preventing constipation and promoting regular bowel



Systems. The writer is a clinical nutritionist with a focus on healthy lifestyle choices.



(Mar 21 - Apr 19)

New ideas brewing in your mind are very fruitful. Don't allow bumps in the road to hinder your progress. Clear your communication problems with others. All vour materialistic needs will be fulfilled in magical and unexpected ways. An act of kindness will go a long way. Plans wisely executed will lead to financial abundance and relocations. Lucky colours: Red, orange



(June 21 - July 22)

Committed romantic relationships will sweep you off your feet. Situations and topics will make your heart flutter. There are better courses of action available. Working alone may not be the best answer. Review all details before proceeding ahead. It's time to face your fears. Listen to your intuition. Lucky colours: White, light blue



Joy through spiritual

growth will enhance

all your unanswered

meditation. You can

What you need will

magically appear.

A successful new

Lucky colours:

Sky blue, navy blue

beginning will lead to

action and great passion.

questions are through

your connection with the

divine power. Answers to

manifest the life you want.

LEO

(July 23 - Aug 22)

The destiny gods will favour you now. Thrive through the power of positive thinking. Your success will inspire others. Move quickly and choose logic over emotions. both in your personal and professional life. Awards, rewards, scholarships, or promotions are on the cards. Lucky colours: White, cream, yellow, grey



(May 21 - June 20)

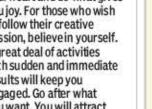
Follow your passion and be ready to face any challenge. New opportunities for excitement and adventure are going to be the highlight. It's time to act upon your plans. Creativity will be rewarded in the most luxurious and abundant ways. The divine light will pour its mercy, and you will be able to manifest whatever you wish for. There will be successful new beginnings. Lucky colour: Purple



VIRGO

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Believe in yourself and take the leap of faith. Listen to your heart and do what gives you joy. For those who wish to follow their creative passion, believe in yourself. A great deal of activities with sudden and immediate results will keep you engaged. Go after what you want. You will attract helpful and powerful people. Lucky colours:



Rust orange, brown



This weekly column is based on angel oracle guidance and numbers



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Chaldean numerologist, Angel oracle guide & healer



(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Life is wonderful. Thrive through the power of positive thinking. A situation in life will arise that will require a quick decision. Overanalysing the issue is not needed. Find a solution, as success is coming only through objective compromise. With a forgiving and a healing energy, move on. Lucky colour: Yellow



(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A situation has ended. and you are finally free. New opportunities for happiness will now follow. Put the past behind you. Life is wonderful; thrive through the power of positive thinking. New resources of money, time, or support are on the cards. A change in job or a promotion is foreseen. Lucky colour: Salmon pink



(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Stand up for what you believe in. Your strength is your kindness, self-confidence and a forgiving heart. Move on in your personal and professional life. On the work front, there is a petter course of action available. Review all your details and choose to follow the enlightened path. Beware of fake people and face your fears. Trust your intuition for guidance. Lucky colours: White, blue, green



PRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

This is the most joyful time of your life; make a wish, and your dreams will turn into reality. For those who have been fighting a legal battle for justice and equality, don't give up so soon, as the ruling will be made in your favour. There will be great career advancement in the days to come. Your success will be acknowledged by everyone. Lucky colours: Red, black, white, golden.



(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

A happy announcement regarding a relationship is on the cards. Working multiple jobs or projects at once can be a little taxing. As long as you have a million-dollar smile and the ability to make your work fun, you will sail through. For those who are in love or seeking companionship, deep emotional commitments will create ripples in your heart. Lucky colours: Tealgreen, pink



(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Embrace your inner child. On the work front, wisdom and objectivity are very important. Stay in your integrity. A situation will call for an honest and open communication. With the power of psychic insights. reflection, and meditation. you shall be able to gain valuable information. Be at peace as you are on the right path. Lucky colours: Silver, all shades of green



ALAIMAMANI BALA DEVI Chandrashekar, a celebrated Bharatanatyam dancer from a distinguished lineage of scholars, is renowned for blending ancient wisdom with modern artistry. With a scholarly approach, she explores sacred texts and collaborates with experts across disciplines to craft performances that resonate deeply with today's world. Her captivating artistry has graced over 35 countries, enchanting audiences with more than 300 mesmerising performances that seamlessly fuse tradition and innovation. Shehaspresented Bharatanatyam in prestigious venues such as the Paris 2024 Olympics, the Bali World Cultural Festival, UNESCO headquarters in Paris, Broadway, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

As the world grapples with climate change, Bala Devi brings MAA – The Eternal Truth at a crucial time, paying homage to Mother Nature and raising awareness about environmental issues. Ahead of her performance in the city, we speak to Bala Devi to know more.

#### What is MAA - The Eternal Truth all about? And what is 'the eternal truth' that the performance brings to the fore?

MAA - The Eternal Truth is a solo thematic operatic Bharatanatyam production, and this performance explores and celebrates the loving nature of both Mother and Mother Earth, highlighting the profound connection between them. The production draws inspiration from ancient texts and philosophical contexts, emphasising the protection and nurturing role that mothers and Mother Earth play in sustaining life. It delves into the significance of karma bhoomi (land of action) and explores the interconnectedness of all existence.

It utilises the classical Bharatanatyam dance form and features world-class recorded music. It also incorporates symbolism, such as the 18-faced rudraksha, to represent the intricate web of a mother's love.

#### How was this piece conceptualised?

The inspiration for this production originated from my desire to celebrate the interconnected

ness of all existence, with a particular focus on the nurturing aspects of motherhood and Mother Earth. I delved into various sacred texts, including Adi Shankara's works, the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, Srimad Bhagavatam, and Mandukya Upanishad, to form the philosophical backbone of the performance. The decision to structure the performance around the concept of Maa allowed for a seamless integration of various aspects of Indian philosophy and mythology.

#### Please elaborate on the choreography and the music.

The choreography is a carefully crafted journey through four acts, each exploring different facets of motherhood and Mother Earth. In Act 1, we open with Adi Shankara's Mathru Panchakam set to Ragam Dhenuka, incorporating intricate movements to represent the primordial sound of Om. A traditional Mallari in Ragam Gambiranattai and Misra Eka

Thalam weaves together salutations to Lord Ganesha and Uma Shiva. Act 2 features a cosmic dance set to Ragam Panthuvarali, exploring the Ardhanaree-shwara concept through contrasting masculine and femi-nine movements. We incorporate the powerful Maheswara Sutrani, using complex rhythmic patterns to depict the sounds of Lord Shiya's Damaru. Act 3 focuses on Lord Varaha rescuing Bhooma Devi, set in Adi Thalam Tisra Nadai. This section showcases intricate footwork and expressive abhinaya to portray the rescue of Mother Earth. The final act celebrates Andal's devotion through the nine forms of Bhakti, incorporating a variety of ragas and talas to express different emotional states. It culminates in a Thillana set to Ragam Kosala and Kanda Eka Thalam.

The music, composed by talented artistes, features a rich ensemble including mridangam, violin, veena, flute, tabla, nadaswaram, and sitar. The diverse range of ragas, including Dhenuka, Gambira Nattai, Sri Ranjani, Revathi, Panthuvarali, and Suruti, enhances the emotional depth of the performance.

#### How does it feel to be performing Bharatanatyam on an international stage?

With over 300 performances across 35 countries, I've had the privilege of sharing this classical Indian dance form with diverse audiences worldwide. My distinct scholarly approach, which combines intense research of ancient texts with contemporary interpretations and investment in world-class music, has captivated audiences from various cultural backgrounds.

Open to all. December 30, 5.30 pm: Kartik Fine Arts, Mylapore January 2, 7.30 pm: Brahma Gana Sabha, TAG Dakshinamurthy Auditorium, Mylapore January 4, 6 pm: Bharatiya





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# Margam **Mastery**

An Ode to the Tanjore Quartet and the significance of digital release

THIS UNIQUE PRODUCTION aims at preserving the majesty of the dance compositions, which combine an intense knowledge of Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam of the Tanjore quartet illustrious brothers that form the Bharatanatyam repertoire, the crescendo to our artistic heritage.

An Ode to the Tanjore Quartet is a digital presentation of a traditional Bharatanatyam Margam, continuing the Nritya Upachara series. This production aims to create a new Renaissance in understanding traditional classical Bharatanatyam, as evolved by the famous Tanjore Quartet brothers. The project, guided by Guru Nandini Ramani, showcases specific compositions of the illustrious brothers Adi Ponniah, Chinniah, Vadivelu, and Sivanandam, who were court musicians trained under Camatic musician Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar.

The Margamfollows the traditional format codified by the Taniore Quartet, considered the lifeline of a Bharatanatyam performance. It includes a series of items such as Alarippu, Jatisvara m, Shabdam, Varnam, Padam, Javali, and Tillana, each designed to showcase different aspects of pure and interpretative dance. The presentation adheres to this order to preserve and propagate the values of the Margam-

based Bharatanatyam recital, which is meant to be solo dancing according to ancient treatises and oral tradition.

This production features compositions in both Tamil and Telugu, reflecting the linguistic diversity of the Tanjore court. The centerpiece of the recital is the Varnam, a challenging item that combines pure and interpretative dance, set to a composition by Sivanandam of the Tanjore Quartet. Other notable pieces include a Shabdam addressing Lord Krishna, a Keertanam devoted to Lord Brihadeeshwara, and a Tillana composed by Adi Chinnaya.

Entry free. January 5, 9 am. At TAG Dakshinamurthy Hall, Mylapore.







Poco's new M7 Pro 5G is a fantastic device at its price point in its segment and offers incredible value for users. I've used it extensively over the last three weeks and find it to be a worthy smartphone. First off, the M7 Pro 5G has a bright and clear AMOLED display (6.67" screen) with a 120Hz adaptive refresh rate and 2,100 nits peak brightness - translating to vivid visuals and stunning clarity. You also get a brilliant camera (Sony's 50 MP LYT-600 with OIS and f/1.5 aperture delivering great photos in most lighting conditions). Other features include Dolby Atmos dual stereo speakers for good sound and Mediatek's dimensity 7025 Ultra chipset for peak performance. The phone also has a 5110mAh battery (45W charging speeds), which easily lasts me the entire day, and safe Corning Gorilla Glass for robust protection during falls and nicks. flipkart.com



#### ASICS TMM 2025 Gel-Kayano 31 LE

These incredible new limited-edition Asics' running shoes, specially created for the Tata Mumbai Marathon (20th edition), have a unique design inspired by "The Queen's Necklace" of Mumbai i.e Marine Drive lit up at night. This shining jewel merges with Mumbai's iconic urban skyline, providing a defining image depicting life in Mumbai. I've been using these for almost a week now, and they look incredible in the "Illuminate Mint/Summer dune" colour variant only available in this series. As far as

"Illuminate Mint/Summer dune" colour variant only available in this series. As far as comfort, these Kayano 31s are the best in my opinion when it comes to stability and balance while running for longer distances. Proprietary Asics tech such as an updated ASICSGRIP material on the outsole, an engineered mesh upper, lightweight and energetic cushioning, help provide adaptive stability and grip whenever I run. and feel super cool as well! Do try a pair on at the ASICS retail stores! asics.co.in



#### Sonos Era 300

Let me put it this way: the Sonos Era 300 is easily the best speaker I've heard all year, and this includes content not limited to music but also OTT, audiobooks, and even binaural beats. The Era 300 does take about 10-15 mins to connect to Wi-fi and Bluetooth and your smartphone/devices, but once it does, its all joy going forward. Era 300 supports spatial audio (Dolby Atmos), thanks to six optimally positioned speakers providing an immersive, real feel to sound, which is rare to experience from a singular unit. Once connected, I was easily able to stream from my Spotify, Apple Music; I also tried out Netflix and Prime Video via my paired i Pad and played a few mobile games on my Android phone. Listening to Zakir Hussain's Ektaal in my room, I couldn't agree more! Sonos.com





NY BIG BIKE that comes out of Nippon has proven to be at the top of performance ratings, but the Katana from Suzuki has always been special, especially as a street fighter. This is the bike that as a poster, adorned many a wall for kids growing up in the 1980s and '90s, with legendary performancestories. The comeback

is special, reigniting memories

of the original bike and what it

signified to a couple of generations of motorcycle lovers. We are happy to say that the new embodies the values of the old.

The iconic design of the Katana is maintained with its square headlight, but now it incorporates LEDs. The tank design, long and lowslung, makes it stand out as an oldschool masterpiece. Other eyecatching features are a chunky tail and gold-coloured suspension details. The stand-out features include black colour stickering against a matt-blue body colour, an understated, yet rich finish, and gold-coloured alloys. The 4 into 1 exhaust is subtle but does provide a very refined soundtrack. In our opinion, the instrument cluster is a tad small and its fonts, graphics, and illumination again give a retro look. Understanding the switchgear and electronics can take some time to master, but it comes out rather intuitively, with the switchgear giving a nice tactile feel, even if you have gloves on. Even the seat is quite comfortable, and whether you are doing a daily commute or hard and fast weekend rides, your posterior is taken care.

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**Japanese** 

in terms of

performance

Riding the liquid-cooled 999 cc engine, developing 150 bhp and a 106 Nm of torque, is a heady feeling. You always have a feeling of power

humming away below you gives you a good buzz. The fact that you can hit the ton in under 3 seconds and accelerate at a top speed of 250 km/h means that you are handling a potent machine. Or you could potter around town without a complaint from the free-revying motor with excellent refinement. It's only at the redline that some vibrations creep in, but that is not something you would do every day. You have a number of modes to choose from for different riding styles, with 'A' mode giving maximum performance and instantaneous throttle response. This K5 engine is a gem, and not least because it sounds so throaty and makes the right sounds.

Handling is akin to a normal road bike with a long wheelbase, and if you swing from side to side, the bike can feel heavy with the suspension setting set at the highest. Ground clearance is low, so keep that in mind, especially when you negotiate large speed breakers and potholes. However, the agility is spot on, and it is quite a lot of fun doing the twisties. In city riding, best leave it in 'C' mode for good driveability with low-end torque. Fuel efficiency also seems to be quite good with 20 km/l possible on the highway, though a small 12 litre fueltank could make trips to the petrol bunker more frequent. Our only gripe was the Dunlop tyres that came with the bike, which did not offer enough grip and even made the brakes feel wooden at times.

Some might say that the price is a tad high, but for the smiles it provides for miles ridden, the new Katana is simply unbeatable. Ride iton city roads or take it to the track, there is always a mode available. And if you want to munch highway miles, the Katana is your perfect partner. Oh the soundtrack of that glorious 1000...

> Priced at₹13.6 lakh ex-showroom. - Mohit Soni

## The week that was



#### Nissan, Honda and Mitsubishi may come together

In a significant announcement made recently, Honda and Nissan have decided to come together and form a joint holding company. This comes amid the dramatic changes in the automotive industry, especially with the significant shift towards electric vehicles. Mitsubishi Motors too might join this consortium at a later stage, to leverage expertise and provide synergies. This could make the three one of the largest car manufacturers in the world.



#### Honda SP125

Honda Motorcycles India has launched the updated SP125, an updated design and advanced connectivity features. It sports a new all-LED headlamp and taillamp along with aggressive tank shrouds, chrome muffler cover, and enhanced graphics. The bike will be available in two variants, Drum and Disc, with five colour options. The new SP125 now gets a 4.2-inch TFT display with Bluetooth connectivity and Honda RoadSync app compatibility. Powering the SP125 is a 124cc, single-cylinder, fuel-injected engine that is now OBD2B compliant. Prices start at ₹94,422 ex-showroom.

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A TRIP TO Goa is incomplete without a visit to a shack, the morning haze, and a rave night-out on the beach. Right? The Royal Enfield team also seems to agree to it, as the all-new bob ber and their first in 350CC The Goan Classic comes in the following colourways: Shack Black, Purple Haze, Rave Red and Trip Teal. But why has Royal Enfield launched another Bobber motorcycle

when they already have the Shotgun 650? It's not just about adding an accessible bobber for the masses in their stable but also because its new arch rival, the Jawa, has a 350CC Jawa 42 Bobber.

The first thing that grabs attention is the bike's stunning paint schemes; it's unlike anything RE has ever attempted before.

For some, it may be too loud and daring, but we heard a few say they are not as trippy as the launch film they had made for this bike. But like most Bobbers, it has



If you are the kind who likes living life foot-loose and fancy free, then this bike is exactly you want a raised

handlebar, slashcut silencer, and a chopped front fender, and the rear fender is mounted on the swing arm. But you do get a detachable pillion seat. It felt perfect for Goa's diverse terrains, from smooth highways to rugged coastal roads. The relaxed riding posture and wide handlebars ensure comfort even during long hours in the saddle, a factor that touring enthusiasts will appreciate.

The Goan Classic doesn't skimp on modern amenities. It comes equipped with RE's Tripper Navigation System, a small pod integrated into the instrument cluster that provides turn-by-turn navigation via Bluetooth. The system syncs seamlessly with the Royal Enfield app. allowing riders to plan their trips with ease. Other thoughtful features include dual-channel ABS for added safety, a USB charging port discreetly positioned under the handlebar, and tubeless tyres mounted on spoked rims—a practical addition that ensures peace of mind during long rides. It also gets

beautiful white wall tyres that enhance the retro-modern look of the bike.

The Goan Classic is powered by the same 349cc, single-cylinder, air-cooled engine found in the Classic 350. It delivers 20.2 bhp and 27 Nm of torque, paired with a 5-speed gearbox. While these figures might not scream performance, the engine's smooth power delivery and strong low-end torque make it ideal for cruising at relaxed speeds. Royal Enfield has once again proved why it remains the go-to brand for those who cherish the art of motorcycling. We, for one, prefer this over a Classic 350.

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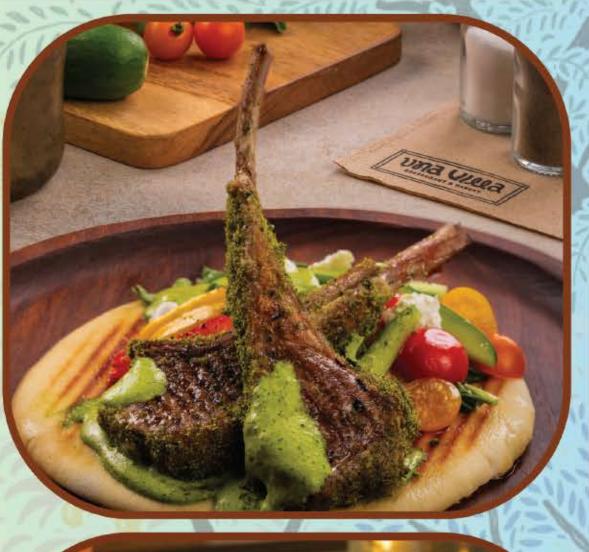
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