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Stalin lays foundation for TIDEL Parks in Trichy, Madurai

Chennai, Feb 18: To create employment opportunities for 12,000 IT professionals with an investment of Rs.717 crore, the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M.K. Stalin, laid the foundation stones for new TIDEL parks in Trichy and Madurai.

At the Secretariat, the Chief Minister virtually inaugurated the projects undertaken by the Department of Industries, Investment Promotion, and Commerce. In Trichy Municipal Corporation's Panchappur, a TIDEL Park will be established at an estimated cost of Rs.403 crore, spanning 5.58 lakh square feet with a ground floor and six additional floors. In Madurai Municipal Corporation's Mattuthavani, another TIDEL Park will be set up at a cost of Rs.314 crore, covering 5.34 lakh square feet with a ground floor and twelve additional floors.

Tamil Nadu, currently the second-largest state economy in India, aims to become a one trillion-dollar economy by 2030, a vision set by Chief Minister Stalin. To achieve this target, the state government is actively attracting significant investments and creating numerous job opportunities, particularly for the youth of Tamil Nadu. The state has been recognized in the Union Government's Economic Survey Report for 2024-25 for its outstanding efforts in attracting investments and generating a large number of employment opportunities, especially for women.

The journey of TIDEL Parks in Tamil Nadu began in 2000 when Kallaignar, with his visionary outlook, inaugurated the first TIDEL Park in Taramani, Chennai, paving

Jobs for 12,000 IT professionals with investment of Rs. 717 crore



the way for substantial growth in the state's IT sector. Following this, mini TIDEL Parks have been established in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, including Villupuram, Thanjavur, Thoothukudi, and Salem. These were inaugurated by Chief Minister Stalin. Additionally, on November 22, 2024, the Chief Minister inaugurated a state-of-the-art TIDEL Park in Pattabiram, Thiruvallur district, built at a cost of Rs.330 crore, featuring 21 floors with modern infrastructure facilities.

Panchappur, Trichy

As part of the next phase of expanding the IT ecosystem, a new TIDEL Park will be constructed in Panchappur, Trichy, at

a cost of Rs.403 crore, covering 5.58 lakh square feet with a ground floor and six additional floors. This facility will accommodate IT, ITes, BPOs, and startup companies, fostering a thriving technological environment.

Mattuthavani, Madurai

Similarly, in Mattuthavani, Madurai, a TIDEL Park will be developed at an investment of Rs.314 crore, spanning 5.34 lakh square feet with a ground floor and twelve additional floors. It will also host IT, ITes, BPOs, and startup companies, promoting technological growth in the region.

These parks will be equipped with advanced integrated building management systems, air con-

ditioning, and 24x7 security, providing a modern work environment for approximately 12,000 IT professionals. This initiative is expected to create job opportunities for educated youth from Trichy, Madurai, and surrounding districts, thus enhancing the socio-economic status of these regions.

Municipal Administration Minister K.N. Nehru, School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Industries Minister Dr. T.R.B. Rajaa, Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam, Industries Secretary V. Arun Roy, and TIDCO and TIDEL Park Managing Director Sandeep Nanduri were present at the event.

TN Budget to be presented on Mar 14

Chennai, Feb 18: Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M. Appavu has announced that the state budget for the financial year 2025-26 will be presented on March 14.

Speaking to reporters at the Secretariat, Speaker M. Appavu stated that the next session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly will be held at the Assembly Hall in Chennai's Secretariat

on Friday, March 14. On that day, at 9:30 AM, Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu will present the Tamil Nadu Budget for the year 2025-26.

Following this, the Vote on Account for 2025-26 and the Supplementary Grant Requests for the additional expenses of 2024-25 will be tabled on Friday, March 21.

US-Russia talks in Saudi Arabia amid European concerns

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In a significant diplomatic development, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met in Saudi Arabia for wide-ranging discussions, with the war in Ukraine taking center stage. The talks, held without the participation of Ukraine or European nations, underscore the complex and contentious geopolitical maneuvering over the ongoing conflict.

The Kremlin described the talks as preparatory groundwork for potential negotiations to resolve the Ukraine crisis and a future meeting between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin. However, the absence of Ukraine and European stakeholders from the table raises questions about the legitimacy and transparency of these discussions.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is also visiting Riyadh for talks with Saudi leaders, dismissed the Rubio-Lavrov meeting's validity. He stressed that Ukraine must be directly involved in any negotiations, reiterating that no deal could be reached without Kiev's active participation. Zelenskyy's remarks highlight the tensions surrounding attempts to sideline Ukraine in discussions

about its future.

A day before the US-Russia meeting in Riyadh, European leaders convened emergency talks in Paris to address their exclusion from discussions over the future of Ukraine. The sidelining of Europe—at a time when US and Russian officials are engaging in formal talks in Saudi Arabia—has raised alarms across the continent.

Aside from a brief call between French President Emmanuel Macron and US President Donald Trump, European leaders have been left out of the initial discussions. This exclusion underscores a growing rift between the United States and its European allies as they confront the geopolitical stakes of the Ukraine war.

US aid & intentions

As Ukraine's economy continues to face severe strain from the prolonged conflict, the country remains heavily reliant on external support. The United States has provided over \$30 billion in budgetary aid, primarily to keep Ukraine's state machinery operational, including paying salaries of government employees.

President Trump's approach to this aid, however, has stirred controversy. While Trump has expressed his intent to continue supporting Ukraine, his proposal

for economic assistance includes conditions that could fundamentally alter Ukraine's sovereignty. He suggested that the United States acquire control over Ukraine's vast natural resources, including uranium, titanium, lithium, and graphite, as a trade-off for weapons and financial aid.

This proposal, if implemented, could effectively reduce Ukraine to a US-dominated client state. Trump's vision of leveraging Ukraine's resources contrasts sharply with Zelenskyy's earlier proposal, which sought economic partnerships but maintained Ukraine's sovereignty.

The Rubio-Lavrov talks signal a shift in how key players are approaching the Ukraine conflict. The exclusion of Ukraine and Europe from these discussions suggests a potential effort to redefine the balance of power in the region without input from crucial stakeholders.

With no clear resolution to the Ukraine conflict in sight, the divergence in approaches between Kiev and its allies threatens to deepen divisions. Zelenskyy's firm stance on preserving Ukraine's sovereignty underscores the growing unease about backroom deals that could undermine the country's independence.

India, Qatar ink MoUs to strengthen economic ties

New Delhi, Feb 18: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced on Tuesday that two MoUs have been signed between the Qatari Businessmen Association (QBA) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and another between Invest Qatar and Invest India. The Minister also announced the elevation of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Commerce to the Ministerial level.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the India-Qatar Business Forum here, Goyal highlighted that the future partnership between the two

countries will rest on the pillars of sustainability, technology, entrepreneurship and energy. His Qatari counterpart Sheikh Faisal bin Thani bin Faisal Al Thani was the Guest of Honour at the session.

Goyal invited companies from Qatar to be a part of India's journey of growth in investments, manufacturing, renewable energy, expansion of smart cities and infrastructure development. Qatar Vision 2030 and India's Viksit Bharat 2047 will together define a much bigger and brighter future for the people of the two countries, the Minister said.

Goyal said that the terms of trade are undergoing a change, evolving from energy trade to emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things (IoT), quantum conducting and semiconductors. The entire world is going through a major shift in the context of geopolitical tensions, climate change, cybersecurity threats and the focus on localisation around the world, he added.

The Minister stated that India and Qatar complement each other and can work together for prosperity and a better future.

Elon Musk's Tesla kicks off hiring in India amid strengthening ties with Government

New Delhi, Feb 18: Elon Musk owned Electric car maker Tesla Inc. has officially begun its hiring process in India, marking a significant step towards its long-anticipated entry into the domestic market.

On Monday, the electric vehicle (EV) giant posted a job listing on LinkedIn for the position of Consumer Engagement Manager in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The role is a fulltime, on-site position, indicating Tesla's commitment to building a direct presence in the country.

Tesla's latest hiring activity aligns with its broader strategy to expand in India. The company has recently posted a total of 13 job openings, covering both customer-facing and operational roles.

This development follows a crucial meeting between Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 14 in Washington DC. The discussions between the two centered on strengthening India-US collaboration in innovation, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and

sustainable development. The two also explored emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, and governance--areas that align with Tesla's vision for India.

Tesla, a global leader in electric mobility and renewable energy, has had a limited presence in India but has been considering an expansion for years. With the latest job postings, the company is taking concrete steps to establish itself in the world's third-largest automobile market.

Industry experts believe Tesla's hiring push could

be a precursor to the company setting up sales and service operations, and eventually manufacturing in India. The move aligns with the Indian government's push for electric vehicle adoption and local manufacturing, supported by incentives under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

While Tesla has not provided an official timeline for its India launch, its active hiring suggests that preparations are in full swing.

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From left: World Bridge Federation committee member N.R. Kribakar Moorthy, Tamil Nadu Bridge Association president A. Sridhar, Bridge Federation of India president Prasad Keni, EA Bridge event organiser Narayan Iyer and bridge coach as well as TNBA vice president Sunil Verghese.

Vidhya, Kalpana steal limelight in national bridge

Chennai, Feb 18: Vidhya Patel and Kalpana Gurjar came up trumps in the National women championship category of the EA Bridge National Championships organised by Express Avenue under the aegis of the Bridge Federation of India, in association with Tamil Nadu Bridge Association, at E Hotel and Express Avenue mall of Chennai recently.

It was the first time in the Indian Bridge history that a bridge tournament was organised inside a mall (Express Avenue). Kavita

Singhanian, managing director of Express Infrastructure Pvt Ltd and Express Avenue mall, was the visionary behind EA Bridge, in order to support, encourage and create opportunities for women and young bridge players, an official press release said. It is her vision to see more women participate in open bridge games. Towards promoting the sport on a large scale, EA Bridge proposes to organise an international bridge championship in September, the release stated.

BFI president Prasad Keni spoke about the importance of promoting bridge amongst children and the youth citing the example of Vidhya Patel and Kalpana Gurjar, two young women, who won the EA Bridge national women championship. They also won the world championships in 2022. Their achievements were recognised by the Central Government, who awarded the young women with jobs in the Income Tax department.

Results (winners all):
National women

championship: Vidhya Patel and Kalpana Gurjar; Vijaya Jajoo memorial national mixed pairs championship: Sandeep N. Karmakar and Marianne Karmakar; Tolani All India Open National Masters Bridge Championship team event: Team Sarla Fibers, pairs event: Arvind Vaidya and Shubham Acharya. The winners shared a total prize money of Rs. 5 lakh.

There was a total prize money of Rs. 5,00,000/- which was distributed to top winners.

Cheeky Cheetahs clinch TN Premier Pickleball League title

Chennai, Feb 18: The first MGM Tamil Nadu Pickleball Premier League (TNPL) ended in a thrilling manner as Cheeky Cheetahs (CC) clinched the title with a hard-fought 25-18 victory over Salem Slammers (SS) in the final here on Sunday. A TNPL release today said the final saw high-intensity action, momentum swings, and an edge-of-the-seat contest that kept fans captivated until the last point.

Cheeky Cheetahs took an early lead, winning the first 2-pointer men's doubles match, led by a commanding perfor-

mance from Ganesh Kumar. However, Salem Slammers bounced back in the women's doubles match, leveling the score at 2-2.

The momentum swung again in the crucial 3-pointer match, where Cheeky Cheetahs Vimalraj Jayachandran, the league's Most Valuable Player, showcased his brilliance, guiding his team to a pivotal victory. With the score now at 4-2, Cheeky Cheetahs extended their lead further in the one-point men's doubles match, where Franchise Owner Adithyaa Srikanth him-

self stepped onto the court and delivered a decisive win, pushing the score to 6-2 in favor of Cheeky Cheetahs.

However, Salem Slammers were far from done. In a remarkable display of resilience, they won the next three matches back-to-back, staging a stunning comeback and taking an 8-6 lead.

The entire tournament boiled down to the final team match ? a high-stakes 3-pointer battle where the winner would lift the championship trophy.

With the pressure at its peak, Cheeky Chee-

tahs held their nerve, playing with precision and determination to secure a thrilling 25-18 victory, sealing their place as the first-ever TNPL champions.

As the newly crowned champions, Cheeky Cheetahs were awarded a cash prize of Rs 3 lakh, while Salem Slammers, the runners-up, received Rs.2 lakh. The fight for third place saw the Lob Mob and Chennai Dupr Terminatr deliver outstanding performances throughout the tournament, with both teams securing a prize of Rs. 1 lakh each.

Smriti leads RCB to big win in WPL vs Delhi

Vadodra, Feb 18: Royal Challengers Bangalore Women (RCBW) delivered a commanding performance to decimate Delhi Capitals Women (DCW) and consolidate their position at the top of the Women's Premier League (WPL) table on Monday.

After a disciplined bowling and fielding effort restricted DCW to 141 in 19.3 overs, RCBW openers laid a solid foundation for a comprehensive chase. Skipper Smriti Mandhana (81) set the tone early, attacking the bowlers from the outset, striking boundaries in the first

over and maintaining her aggressive approach throughout.

Danielle Wyatt complemented her well with a composed 42, and their century partnership effectively sealed the contest within the first 10 overs. Ellyse Perry and Richa Ghosh ensured there were no late hiccups, guiding RCBW to victory with ease.

The dominant win not only reaffirmed RCBW's credentials as early title contenders but also handed DCW a significant setback.

Earlier, DCW's innings started positively, with Jemimah Rodrigues

playing a fluent knock of 34. However, the team faltered after the powerplay, slipping from a promising 60/1 to 105/6 as RCBW's spinners, Georgia Wareham and Ekta Bisht, applied the squeeze.

The fielding unit, barring a couple of missed opportunities from Kanika Ahuja, remained sharp, adding to DCW's struggles. Pacer Renuka Singh, in a mid-innings interview, noted that the pitch was on the slower side, making stroke play difficult.

With this defeat, DCW find themselves in third place on the table.

While the tournament is still in its early stages, RCBW appear to be a formidable force

Barring a couple of missed chances from Kanika Ahuja, RCB were sharp in the field, ensuring pressure remained on the DCW batters. Pacer Renuka Singh, in a mid-innings interview, noted that the surface was holding up and appeared on the slower side, making stroke play difficult.

Dew, which could influence the second innings, has not been a major factor so far.

TN A team in 2nd stage of veterans TT masters nationals

Indore, Feb 17: The competition at the UTT 31st Masters National Championships remains intense as the final group matches in the Men's Team 65+, 70+, and 75+ categories approach on the opening Monday.

While the battle for the second qualifying spot is still open, the A teams from Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, and TTFI-2 have secured their places in the second

stage of the men's 65+ category.

In the Men's 70+ event, the A teams of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu displayed dominant performances, advancing to the knockout rounds.

However, the second spot in each group is yet to be confirmed, as some teams remain in contention.

Similarly, in the Men's 75+ category, which consists of four groups, the A teams from

Chandigarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu have almost assured their spots at the top. With one round of group matches left, these teams are expected to maintain their positions unless an upset occurs.

Several matches have already delivered thrilling encounters. In Group B, Goa stunned Maharashtra with a 3-2 victory. Kashinath Khalap set the tone by defeating Chandrakant Mainkar, but John Bento's loss to

Kamesh Vishnu Bhonde allowed Maharashtra to level the score.

Goa regained the lead in doubles with John and Kashinath overcoming Chandrakant and Kamesh in a closely contested match.

Although Chandrakant managed to equalize again with a straight-game win over John, Kashinath sealed the tie with a dominant victory over Kamesh, completing an impressive win for Goa.



An India We Would Hate to Leave..!

Some of the reactions by our own people, about the deportees from America, were hilarious and ridiculous. Some cursed them, others ridiculed them and many laughed at them.

But....

I know that most of these same people who reacted thus, if told they could go and settle in America would jump and accept the offer.

The only reason they don't go or haven't gone, is because they can't. And like the proverbial fable of the fox and grapes, they shout, 'the grapes are sour!'

But, why do so many Indians feel compelled to leave their homeland in search of better opportunities? What is it about India that makes it so difficult for people to build a secure and prosperous future here? And what can we do to change this narrative and make India a country that people are proud to call home?

A few years ago my in-laws were comfortably living in Pune. They had friends of all communities and quite enjoyed

life there. But occasionally they would fall sick, and we would have to rush there.

We then got the bright idea of shifting them here.

They disliked the idea and were very reluctant.

Because they had friends, fellowship, and company in their environment. Maybe, medical aid was not easily available, maybe family was not around, but Pune was home for them.

In the same way I wonder if our country, could also become attractive to make our people feel it is, 'home' for them?

For this, economically, India needs to create more jobs, improve infrastructure, and increase access to quality education and healthcare.

Politically, India needs to promote transparency and accountability and ensure the rule of law is upheld. This will require reforms to the judiciary, and the bureaucracy, as well as a commitment to protecting the rights of all citizens.

Socially, India needs to

address the communal tensions and social inequalities that have started plaguing our society. This will require a concerted effort to promote interfaith dialogue, social cohesion, as well as a commitment to protecting the rights of marginalized communities.

The recent images of Indian families being deported back to India, shackled and humiliated, are a stark pointer of the desperation and vulnerability that shows that we need to address these serious economic, political, and social challenges that drive people to leave.

Remember, no American wants to leave their country, not because they have strict emigration laws but because they have a stake in its future and believe that it offers them the best opportunities to pursue their dreams.

So, let's strive to create an India that inspires the same sense of pride, purpose, and belonging in its citizens: An India, we would hate to leave..!

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Winning Team with Arjuna Awardee A.Amalraj

Giants wins CPCLTT title

Chennai, Feb 18: Giants defeated Royals in the finals of the CPCLTT MegaEvent 2025 that was held in Chennai this week.

The Giants Team consisting of Brahma Lakshman, Vivek Baid, Aadith Prasad, Ramachandra Reddy Rashmi Bothra, A K Natraj, Navin Ramanathan wrapped it up at ease against the

Royals Team made up of Rahul Deshmukh, Praveen Koduri, C H K S Prasad, Sam Mehta, Devendra Mehta, Vishal Dadha and K V Sureshkumar winning by 8 points to 3

Scores: Vivek Baid beat CHKS Prasad (7-11, 11-9, 11-5) , A LK Natraj beat K V Suresh Kumar (6-11, 11-8, 11-9), Vivek Baid

and Aadith Prasad beat Praveen Koduri and CHKS Prasad (11-5, 11-6), Vishal Dadha beat Rashmi Bothra (11-6, 6-11, 11-5),

Deveendra Mehta and Praveen Koduri beat Vivek Baid and Ramachandra Reddy (11-6, 11-4) and in the deciding Team line up – Giants beat Royals 1-0

Winning Team with Arjuna Awardee A.Amalraj

Indian team for Pink Ladies Cup friendlies

New Delhi, Feb 18:

The Indian senior women's team coach Crispin Chettri, on Monday, named a 23-member squad for the Pink Ladies Cup, a friendly tournament to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from February 20 to 26, during the FIFA International Match Window.

India will face Jordan

(February 20), Russia

(February 23) and Korea Republic (February 26). All matches will take place at the Al Hamriya Sports Club Stadium in Sharjah, UAE.

The Blue Tigresses had been training in Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, after the conclusion of Round 6 of the Indian Women's League on February 7.

India are using these friendly matches to prepare for the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers which will take place in May-June, 2025

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Ciliate Biology international symposium Eminent scientists debate at Acharya Narendra Dev College



Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi
Ciliates are a diverse group of unicellular eukaryotes that vary widely in size, shape, body plan, and ecological niche. Studies on patterning and regeneration have been revived and facilitated by modern omics methods. Cryo-electron microscopy and tomography have revolutionised the structural study of complex macromolecules such as telomerase,

ribozymes, and axonemes. DNA elimination, gene scrambling, and mating type determination have been deciphered, revealing interesting adaptations of processes that have parallels in other kingdoms of life. Studies of common eukaryotic processes, such as intracellular trafficking, meiosis, and histone modification, reveal conservation as well as unique adaptations in these organisms that are evolutionarily distant from other models. Continual improvement of genetic and molecular tools makes ciliates accessible models for all levels of education and research. Such advances open new avenues of research and



From left: Prof. H.K. Dangi (treasurer, GB, ANDC), prof. Manoj K. Khanna (chairman, GB, ANDC), prof. Ravi Toteja (principal, ANDC), prof. Rup Lal (INSRC president, INSA senior scientist, ANDC) and Komal Kamra (adjunct scientist, ANDC).

highlight the importance of ciliate research.

Acharya Narendra Dev College (University of Delhi) has become beacons of light on Ciliate Biology in India. Recently, the college organised an International Symposium on Ciliate Biology 2025 & Interdisciplinary Research under the tutelage of the Indian Society of Ciliate Biology (ISOCB), Indian Network of Soil Contamination Research (INSRC) and International Society of Protistologists (ISOP). The landmark event started streaming with the Inaugural at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi with the gathering of eminent scientists from Ciliate Biology laboratories across countries and continents.

The salient feature of the symposium was plenary session of invited lectures by 36 national and 11 international delegates (including 6 young scientists and 31 women scientists) who presented their trail-blazing research on Ciliate Biology and Inter-Disciplinary Research. As



From left: Prof. Seema Makhija, Madhu Bala, Bharti Sarkar, Ravi Chaturvedi, Komal Kamra and prof. Ravi Toteja.

part of the symposium, 40 posters were displayed by a team of students and research scholars who were backbone of the event.

The eminent international scientists who presented their work were prof. Joel Dacks, Elena Sabaneyeva, Alan Warren and Dagmar Jirsová. Individually all of them contributed substantially to the subject of the symposium.

Dacks, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Alberta and honorary professor in the Centre for Life's Origins and Evolution, University College London explored the evolution and diversity of the eukaryotic membrane-traffic-

Biology, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russian Federation has been studying symbiotic associations between ciliates and other microorganisms; Warren, Natural History Museum (NHM), London is focusing on the ecology and systematics of peritrich ciliates; Jirsová, post-doctoral fellow, Arizona State University (ASU) is exploring the evolutionary cell biology of various protists. Yuri Mazei, professor at Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia) and Shenzhen MSU-BIT University (China) is deputy editor-in-chief of Protistology and Editorial board member of European Journal of Protistology and Nature Conservation Research was an invited guest.

As a prelude to the international symposium, college lined up pre-symposium workshops for the students and faculty at the college premises on February 3. It will be worthwhile pointing out that the steppingstone was to bring eminent scientists from across the globe to interact with budding ciliate biologists for whom opportunities are few and far between to travel abroad and provide encouragement to young minds to pursue a career in scientific research and provide platform for research collaboration.

This seminal activity was supported by International Society of Protistologists, International Union of Biological Sciences, Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, partnered by Zoological Survey of India. The Proceedings of the Symposium are going to be being published with ISBN number and a report to be submitted to Journal of Eukaryotic Biology for publication.

Over the years, the International Ciliate Biology International Conferences in India have been the handiwork of Komal Kamra. Kamra has burnt midnight oil to organise the international Ciliate Biology events with precision and perfection. Prof Ravi Toteja, principal, Acharya Narendra Dev College as convenor and prof Seema Makhija as organizing secretary played their part in this coveted event admirably. Not to leave out, Utkarsh Sood, secretary and joint secretaries Santosh Kumar (ZSI) and Priney Hira put their best foot forward for the successful holding of the symposium.

Acharya Narendra Dev College was established in 1991 as a constituent college of University of Delhi and grew by leaps and bounds as a lighthouse of excellence in higher education. The edifice on which college stands is its commitment to academic precision, holistic development, and social engagement. ANDC is now a premier institution nurturing young minds and fostering a culture of innovation and inquiry. The college subscribes to the philosophy, 'Where Art of Science meets

the Art of Business. Framework (NIRF) and The College has been stands amongst the ranked 18th by National top 10 colleges of the Institutional Ranking University of Delhi.

HDFC BANK

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Registered Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400 013 and having one of its office as Retail Portfolio Management at HDFC Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, I Think Techno Campus, Kanjur Marg (East), Mumbai - 400042.

SALE INTIMATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF SECURITIES PLEDGED TO HDFC BANK LTD.

The below mentioned Borrowers of HDFC Bank Ltd, (the "Bank") are hereby notified regarding the sale of securities pledged to the Bank, for availing credit facilities in the nature of Loan/Overdraft Against Securities.

Due to persistent default by the Borrowers in making repayment of the outstanding dues as per agreed loan terms, the below loan accounts are in delinquent status. The Bank has issued multiple notices to these Borrowers, including the final sale notice on the below-mentioned date whereby, Bank had invoked the pledge and provided 7 days' time to the Borrower to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which, Bank would be at liberty to sell the pledged securities without issuing further notice in this regard.

The Borrowers have neglected and failed to make due repayments, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to sell / dispose off the Securities on or after 25th February, 2025 for recovering the dues owed by the Borrowers to the Bank. The Borrowers are, also, notified that, if at any time, the value of the pledged securities falls further due to volatility in the stock market to create further deficiency in the margin requirement then Bank shall at its discretion sell the pledged security within one (1) calendar day, without any further notice in this regard. The Borrower(s) shall remain liable to the Bank for repayment of any remaining outstanding amount, post adjustment of the proceeds from sale of pledged securities.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Borrower's Name	Outstanding Amount as on 15 th Feb., 2025	Date of Sale Notice
1	XXXX0522	G MOSES	24,494.45	15-02-2025
2	XXXX0120	NNANMALAI S M	20,591.78	15-02-2025
3	XXXX0439	V RANGANATHAN	135.93	15-02-2025
4	XXXX1931	DEEPAI JAIN	35,976.03	15-02-2025
5	XXXX8655	K R GEETHA RAMANI	7,09,519.33	15-02-2025
6	XXXX3175	GAYATHRI R	2,66,919.66	15-02-2025
7	XXXX3815	SANTHOSH KUMAR JALAN	13,41,132.22	15-02-2025
8	XXXX7470	D MILAAPCHAND KHATOD	3,45,431.74	15-02-2025
9	XXXX5638	DHARIMAN R	2,05,930.70	15-02-2025
10	XXXX8260	MANIMEKALAI NAGENDIRAN	7,56,232.99	15-02-2025
11	XXXX9857	AJAY WEDPAL PATHAK	6,04,421.26	15-02-2025
12	XXXX9270	AKILAN J	83,184.57	15-02-2025
13	XXXX4533	ROHINI AJAY PATHAK	5,22,320.00	15-02-2025
14	XXXX0510	K RAYAPPAN	67,202.79	15-02-2025
15	XXXX1589	N S SRIDHAR	6,598.47	15-02-2025
16	XXXX2827	VAIDHYALINGAM KODUR PALANISWAMY	18,02,284.20	15-02-2025
17	XXXX7760	KANNAN N	1,47,292.84	15-02-2025
18	XXXX1093	B SRIDEVI	9,74,697.40	15-02-2025
19	XXXX8601	G VANAJA	4,74,681.00	15-02-2025
20	XXXX0468	ACHALA AGRAWAL	10,98,487.82	15-02-2025
21	XXXX1388	SELVAM YAMINI	10,88,692.82	15-02-2025
22	XXXX4653	K UMAMAHESWARI	47,678.82	15-02-2025
23	XXXX8660	KRISHNAN S	5,50,798.50	15-02-2025
24	XXXX5633	RIYA RAJIV NAIDU	4,65,619.00	15-02-2025

Date : 18.02.2025**Sd/****Place : Tamil Nadu****HDFC BANK LTD.**

INDIA SHELTER FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.

Home Loans REGD: OFFICE:- Plot-15, 6th Floor, Sec-44, Institutional Area, Gurugram, Haryana-122002, Branch Office : 2VEE COMPLEX, SECOND FLOOR, NO.4/316, GNT ROAD, M.A.NAGAR, PADIYANNALUR, REDHILLS, CHENNAI, TAMIL NADU- 600052.

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMovable PROPERTY

Whereas, The Undersigned Being The Authorised Officer Of The India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd. Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement (Security) Interest Act, 2002 And In Exercise Of Power Conferred Under Section 13(2) Read With Rule 3 Of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Issued A Demand Notice On The Date Noted Against The Account As Mentioned Hereinafter, Calling Upon The Borrower And Also The Owner Of The Property/Surety To Repay The Amount Within 60 Days From The Date Of The Said Notice. Whereas The Owner Of The Property And The Other Having Failed To Repay The Amount, Notice Is Hereby Given To The Under Noted Borrowers And The Public In General That The Undersigned Has Taken Symbolic Possession Of The Property/ies Described Herein Below In Exercise Of The Powers Conferred On Him/Her Under Section 13(4) Of The Said Act Read With Rules 8 & 9 Of The Said Rules On The Dates Mentioned Against Each Account. Now, The Borrower In Particular And The Public In General Is Hereby Cautioned Not To Deal With The Property/ies And Any Dealing With The Property/ies Will Be Subject To The Charge Of India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd. For An Amount Mentioned As Below And Interest Thereon, Costs, Etc.

NAME OF THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR (OWNER OF THE PROPERTY) & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGED / MORTGAGED PROPERTY (ALL THE PART & PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF)	DT. OF DEMAND NOTICE, AMOUNT DUE AS ON DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	Date Of Possession
MR./ MRS. Jencyrani C MR./ MRS. SRINIVASAN L No 3/157, Muthumariyammam Kovil Street, Banavaram, Vellore, Tamil Nadu 632505 Also at, S.NO.237/1A(PART)New S.no.237/4, Banavaram Village, Nemilil V, Ranipet Dt, Tamil Nadu-623005 LOAN ACCOUNT NO. LA11CLLONS 00005050582 /AP-10116014	All that Piece and parcel Land & Building Comprised in Punjai S.No.237/1A Part, as per Patta New S.No.237/4, measuring with an extent of 1382.55sq.Ft., Patta No.1027 Situated at : Paanavararam Village, Nemilil Taluk, Ranipet District and bounded on the BOUNDARY:- East- Road, West- House Belongs to Sridhar ,North-House Belongs to Andharaj, South-Vacant land belongs to Ms.	Demand Notice Dated 17-Nov-2023 calling upon to all above mentioned in notice being MR./MRS. Jencyrani C. MR./MRS. SRINIVASAN L to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 9,76,315/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Only) pertaining to loan account No. LA11CLLONS00005050582 as of 19-Nov-2023 with cost till the date of the payment.	17.02.2025 (Symbolic possession)

Vasukiammal Measuring: East to West on the Northern Side : 35 Feet; East to West on the Southern Side : 35 Feet; North to South on the Eastern Side: 39.5 Feet; North to South on the Western Side: 39.5 Feet in all measuring 1382.55sq.Ft., Inclusive of Electricity Service and Deposit, Water and Drainage connections, Property Tax. Situated within the Sub-Registration District of Nemililand in the Registration District of Arakonam.

PLACE: Ranipet District DATE: 18.02.2025 FOR INDIA SHELTER FINANCE CORPORATION LTD (AUTHORISED OFFICER)
For Any Query Please Contact Mr. Mandala Ramesh (+91 9808062299) Or Manjunathi(+91 980219262) Or Mr.baskar (+919500943603) Or Mr.santha Kumar (+91 8072323056)

IIFL FINANCE

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

It is hereby notified to all concerned borrower(s) in specific and the public, in general, that we, IIFL Finance Limited ("IIFL") are auctioning gold ornaments of defaulted customers who neither regularized their loans nor paid the outstanding amount despite being informed through registered auction notices and repeated reminders. Public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the following loan accounts will be conducted online through **Shriram Automall India Limited** on their online auction platform <https://gold.samil.in> on **22.02.2025 between 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM**. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction center. If for any reason the E-Auction cannot be held on the date mentioned herein or the auction does not get completed on the same day, IIFL reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the said auction on any subsequent date on the auction platform and/or auction center with same terms and conditions. The unauctioned gold ornaments shall be auctioned on subsequent working days after displaying the details on auction platform and/or auction center. In case the auction at Branch level fails, the same will be re-auctioned on **05.03.2025** at the specified district center. If for any reason, the district level auction cannot be held on the date mentioned herein or the auction does not get completed on the same day, IIFL reserves the right to conduct or proceed with the district level auction on any subsequent date with same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased, then all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to nominee/legal heir.

District Centre: **Chidambaram-Kothari Complex, Kothari Complex, First Floor, No. 186, West Car Street, Chidambaram, Pin-608001.**

Branch Name: CHIDAMBARAM-KOTHARI COMPLEX, Taluka - Chidambaram North
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL31698921, GL32993433, GL32959116, GL31367671, GL33536239, GL33537408, GL33545417, GL34144715.

Branch Name: CUDDALORE-KATTUMANNARKOIL, Taluka - Kattumannarkoil
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL27317513, GL31288859, GL31523516, GL31713922, GL32909015, GL33425750, GL33737021, GL33737238, GL33762148, GL33772849, GL33781887, GL33801134, GL33925908, GL33941517, GL33982669, GL33995022.

Branch Name: CUDDALORE-OT GL, Taluka - Cuddalore
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL31661118, GL31676744, GL31687305, GL31708008, GL33438102.

Branch Name: CUDDALORE-THITTAKUDI OM SAKTHI COMPLEX GL, Taluka - Tittagudi
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL30094892, GL31287467, GL31711916, GL31719272, GL33104667, GL33905046, GL33583395, GL33872811.

Branch Name: CUDDALORE-VADALAR NEYVELI MAIN ROAD, Taluka - Panruti
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL26266923, GL31093815, GL33595610, GL33623098, GL33650931, GL33734344, GL33979925.

Branch Name: PENNADAM-SRIRAM COMPLEX, Taluka - Tittagudi
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL25921104, GL31039199, GL31449230, GL31545521, GL31560966, GL31679955, GL31692328, GL32105321, GL32269166, GL32874086, GL32894250, GL33039393, GL33042669, GL33058193, GL33079557, GL33089704, GL33108150, GL33141428, GL33149784, GL33578570, GL33605217, GL33619037, GL33667740, GL33673560, GL33679787, GL33698549, GL33711647, GL33722863, GL33724225, GL33742425, GL33780887, GL33852195, GL33853368, GL33863519, GL33865847, GL33871492, GL33891506, GL33909246, GL33946509, GL33969041.

Branch Name: SRIMUSHNAM-GL, Taluka - Kattumannarkoil
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL26319184, GL31038763, GL31167833, GL31221572, GL31229496, GL31549234, GL31633033, GL31652330, GL32521966, GL32530299, GL32934958, GL33050870, GL33850735, GL33861936, GL33878818, GL33909306, GL33916946, GL33922813, GL33928437, GL33940881.

Branch Name: VIRUDHACHALAM-BAZZAR STREET GL, Taluka - Virudhachalam
Gold Loan A/C No. : GL31813344, GL33380594, GL33786138, GL33799722.

The E-Auction shall be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis and IIFL does not make any representation or warranties regarding quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. The E-Auction process and the sale (if any) pursuant to such E-Auction shall be subject to terms and conditions as IIFL may at its sole discretion deem fit to impose. IIFL, at its absolute sole discretion, may either postpone or remove, any of accounts from auction list and any proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason therefor and to reject any or all the bids or offers without assigning any reason for the same. Details of defaulting borrower(s), pledged ornaments and other details have been displayed at the respective branch. The defaulting borrower(s) have an option to repay the entire dues including up to date interest and all applicable charges and close or regularize their loan account even after publication of this notice but in any case, till the date of auction, failing which the pledged gold ornaments will be sold and balance dues (if any) will be recovered with interest and costs. However, the defaulter loans which are closed or regularized or after this publication, will have to bear the proportionate publication charge. Borrowers are requested to submit/update their latest bank account details to enable timely refund of excess auction proceeds, if any.

For detailed information, terms and conditions, contact the concerned branch office of IIFL Finance Limited.

Date: 18.02.2025**Place: CUDDALORE**

Sd/**AUTHORISED SIGNATORY****IIFL FINANCE LIMITED**

SHIVALIK SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD.

Registered Office : 501, Salcon Aurum, Jasola District Centre, New Delhi - 110025
CIN : U65900DL2020PLC366027

AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrowers of Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd. are hereby informed that Gold Loan/s availed by them from the Bank have not been adjusted by them despite various demands and notices including individual notices issued by the Bank. All borrowers are hereby informed that it has been decided to auction the Gold ornaments kept as security with the Bank and accordingly **27th February 2025** has been fixed as the date of auction at **03:00 pm** in the branch premises from where the loan was availed. All, including the borrowers, account holders and public at large can participate in this auction on as per the terms and conditions of auction.

S. No.	Branch	Account No.	Acct Holder name	Father's/ Spouse Name	Address	Ac opening Date	Payoff
1.	CHENNAI	104142511224	VINOTH.	S/O SANTHARAM	NO 45,F BLOCK 5TH STREET THANIKACHALAM NAGAR PONNIAMMANMEDU CHENNAI TIRUVALLUR TAMILNADU 600110	18/10/2024	100770.30
2.	CHENNAI	104142510889	K RAVICHANDRAN	S/O A V KANNIAPPAN	NO 18 , IST FLOOR,3RD CROSS STREET SURIYA TRANSPORT GUINDY IND,STRIAL ESTATE NARASINGAPURAM, CHENNAI TAMILNADU 600032	15/07/2024	396274.27
3.	CHENNAI	104142511205	S P KUMAR	S/O SELVARAJ	29A/59,KANNAGI STREET CHOOLAIMEUDU, CHENNAI TAMILNADU 600094	15/10/2024	468676.56
4.	CHENNAI	104142511401	S P KUMAR	S/O SELVARAJ	29A/59,KANNAGI STREET CHOOLAIMEUDU, CHENNAI TAMILNADU 600094	20/11/2024	168944.60

Auction date is 27th February 2025 @ 03:00 pm .

The Bank reserves the right to delete any account from the auction or cancel the auction without any prior notice.

Authorised Officer, Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd.

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ECL FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Tower 3, Wing 'B', Kohinoor City Mall, Kohinoor City, Kirol Road, Kurla (West), Mumbai 400070, Maharashtra

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The undersigned is the Authorized Officer of ECL Finance Limited (ECL) under Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s)/Co-borrowers/mortgagees/guarantors (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below, the account of the Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)") was rendered **NPA on 04.02.2025**. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to ECL, within 60 days from the date of Demand Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the Loan Agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the Loan, the following Assets have been mortgaged to ECL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)	Demand Notice date and amount	Schedule of Secured Property
(LOAN ACCOUNT NO: L024ECSLP000005229066) 1. Brivas Private Limited (Borrower & Applicant) 2. Sreeram Ganapathy (Co-Borrower and Co-Applicant) 3. Vinotha Sreeram (Co-Borrower and Co-Applicant)	13.02.2025 And Rs. 1,62,14,243.04/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three and Four Paisa Only) due as on 06.02.2025	Description of Secured Property- Property No.1 A residential flat No. S1 in the Second Floor measuring 956 sq.ft, including common areas along with one covered car parking together with an undivided 447.6 sq.ft., share in land measuring 3850 sq.ft., comprised in S.No.5/4, T.S.No.29, Block No.8, Ward F, Hastinapuram Village, bearing Plot No. 19B, situated at Old Door No.19, New No.9, as per property tax No.9/S2, Chittalapakkam Main Road, Nehru Nagar, Hastinapuram, Chormpet, Chennai- 600044, within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Pallavaram and land bounded on the East: T.S. No.31, West: Block I, North : T.S.No.28, South: T.S.No.30 Property No.2 A residential flat No. S2 in the Second Floor measuring 1381 sq.ft, along with two covered car parking together with an undivided 560.56 sq.ft., out of 2117.5 sq.ft., undivided share in land measuring 3850 sq.ft., comprised in S.No.5/4, T.S.No.29, Block No.8, Ward F, Hastinapuram Village, bearing Plot No. 19A, situated at Old Door No.19, New No.9, as per property tax No.9/S1, Chittalapakkam Main Road, Chormpet, Chennai- 600044, within the Registration District of Chennai South and Sub Registration District of Pallavaram and land bounded on the East: T.S. No.31, West: Block I, North : T.S.No.28 South: T.S.No.30. Note: More precisely mentioned in the memorandum relating to deposit of title deeds dated 28th November 2023 registered with the office of Sub Registrar Pallavaram bearing number Book 1/12548/2023.

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

Place : Chennai
Date : 18.02-2025

Sd/- (Authorized Officer)
For ECL Finance Limited

China privatisation

China's first privately funded aeroengine test facility has begun construction in Chongzhou, Sichuan Province. The groundbreaking ceremony on February 13 marked the official launch of the 2.25-billion-yuan (about 314 million US dollars) project, led by ZhongFaTianXin (SiChuan) Aviation Technology Co., Ltd, which aims to address long-standing challenges in high-altitude testing for small and medium-sized aircraft engines, according to the publicity office of the Chongzhou Municipal Government.

Slated for completion by 2027, the facility, also a light aircraft engine production base, will provide critical research and development support for next-generation aircraft, including drones, flying cars, and low-altitude vehicles, while advancing China's burgeoning low-altitude economy, said Liu Chen, chairman of Zhongfa Tianxin.

Aeroengines, often dubbed the "heart of aircraft", require rigorous testing under extreme conditions to ensure reliability. In recent decades, China has invested heavily in high-altitude simulation infrastructure to develop indigenous engines. Li Tao, head of the regional cooperation department of the Chongzhou economic development zone, said that there are currently limited high-performance testing platforms for aeroengines in the country, and those available for the civil market are even rarer.

"A high-performance testing platform that serves all society will provide significant support for the development of Chongzhou's low-altitude aviation economy and facilitate the gathering of upstream and downstream industries. This will become the testing

ground for the 'heart of aircraft,'" said Li. Additionally, February 13 also marked a major milestone for the Hongyuan aviation power industrial park project in Chongzhou. With a total investment of 600 million yuan, the project aims to establish a research, manufacturing, and maintenance base for large turbofan engine components. The base will also see the completion of drones, small aeroengines, as well as carbon fibre prepregs and composite structural components, according to the publicity office of the Chongzhou Municipal Government.

These projects underscore Chongzhou's ambition to build a "Sky City" by 2027 - a vision of integrated manufacturing, testing and urban air mobility services

Political Vein

V.V.S. Manian

Bollywood

Bollywood is the name for the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai, India. The term is a portmanteau of "Bombay" and "Hollywood" and was coined in the 1970s. Bollywood is one of the world's largest film industries.



Cong distances itself from Pitroda's China comments

New Delhi, Feb 18: The Congress on Monday distanced itself from Indian Overseas Congress Chairman Sam Pitroda's remarks on China, saying that his "views were definitely not of the Indian National Congress". It may be mentioned that the Congress leader in an interview had said that India should change its attitude towards China and it should not be considered as an enemy. On social media handle X, party general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "The views reportedly expressed by Sam Pitroda on China are most definitely NOT the views of the Indian National Congress."

He said, "China remains our foremost foreign policy, external security, as well as economic challenge. The INC has repeatedly raised questions on the Modi Govt's approach to China, including the PM's public clean chit to it on June 19, 2020. Our most recent statement on China was on 28th Janu-

ary, 2025". Ramesh added, "It is also extremely regrettable that Parliament is being denied an opportunity to discuss the situation and express a collective resolve to meet these challenges effectively." Meanwhile, the BJP while slamming Sam Pitroda said that his recent view has "openly exposed the Congress party's agreement with China and is a very deep blow to India's identity, diplomacy and sovereignty".

Hasina's calls to dethrone Younus Govt Will return to Dhaka soon, asserts former Bangla PM

New Delhi, Feb 18: Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday urged the people of her country to rise in protest against the rampant human rights violations committed by supporters of the Mohammed Younus-led Interim Government and promised that she will return to her country soon and bring to justice all the perpetrators. Sheikh Hasina, speaking to supporters from an unknown location in New Delhi, where she has been sheltered since she fled Dhaka on August 5 last year, also said that had she not left Bangladesh that day she would have been killed (Hasina left Dhaka on August 5 on board an army helicopter as a

massive mob marched on her official residence. She flew to New Delhi, where she has been sheltered ever since). The former PM and Awami League chief interacted with the widows of four Bangladesh police assistant sub inspectors who were brutally hacked to death on August 5 by violent mobs and their bodies hung upside down from trees and lamp posts. Speaking to the women, Hasina said that the so-called "student-led uprising" of July-August last year was "a meticulously planned and premeditated operation" conducted by Mohammed Younus who wanted to rule the country. "So many peoples' lives have been destroyed

completely by this government.. I will come back and help you all," she assured the sobbing widows, who said they have nothing to rely on and are managing in very difficult circumstances with children to look after. "They wanted to kill me too, how I escaped only I know," said Hasina. "It is only Allah who kept me alive, as He wants me to help my people. I will mete out justice, I will return and do it. I give my word on that, I will bring justice," Hasina assured the weeping women. She also said that Younus is not allowing any inquiry to be held against those who have killed police personnel and other

people. "How can they brutally kill people like this? Younus is not allowing any inquiry and has let them off, given them impunity," Hasina said that it is not known how many people have been arrested for the heinous atrocities committed under the Younus-led Interim government. "We have to continue our struggle against this interim government... Younus has been committing rampant human rights violations and he will be tried one day for all these violations? My country was like a beautiful arranged garden, now it has been ruined by the Younus Interim Government," she said. Hasina urged supporters to participate in tomorrow's "sangram (protest) to fight against the human rights violations by the Younus regime so that people can live in peace and security, which this interim government is not capable of providing to the people". Referring to Younus' statement in August last year, amid the widespread violence that was rocking the nation, that he does not know governance, Hasina said: "Someone who admits he is not capable of ruling, why is he allowed to continue? We must protest against this interim government, against the Younus regime. I condemn it and demand that justice is done for those who have lost so much."

France hosts informal meeting of EU leaders on Ukraine issue

Moscow, Feb 18: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni will take part in the European emergency summit on Ukraine in Paris, the prime minister's office said. Meloni was expected to chair a meeting of the Italian council of ministers late on Monday. Her updated schedule shows that she will travel to Paris in afternoon for an informal meeting "on Ukraine and security". French President Emmanuel Macron called an informal meeting of EU leaders to discuss Ukraine following Wednesday's phone talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump. Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said in an interview to La Stampa newspaper that Europe has the right to sit down at the negotiating table on Ukraine and should use sanctions against Russia as leverage. Tajani said he raised the issue of sanctions that the EU has adopted against Russia in recent months at a meeting with US Special Presidential Envoy for Russia and Ukraine Keith Kellogg at the Munich Security Conference. "It is clear that for us they

[sanctions] represent a fundamental lever that allows us to claim a certain role," Tajani said. Europe deserves trust and should be strong, united and convinced of its indispensability at the negotiating table, the minister said, adding that any deal on Ukraine should have Europe's stamp of approval. EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said last week that a peace pact on Ukraine would not work without the EU. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the EU should be involved in the Ukrainian peace negotia-

tions, as it has given Kiev more support than the United States. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said that Europeans should not complain about not being involved in the peace negotiations, but should instead come up with concrete initiatives. Russian Senator Alexei Pushkov said on Sunday that Moscow viewed Macron's decision to convene an emergency summit on Ukraine as an attempt to imitate Europe's "strategic autonomy.

Gyanesh first CEC under new Law, Cong cries foul

New Delhi, Feb 18: Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India on Monday with effect from February 19, a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice. Gyanesh Kumar's tenure will end on January 26, 2029. He is the first CEC to be appointed under the new Law on the appointment of election commissioners. His name as CEC was finalised and recommended to the President by the selection committee comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. Current CED Rajiv Kumar will retire on February 18. He will demit the office on Tuesday on attaining the age of 65 years. Kumar assumed charge as Election Commissioner on

March 15, 2024. Gyanesh Kumar has served as secretary in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. He belongs to the 1988 batch from the Kerala cadre. The Government also appointed Vivek Joshi, a 1989-batch Haryana-cadre IAS officer, as Election Commissioner. Meanwhile, the Congress on Monday termed the appointment of new Chief Election Commissioner as "against the spirit of the Constitution". It may be mentioned that according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice on Monday, Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the 26th Chief Election Commissioner of India. On his social media handle X, party general secretary K.C. Venugopal said, "Such egregious behaviour only confirms the doubts that many have expressed about how the ruling regime is destroying the elec-

toral process and bending the rules for its benefit." He said, "This goes against the spirit of our Constitution and what has been reiterated by the Supreme Court in many cases-for the electoral process to have sanctity, the CEC must be an impartial stakeholder". He also slammed the government for not waiting until the Supreme Court's hearing on February 19, before selecting the CEC. "Their decision to hastily hold the meeting today and appoint the new EC shows they are keen to circumvent the Supreme Court's scrutiny and get the appointment done before a clear order kicks in," he said. "Be it fake voter lists, schedules favouring the BJP, or concerns around EVM hacking-the Government and the CECs it appoints are subject to deep suspicion because of such incidents," he alleged.

No role for Palestine Authority in post-war Gaza: Netanyahu

Jerusalem, Feb 18: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed the possibility of the Palestinian Authority (PA) governing post-war Gaza. In a response to media reports that Hamas had expressed willingness to relinquish control of the enclave to the PA, Netanyahu said in a statement: "As I promised - the day after the war in Gaza, there will be no Hamas and no Palestinian Authority." He reiterated his support for former US President Donald Trump's plan for Gaza, which includes the transfer of the enclave's Palestinian population to neighboring countries. Arab leaders have rejected the proposal.

"I am committed to President Trump's plan for creating a different Gaza," Netanyahu said. Israel objects to Palestinian sovereignty in the Gaza Strip, West Bank, and East Jerusalem, territories it seized in the 1967 Middle East war. **Ban on UN body** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered immediate implementation of a law banning the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the prime minister's office said. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has directed that the UNRWA law, which was passed by the Knesset with broad support, be enforced immediately.

There are no restrictions on the implementation of the Prime Minister's directive," the office said on X on Monday. In late October, the Israeli parliament passed bills aimed at banning UNRWA activities in Israel and the territories it controls after accusing some UNRWA staff of involvement in the October 2023 Hamas attack. The UN says Israel has not provided any evidence to substantiate its allegations. On January 29, Israeli government spokesman David Mentzer said that UNRWA offices were to be closed within 48 hours and that all contacts with the UN aid agency would be suspended. On January 30, the law banning UNRWA activities came into force.

China showcases military ware in UAE expo

Abu Dhabi, Feb 18: The 2025 International Defence Exhibition and Conference, alongside the Naval Defense and Maritime Security Exhibition, opened here on Monday in the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The event attracted 1,565 defence companies from 65 countries to showcase the latest defence technologies and solutions aimed at promoting international peace and security. This year's exhibition space has expanded by 10 percent, drawing seven new countries and 731 new companies. Leading Chinese defence companies are also participating in the event to exhibit a range of naval equipment, including surface vessels, submarines, underwater weapons and unmanned systems, as well as products from other defense sectors such as land, air and space. The display of its latest advancements in naval equipment research, design, construction and integration by China Shipbuilding Group Corporation - one of the world's largest shipbuilding groups - underscores China's important role in the global defence sector. UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan visited the exhibition, noting that it has become a critical platform for the global defense industry, which attracts top-tier enterprises and experts worldwide to drive progress in global security and stability. The event will run until February 21, with conferences on key topics such as cybersecurity, space security, artificial intelligence and modern defense scheduled alongside the exhibition.

South Africa’s strategy to woo Indian tourists

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South Africa is taking decisive steps to attract more Indian travelers, streamlining visa processes, boosting marketing efforts, and enhancing connectivity. With India already emerging as a key market, South Africa is determined to increase Indian tourist arrivals from 4% in 2023 to at least 10% by 2025. This ambitious goal is backed by a range of strategic initiatives that aim to make travel easier and more appealing for Indian visitors.

One of the most notable moves is the introduction of the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme, a new system allowing group visa applications through certified tour operators in India. This scheme not only simplifies the application process but also ensures that Indian travelers can access reliable and high-quality tour services.

Additionally, South Africa has launched an electronic travel authorization system for Indian citizens. Individual travelers can now apply for visas online, with approvals taking only a couple of days. This digital innovation aims to remove a significant barrier, making South

Africa a more accessible destination for Indian tourists.

South Africa’s tourism board is actively investing in marketing campaigns in India to highlight the country’s diverse attractions, from its stunning wildlife safaris and vibrant culture to luxurious experiences. Targeted promotional efforts aim to raise awareness about South Africa as a top travel destination.

A key focus area is MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) tourism. South Africa is positioning itself as an ideal location for Indian businesses and corporates to host events, believing this segment has the potential to significantly boost visitor numbers.

Improving flight connectivity is another critical component of South Africa’s strategy. Talks are underway to establish more direct flights between India and South Africa, which would not only reduce travel time but also make the destination more attractive to Indian travelers.

South Africa’s tourism targets

The Indian market is a cornerstone of South Africa’s tourism strategy for several reasons:

Economic Potential: Indian tourists represent a significant source of revenue, with their spending contributing to South Africa’s economic growth and job creation in the hospitality and tourism sectors.

Cultural Connections: The presence of a large Indian diaspora in South Africa provides a unique cultural bridge, making the country an attractive destination for Indian travelers.

Growing Market: With India’s rapidly expanding middle class and rising disposable incomes, South Africa sees immense potential in attracting a larger share of outbound Indian tourists.

South Africa’s targeted approach to wooing Indian tourists is set to strengthen ties between the two nations while creating significant economic opportunities. By addressing visa challenges, investing in marketing, and improving connectivity, South Africa is positioning itself as a top choice for Indian travelers. If successful, these efforts could make India one of the largest contributors to South Africa’s tourism sector, driving growth and fostering closer cultural and economic ties.

Sivakarthikeyan’s action thriller ‘Madharasi’

Actor Sivakarthikeyan, who was last seen in Amaran, is gearing up for his next big release titled Madharasi, also known as SK 23. This project marks his first collaboration with director AR Murugadoss, generating high expectations among fans and movie buffs.

The title teaser of Madharasi is action-packed, featuring intense sequences, bomb blasts, and glimpses of various characters from the ensemble cast. Sivakarthikeyan is seen in a rugged, fierce avatar, hinting at a high-octane action thriller.

The film will be released as Madharasi in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, while the Hindi version will be titled Dil Madharasi. Kannada actor Rukmini Vasanth



is set to play the female lead, making her debut in the Tamil film industry. Vidyut Jammwal, who previously worked with Murugadoss in Thuppaki, returns as the antagonist. The cast also features Vikranth, Biju Menon, and Shabeer Kallarakkal, among others.

Anirudh Ravichander will compose the music, adding his

signature energy to the film. The film’s cinematography will be handled by Sudeep Elamon, while Sreekar Prasad will take charge of the edits.

Madharasi is produced by Sri Lakshmi Movies. Although the release date has not been announced yet, the film is already generating buzz as an action thriller to watch out for.

Prabhudeva unveils first single ‘Rangamma’ from Sandy’s ‘Niram Marum Ulagil’

Actor-director Prabhudeva released the first single, ‘Rangamma’, from the upcoming film Niram Marum Ulagil on Friday. The romantic kuthu track, composed by Dev Prakash Regan, is sung by him along with Arivu, with lyrics penned by AS Dawood.

The film, directed by Britto JB in his debut venture, features Bharathiraja in the lead role alongside Natty and Rio Raj. Britto, who has a background in advertisements, explained the film’s unique narrative structure in an earlier conversation: “The story revolves around two people, a young woman and a wise old man. The latter narrates four tales to



her, aiming to change her perspective on life for the better.”

The film explores four interconnected stories set in different locations:

Mumbai: Featuring Natty in a prominent role. Velankanni, Nagapattinam: Starring Rio Raj, focusing on the lives of local fishermen. Chennai: Set

in a housing board with Sandy as the lead. Village near Thiruttani: Starring Bharathiraja in a poignant narrative.

“All of these stories have a subtle connection,” Britto noted, adding that the film is inspired by true events, including personal experiences and stories he has heard.



Nivin Pauly to lead first multiverse superhero film

Malayalam superstar Nivin Pauly is set to lead Multiverse Manmadhan, India’s first-ever multiverse superhero film, written and directed by Adithyan Chandrasekhar.

The film promises a high-octane spectacle, blending action, mythology, and multiversal intrigue.

The Title announcement poster, released today, has only deepened the mystery, featuring elements from different universes and hinting at the film’s grand scale.

Co-written by debutants Anandhu S. Raj and Nithiraj, with creative collaboration from Aneesh Rajasekharan, the ambitious project is set to go on floors this year.

Meanwhile, Nivin’s latest photos have taken social media by storm, going viral as fans wait for more updates on Multiverse Manmadhan.

POV VVS Sam Pitroda’s China is our friend remark: Comedy of errors or tragedy in disguise?

In a move that could only be described as “classic Pitroda,” senior Congress leader Sam Pitroda recently cracked what he probably thought was a joke, but which landed with the subtlety of an elephant on a trampoline. Pitroda, in his ever-dramatic style, suggested that the Indian government should stop considering China as an enemy. In fact, he went so far as to imply that it’s time to embrace China as a friend.



Now, before you fall off your chair in disbelief, let us unpack this. Sam, as loyal as a dog to his beloved Rahul Gandhi, was only echoing the sentiments of the Congress party’s “China-friendly” faction. After all, it is not the first time that the party has expressed a certain “historical fondness” for China, particularly during the days when its leadership was busy, quietly meeting with Chinese officials—without, you know, consulting the public.

Let us talk about the Doklam Conflict—you remember that, right? While the rest of India was holding its breath, Sam’s dear friend Rahul Gandhi was meeting with the Chinese ambassador behind closed doors. It wasn’t just a casual chat about trade or tea. No, Rahul took it to another level, signing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Chinese Communist Party. The agreement – “To supply every piece of information about India to China.” Why not? A little information sharing never hurt anyone, right?

And it didn’t stop there. Congress, through its family-run enterprise (aka RGF), graciously accepted hefty donations from China. But hey, what is a little foreign funding between friends? Not to mention the secret meetings held at none other than Sonia Gandhi’s residence with China’s top intelligence officers. It is like an international spy thriller, only with less action and more tea.

The plot thickens. Congress, ever so generous, graciously ceded 680 square kilometers of Indian land to China. No fuss, no muss—just a peaceful land handover, because who needs borders anyway? And to add a cherry on top, the Indian Army was ordered to dismantle posts and bunkers designed to keep China out. Soldiers, were told to “pull back” and vacate the land. Was it for peace? Or just an extremely diplomatic way of saying, “Here you go, China, we’ve got this great real estate for you. Enjoy!”

So, when Sam Pitroda says that India should stop seeing China as an enemy, we can’t help but wonder: is he speaking from his deep, historical fondness for China, or is this just a throwback to the days when Congress had a “closer” relationship with Beijing? Why not?

If history has taught us anything, it is that Congress and China have always shared some interesting moments of “friendship.”

Naturally, BJP was quick to pounce on Pitroda’s remarks. BJP spokesperson Tuhin Sinha took the opportunity to fire a salvo at Congress, saying, “Those who gave away 40 square kilometers of our land to China think there’s no threat from China?” And, of course, they weren’t the only ones with concerns. Pitroda’s assertion left many scratching their heads, especially when he claimed that the threat from China was exaggerated, and that America’s “nature” was to make India view China as an enemy. Ah, yes, the classic “blame the Americans” strategy—always a crowd-pleaser in some circles.

Pitroda’s comments were so offbeat that Congress had to quickly distance itself. Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh clarified that Pitroda’s statement was his personal opinion and didn’t reflect the party’s official stance. Thank goodness for that! Ramesh also emphasized that China remains a big challenge for India in terms of security and economy. You know, just a small matter of national security and economic stability—nothing too serious. But let’s move on.

The Congress party’s more recent official statements on China paint a different picture. They’ve been quite vocal about the Modi government’s handling of China, especially after the Prime Minister’s rather suspiciously generous stance towards China in 2020. Congress raised serious questions about India’s relationship with China, but perhaps they should have started by addressing their own track record.

Let’s take a quick history lesson. Back in December 1959, Rajaji (C. Rajagopalachari), a former Congress leader, famously remarked that China had “betrayed India and Nehru.” Rajaji, then in his wisdom, saw China’s aggression as a brutal reality, stating that it destroyed any meaning in India’s non-alignment policy. Fast forward to 1962, when Nehru’s so-called “China policy” left Indian soldiers, ill-equipped and ill-prepared, to be slaughtered in the Himalayan frontier. To this day, that event remains a painful chapter in India’s history.

Fast-forward again, and we have Congress, the same party that once turned a blind eye to China’s military maneuvers, now looking to project China as a friend? What a tragic comedy.

As we stand today, Congress’s “historical love affair” with China—whether it’s in the form of backdoor meetings, land giveaways, or a strange form of diplomatic amnesia—certainly leaves one wondering: is this a tragedy or a comedy? Either way, it’s a show that keeps giving, with Sam Pitroda as the latest star of this bewildering political soap opera. Stay tuned, because this drama isn’t over yet.

‘Love Ink’ reaches final phase of shooting

Producer A Mahendran of MR Pictures, filled with unconditional passion to create commendable movies has ventured into production through the film ‘Love Ink’. The film features Raaj Aiyappa, who is now the latest heartthrob of K-Town in the lead role, and Deina Davis starring opposite him in the female lead role. With a perfect planning and the neat execution, filmmaker Megaraj Doss has distinctly completed shooting major portions of the film in a short span of time. Now the team has started shooting the final schedule of this film, which will add more emblazonments to the star-cast comprising the greatest amusers of K-Town Suniel Reddy, KPY fame Ramar and director-actor Ravi Mariah.

Director Megaraj Doss says, “We



are so much delighted that the shooting plans have been perfectly commissioned from Day 1 of production, and we have successfully reached the final phase of filming now. The final schedule has started

its filming in the exotic locales of Cheyyar and its surrounding villages in Tiruvannamalai District.”

Raaj Aiyappa has been winning appreciations for his fantabulous performances in films including Ajith Kumar’s Valimai followed by Disney Plus Hotstar’s web series ‘Uppu Puli Kaaram’.

Yogi Babu is playing a prominent role in this film as a doctor, and his hilarious episodes will leave audiences in total laughter riot.

The others in the star-cast include Pattimandram Raja, Maran, Subhashini Kannan, KPY Vinoth,DSG (Mark Antony villan - doing a important role in this movie), Maurish Dass, Vinodh Munna and many others. Arjun (DOP), V Ramu Thangaraj (Art), Krishnan Sudharshan (Editor), Suresh Chandra & Abdul Nassar (PRO) are the others in the technical crew.

Director Prem Kumar reveals ‘96’ was originally meant for Bollywood

Remember Ram and Jaanu, the unforgettable star-crossed lovers from 96? Now, imagine the same story reimaged as a Bollywood film with Abhishek Bachchan playing Vijay Sethupathi’s role as Ram. Surprisingly, that was exactly what director C Prem Kumar initially envisioned for his acclaimed romantic drama.

At the 7th edition of the Indian Screenwriters Conference (ISC) hosted by the Screenwriters Association of India (SWA), Prem disclosed, “‘96’ was originally written for Hindi cinema, and I wanted to pitch it to Abhishek Bachchan, but I didn’t have contacts!” A Tale Meant for Bollywood

The 2018 blockbuster 96, starring Vijay Sethu-



pathi and Trisha Krishnan, revolved around the emotional reunion of former classmates from the batch of 1996, two decades after graduation. While speaking with film critic Suchin Mehrotra, Prem explained why the story felt perfect for Bollywood.

He revealed that he has

now completed writing a new Hindi film script. “I know Hindi very well, and my father grew up in North India, so I was constantly exposed to Hindi cinema in my childhood. My favourite actor was Naseeruddin Shah. The main reason for my interest in Hindi cinema is the diversity of

the audience and not the scale,” Prem shared.Moving Forward with Hindi Cinema

C Prem Kumar, who directed last year’s critically acclaimed Meiyazhagan, made these revelations during a session titled ‘The South Saga - Rooted, Relevant, and Revolutionary’. He was joined by fellow filmmakers Christo Tomy (Illozhukku), Hemanth M Rao (Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - Side A & Side B), and Vivek Athreya (Saripodha Sanivaaram).

With his new Hindi script ready, fans are eager to see how Prem Kumar’s storytelling magic translates to Bollywood.



A.M. Jain College students visited MGM Cancer Institute and interacted with cancer survivors, sharing inspiring stories of strength and recovery. Dr. M.A. Raja, Director & Senior Consultant of Medical Oncology at the hospital, emphasised that overcoming patients' fears is the first step in their treatment. The event concluded with cultural performances featuring music, dance and theatre, which uplifted everyone's spirits. Dr. R. Surekha, Deputy Dean of A.M. Jain College, praised the students for their empathy and engagement during the interaction.

VSEP hosts expert panel on Union Budget

Chennai, Feb 18: Vinayaka Mission's School of Economics and Public Policy (VSEP), Chennai, a part of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), organized a panel discussion on the Union Budget 2025-26 on 12-02-2025. The event brought together distinguished economists, policymakers, and industry leaders to analyze the budget's implications for economic growth, social development, and fiscal sustainability.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Debdulal Thakur, Dean of VSEP, who introduced the panelists: Dr. Arvind Mayaram (Former Finance Secretary, Government of India), Prof. Saumen Chattopadhyay (Jawaharlal Nehru University), Prof. M. Suresh Babu (Director, Madras

Institute of Development Studies), Ms. Avani Kapur (Founder, Responsive Governance), and Dr. Kalyan Goswami (Director General, AgriChem Federation of India).

Delivering the inaugural address, Dr. Arvind Mayaram highlighted the evolving nature of India's budget-making process. He noted that while the budget has transitioned from being a mere financial statement to a comprehensive policy document, key concerns remain.

Professor Suresh Babu analyzed the budget's efforts to boost private investment, noting that while government capital expenditure (CapEx) has supported economic growth, private sector investment remains sluggish.

Dr. Kalyan Goswami underscored the need for greater financial support for agricultural and rural employment schemes. He emphasized that while rural infrastructure development is commendable, rising employment in

agriculture reflects a lack of industrial and service sector jobs rather than a positive transformation.

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S.A. College students visit M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation

Chennai, Feb 18: The Department of Agriculture - Nutrition and Food Management, S.A. College of Arts and Science, took their students on an industrial visit to the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation on January 28, 2025. The industrial visit was aimed at gaining valuable insights into the latest developments in agriculture and biotechnology.

The visit began with a presentation detailing the detailed activities of the Foundation. The students also visited an exhibition showcasing the achievements and awards of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. The stu-

dents learnt about his important contribution to the Green Revolution.

They learned about the institute's current projects and agricultural innovations. The highlight of the visit was exploring the Aromatic Garden for blind children and the Nutritional Garden that showcases the benefits of organic farming. The students observed the nutritional impacts of vegetables and fruits grown through sustainable practices. The visit provided an enriching experience, broadening the students' understanding of modern agricultural techniques and their

role in addressing global food security

and environmental challenges.



Rithesh D Sha, MD Just Buy Cycles presented the Bicycles to the winners of Best Voice of Chennai (Male and Female) Udhaya prakash & V.Hannah Vijay in the 12th edition of Iris Valentunes 2025 in the presence of Latha A. Krishna. Over 200 participants competed in the preliminary auditions held at AeroHub Mall, Chennai. The audience was treated to an evening of electrifying and foot-tapping performances by the contestants. The winners of the Jingle contest :Rex Anto & Franson. Winners of Nutribs Teen. Valentunes : C.Roshni Priya, Ms. A. Samhita & Mr Roshan sooriya.

TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION, CUDDALORE REGION	
SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE	
TNCS	
Tender reference No.: C3/0049/2025	Dated: 17.02.2025
Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is invites online tenders "for the disposal of By Products produced from Paddy Hulling (Boiled / Raw Bran, Boiled / Russ Broken, Black Rice and Husk) in Modern Rice Mill, Neyveli and Chidambaram produced and to be produced during the period from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025"	
Complete e-tender document can be viewed, downloaded and uploaded through https://tntenders.gov.in/tncgpe/app from 19-02-2025 to 06-03-2025	
The bidders have to participate in online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III.	
Last Date for Online Submission: 06.03.2025 till 11.00 AM	
Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.03.2025 at 11.30 AM	
Regional Manager Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Cuddalore Region 607001	
வெ.ஆ.எண்: 11/செ.ம.தொ.அ./கட.தூர் / விஸம்பரம் / நாள்: 17.02.2025	

PUBLIC NOTICE	
My Client Mrs. R.Angeloalexikavaz, W/o.Mr.Ragulendran residing at No.4/796, Velachery Main Road, Medavakkam, Chennai - 600 100 hereby informs that the Original Title Deeds viz., General Power of Attorney dated 16.07.2004 vide Doc.No.1111/2004 before Joint I SRO Chennai South and Sale Deed dated 10.01.2001 vide Doc.No.563/2001 before Joint I SRO Chennai South pertaining to the property at Plot No.48, Door No.7/796, Velachery Main Road, Medavakkam, Chennai - 600 100 of Medavakkam Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, comprised in S.No.415/1 measuring 2400 Sq.Ft., together with the building comprising of Shop thereon and amenities shown as Item No.1 & Plot No.36 (part), comprised in S.No.415/1 measuring 760 Sq.Ft., with passage measuring 153 Sq.Ft., totally 913 Sq.Ft., shown as Item No.2 in all totally measuring 3313 Sq.Ft., misplaced by my Client while taking photocopies for legal purposes. Hence it is hereby informed to the general public that any one who is/ are in possession of the said documents is/are directed/requested to handover the same to the under signed within 7 days from the date of publication of the notice. It is further informed that anybody tries to create any encumbrance on the said property by misusing the misplaced documents the same would not have any legal sanctity and are punishable under law.	
R. Ramesh Chander, Advocate 43/11, Srinivasaperumal Koil 1st Street, Thiruvoniyur, Chennai-600 019, Mobile No. 98410 18689, Phone No. 044-25731119 E-mail: r.rameshchander@gmail.com	

PUBLIC NOTICE	
My Client Mr.M.ANAND, aged 48 years, Son of Late S.Mahaveer Chand, residing at No.20/19, Kutthambiran Street, Pulianthor, Chennai 600012, one of the Legal heir of his father Late S.Mahaveer Chand.	
The said Mr.S.Mahaveer Chand, who is the Owner of the Property, at Door No.20(19), (Veth. Old No.36), Kutti Thambiran street, Pulianthor, Chennai 600012, O.S.No.83 R.S.No.23/1, Block No.1, Perambur Village, Perambur Taluk, Chennai District, measuring 2458 Sq.feet, purchased by Sale deed, vide Doc.No.1797 of 1981, Dated: 31/08/1981, registered at SRO, Purasawakkam:	
My Client missed his bag containing Original Sale Deed and Parent documents, such as (i) Original Sale Deed, Doc.No.1797 of 1981, at SRO, Purasawakkam, (ii) Original Deed of Sale, Doc. No.255 of 1968, at SRO, West Madras, and (iii) Original Patta, in the name of Mr.S.Mahaveerchand, and (iv) Original Patta, bearing C.A.No.40/73-74, in the name of K.Chitty Babu, regarding said property, when he was going to xerox shop in Pulianthor High Road, Chennai - 600 012 on 20/01/2025.	
Therefore any person having any claim based on the custody of the said Original Documents and Patta above referred to, He/She may contact the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of this Public Notice failing which it shall not bind my client in any manner whatsoever.	
K.S.RAJASEKAR Advocate, SRES, No.2, First Floor, Siruvallur High Road, Perambur, Chennai-600011, Cell No.9790791966.	

ORIGINAL LAND / PROPERTY DOCUMENTS LOST	
I, MOORTHY (Aadhaar No.335460515980), aged 64 years, son of Sambantha Reddy, residing at No.25/71, Muthuriamman Koil Street, Navalur Nagar, Thendral Colony 5th Street, Anna Nagar West, Chennai 600040, do hereby inform to the general public that I am one of the owner of all the piece and parcel of the property vacant plots bearing :-	
(1) Plot No.337, extent 2120 sq.ft., Sriram Nagar Part II, Survey No.286/6F & 286/6H, Nemili B Group Karanthangal Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District	
(2) Plot No.547, extent 2400 sq.ft., Sriram Nagar Extension, Survey No.97/4 & 97/11A, Nemili Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District	
(3) Plot No.951, extent 2291 sq.ft., Gnanammal Nagar, Survey No.286/22, Nemili B Group Karanthangal Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District	
(4) Plot No.358A, extent 2370 sq.ft., Sriram Nagar, Survey No.286/3C, Nemili B Group Karanthangal Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District	
and myself and my brother Mr.Ramesh have jointly purchased the property by 4 No. Sale Deeds Document No.1) 7334/2018, (2) 8527/2018, (3) 8671/2018, (4) 8702/2018, registered in SRO, Sriperumbudur.	
I have kept the above mentioned 4 Nos. original documents in the cupboard situated in the hall of my house. On 08.01.2025 while I was cleaning my house for Pongal festival, I came to know that I have lost the above mentioned 4 Nos. original documents. If any one finds the above mentioned 4 Nos. original documents please contact me over phone No.9500041445 or at the following residential address:	
MOORTHY, S/o.Sambantha Reddy, No.25171, Muthuriamman Koil Street, Navalur Nagar,Thendral Colony 5th Street, Anna Nagar West, Chennai 600040.	

Dr.V.G.Santhosam gets Cultural Ambassador Award in Philippines



Seventy five years have since passed witnessing the strength of friendly relations between India and Philippines. To mark this unique friendship, a Diamond Jubilee Function was held in Philippines as an Educational and Cultural Function at UV Gullas College of Medicine, Cebu city, where 'Kalaimamani' Dr. V.G.Santhosam, Founder-President, VGP Ulaga Tamil Sangam was honoured with the 'Cultural Ambassador Award' for his noble task of erecting the statues of Thiruvalluvar, a world renowned poet, by the Great Tamilian Dr. David K. Pillai, Chief Executive Officer of the College, who headed the function also. Mallai Sathya, President, Mallai Tamil Sangam is seen in the picture.

Approach nature with humility and reverence: Mata Amritanandamayi

Chennai, Feb 18: Mata Amritanandamayi Devi graced the Brahmasthanam Temple Festival in Virugambakkam, where she was warmly welcomed by notable guests, including Raman, former secretary to the Government of India, Selvam, vice chairman of VIT, Arjun Murthy from the BJP, Ponni, deputy head of CRPF Civil Aviation Security Chennai, and Shail Manavi, director of Mosil Lubricants.

During the event, cloth-

ing and financial aid were distributed to members of the Amrita SREE women's self-help group. The gathering also featured sessions of satsang, meditation, peace prayers, and soul-stirring bhajans led by Amma, who continued to embrace her devotees late into the night.

In her blessing speech, Mata Amritanandamayi urged people to approach Nature with humility and reverence. Addressing her followers, she reflected on how humankind has

exploited Nature for generations, forgetting its immense power—capable of both retribution and redemption. "We must learn to bow our heads in humility to Nature," she said. "Let us treat Nature with love and respect."

Amma emphasized that every calamity—whether it be a pandemic, natural disaster, or the consequences of climate change—reminds us of the importance of cooperation, companionship, and communion. She

pointed out that while the laws of nations can be altered, the principles of dharma remain unchangeable. According to her, compassion is the essence of humanity.

"If each of us could recognize the needs of living beings around us and act in their service, the world would become a paradise," she said, stressing that compassion is not a luxury but a necessity. "Without compassion, the very fabric of society is at risk," she warned.

Senior members honoured at Canara Bank Retired Officers Association meet

Madurai, Feb 18: Canara Bank retired Officers Association members meeting held at at Canara Learning and Development Center, Pandyan Building, Grand Central, Madurai.

M N Manoharan, Deputy General Secretary, CBROA, Madurai emphasised the enrolment of Associate members and non members in to fold, besides retiree officers as Life members every month.

T V Krishna Mohan, General Manager Madurai Circle Head expressed his happiness in his Chief Guest address that Canara Bank is poised to reach Rs. 25 lakh crores business soon. He acknowledged with gratitude the strong foundation laid by the retirees for the growth of Canara Bank. The General Manager sought the help of members to mobilise more deposits, by expressing MD & CEO's quote "Each one source Ten".

He assured the members better customer service to Retirees and requested members to guide the youngsters in the Branch. He also gave tips how to maintain a healthy life post retirement. The GM congratulated CBROA for implementing various welfare measures including Honouring of its Life members who are above 75 years of age.

J S Jagadeesh, General Secretary, CBROA Bangalore in his marathan speech covered in detail all about Affordable IBA Health Insurance, Reckoning of Special allowance for pension calculation, Pension updation etc., He highlighted the achievements made by CBROA in the last two years such as break through in Reduction of IBA Health insurance premium, substantial increase in pension due to DA neutralisation to pre November, 2002 retirees, Family pension increase, restoration of commutation, 50% concession in locker rent, allotment of Holiday Home to Retirees etc.,GS



and the General Manager felicitated the following four super seniors who are of 75 + years. 1) T Tilak Chandrasekaran, Retd Manager: 2) P Muthuraman, 3) N Theertharappan, Retd Officer 4) R K Babulal, Retd SM: S Deenadayalan, Retd SM read out CBROA Citation. G Rajendran, Retd DGM adorned the shawl.

J S Jagadeesh, GS appealed to members "Each one Bring one" to shore up membership strength. To launch more welfare measures, he requested members to donate liberally to CBROA Welfare fund. He honoured senior members, R K Babulal and K S Balakrishnan who made an on the spot donation of Rs.5000/ & Rs.3000/ respectively. 19 Associate

members including 2 family pensioners on the spot in the meeting and many enrolments are on anvil. The DGS enlisted the support of members and Syndicate retiree members(who attended the meeting in large numbers) to bring non members and associate members into fold.

S Varagunan, AGS CBROA, Tirunelveli, Sundararajan, OGS n CNT member, CBOA, Radhakrishnan DGS CBOA, Madurai, M Panneer Selvam, RS M S Chandrasekaran, RS and M Arjunan Muthiah, RS were on the dais and spoke on the occasion.

The DGS appreciated the support provided by our activists, S S Veerabahu, R Murugaprabhu, S Meenakshisudaram, Veteran S Deenadayalan

and RS, M Panneer Selvam for the successful conduct of the meeting. The General Secretary clarified all the doubts raised in the interaction session which lasted till 2.30pm. The audience were spell bound and gave a standing ovation to GS at the end of the meeting.

There was an overwhelming attendance of 94 participants with people coming from far of places such as Periyakulam, Karaikudi, Bodi, Theni, Trichy etc., The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by M Panneer Selvam, RS, Madurai and National anthem by all, followed by sumptuous Lunch, a full course meal, in Tamil Nadu style.

Discipline, the key to academic achievement, bright future

M Rafi Ahmed

Discipline is the key to academic achievement, personal growth, and a bright future. Based on those lines, the former District and Sessions Judge and Full-time member of State Official Language (Legislative) Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu A. Mohamed Jiyaputheen spoke among the students during the annual day event held at Vijayamangalam Bharathi International School in Perundurai, Erode district.

The distinguished speaker's topic "Education and Discipline" reminds this scribe of Nobel laureate Bertrand Russel's collection of essays under the same title published in 1932 wherein he expressed his thoughts about the purpose of education shedding light on moral qualities of learners. According to a research finding, the disciplined students have a higher chance of reaching their academic objectives.

Jiyaputheen drove home a valid point that good education along-with discipline will undoubtedly help students to reach exalted heights not only in their course but also in their career. In a word of praise to the teachers, he said that well-knit planning and conducting the programme proves to show their involvement with zeal in the effective and



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Expressing happiness in seeing more number of girl students grabbing prizes in various competitions conducted as part of the annual day fete, he said that they are second to none and added that their achievement in various fronts more so in academics have undoubtedly demonstrated the victory in the district where Thanthai Periyar was born. Indeed, they made his vision a reality.

Calling upon the parents to keep a tab on their wards behaviour and friends circle, Jiyaputheen advised them to be vigilant to ensure their children don't get diverted from their studies. Extending love and monitoring their children is vital in the present context of technological development, he told parents to check their childrens' bags daily as a precautionary measure.

Likewise, the teachers must encourage those students who raise valuable and vital questions and must answer with patience, he told the teachers and urged them to identify their innate talents to motivate them to excel in their chosen line of interest. In a piece of advice to students, he sought them to respect both the parents and teachers. Only those who keep them in high esteem taste success in their career.

Quoting saint poet Thiruvalluvar, he said that education and discipline alone will help to make a mark in one's vocation. "Develop good thoughts and be disciplined while pursuing your course," he appealed to the students. As to the words of Valluvar, he said that education will benefit seven births (Yezhu Piravi). However, Kalaingar gave a different explanation

to the couplet and stated that education will guide 'Yezhu Thalaimuraik-kum'.

In this connection, he narrated his success story of how he rose to dizzy heights from a humble beginning despite hailing from a poor background and added the importance shown by his parents on education.

Bharathi International School principal Umadevi presided while school founders Mohanambal and K Kumarasamy besides vice principal Chandran, Parent Teachers Association president K Kathirvel were present on the occasion. So goes the quote of Kenyan poet Akhugu Vanon—Education without discipline is like a holiday on a weekend. Kudos to Jiyaputheen for his thought-provoking address among students on a vital topic.



Valery Khodzhaev, Consul General of Russia in Chennai, met Chief Minister Stalin. Chief Secretary Muruganandam. Seseecretary Harish Thakkar, Consulate Secretary Andri Erohin are also seen.



Tourism Malaysia strengthens collaboration with travel agents, stakeholders

Chennai, Feb 18: Tourism Malaysia Chennai office hosted a vibrant engagement session, featuring a welcome address by Hishamuddin Mustafa, Director of Tourism Malaysia Chennai. The event was attended by esteemed members of the travel industry, including Tamil Nadu Travel agent.

ADTOI Secretary-Tamil Nadu Chapter P. Ashok Kumar said, "The highlight of the event was a presentation by Wan Chui Fong, Senior Sales Manager of A'Famosa Resort Hotel, who showcased the resort's offerings, including tailored packages for Weddings, MICE, and group travelers. Her presentation emphasized A'Famosa Resort as a

premier destination for unique and memorable experiences, aligning with the preferences of Indian travelers.

Director's Address: Hishamuddin expressed his gratitude to the agents for their unwavering support, which significantly contributed to Malaysia welcoming over 1 million Indian tourist arrivals in 2024. He acknowledged the incredible milestone as a testament to the strong partnership between the Indian travel trade and Tourism Malaysia.

"As we look ahead to Visit Malaysia Year 2026 (VMY2026), our ambitious target is to welcome 1.6 million Indian tourists and beyond. While Kuala Lumpur remains a beloved destination, we are strategically focusing on

promoting new horizons in Sabah and Sarawak. These regions offer unparalleled experiences, from eco-tourism to cultural adventures, that perfectly cater to the evolving interests of Indian travelers," Hishamuddin stated.

Key Takeaways:

Strengthening collaboration with Indian travel agents and stakeholders to achieve VMY2026 goals.

Expanding focus on Sabah and Sarawak, emphasizing their unique eco-tourism and cultural offerings.

Encouraging MICE and wedding tourism as niche travel segments with growing appeal.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, fostering

valuable insights and innovative ideas to enhance Malaysia's presence as a preferred destination in the Indian market.

Tourism Malaysia remains committed to building strong partnerships with Indian travel agents and delivering unparalleled experiences to Indian travellers. The engagement session reinforced its dedication to promoting Malaysia's diverse destinations and its readiness to welcome even greater numbers of tourists in the years to come. ADTOI Secretary-Tamil Nadu Chapter P. Ashok Kumar had participated in this meeting and highlighted about same.