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CM Stalin inaugurates Agile Robots in Kanchipuram & SOL India in Ranipet

Chennai, Jun 4:

In a significant boost to Tamil Nadu's industrial development, Chief Minister. Stalin today virtually inaugurated two major industrial facilities – a robotic components manufacturing plant by Agile Robots in Kanchipuram district and an air separation unit by SOL India Private Limited in Ranipet.

With an investment of Rs.300 crore, Agile Robots has established an AI-powered robotic components production facility at the SIPCOT Industrial Park in Irungattukottai, Kanchipuram. The plant is expected to create employment opportunities for 300 people.

Similarly, SOL India Private Limited, a joint venture between Italy's SOL SpA and India's SiegilSol India Pvt Ltd, has set up an air separation unit in

SIPCOT, Ranipet, with an investment of Rs.175 crore. This facility, which produces industrial and medical-grade oxygen, has generated 20 new jobs.

The Chief Minister also handed over internship offer letters to six students from various colleges during the event.

Leader in Economic Growth

The event highlighted Tamil Nadu's impressive economic trajectory, being recognized as the second-largest economy in India and a leading state in manufacturing and exports. The Economic Survey for 2024-25 praised Tamil Nadu's proactive efforts in attracting investments and generating employment, especially for women.

With a 9.69% growth rate for 2024-25, Tamil Nadu ranks first in economic growth nationwide, marking its highest growth in a decade.

To reach its goal of a

\$1 trillion economy, the Tamil Nadu Government continues to implement strategic initiatives aimed at attracting investment and generating large-scale employment, particularly for the youth.

Agile Robots SE, headquartered in Germany, integrates artificial intelligence and robotics to deliver next-generation automation solutions. The new facility at SIPCOT Irungattukottai, Kanchipuram, will produce AI-powered robotic components suitable for various industries. With an investment of Rs.300 crore, the project will provide direct employment to 300 local engineers and technical experts.

SOL India Pvt Ltd is a joint venture between Italy's SOL SpA and SiegilSol India Pvt Ltd. The company has set up an air separation plant at SIPCOT, Ranipet, to produce industrial and

medical oxygen. The investment of Rs.175 crore follows two MoUs signed with the Tamil Nadu government at the Global Investors Meets in 2019 and 2024, respectively.

The virtual inauguration event was attended by Dr. T.R.B. Rajaa, Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce, N. Muruganandam, Chief Secretary, V. Arun Roy, IAS, Secretary, Industries, Investment Promotion & Commerce, Dr. P. Alamelumangai, IAS, Executive Director, Guidance Tamil Nadu, Rory Saxton, Vice Chairman, Agile Robots, Saravanan Solaiyappan, Director of Operations – India, Agile Robots, Aldo Fiumagalli Romario, Chairman and CEO, SOL India, Caelio Lav Fiumagalli Romario, Project Head, SOL India, S.V. Venkatesan, Director, SOL India.



Royal Challengers Bengaluru won the IPL in the 18th edition beating PBKS by 6 runs in the final at Ahmedabad on Tuesday. Mumbai Indians' dynamic batsman Suryakumar Yadav was honoured as the Most Valuable Player (MVP). Emerging star Sai Sudharsan of Gujarat Titans clinched both the Orange Cap, awarded to the season's highest run-scorer, and the Emerging Player of the Season award. Gujarat Titans pacer Prasidh Krishna secured the Purple Cap by taking 25 wickets, leading the wicket-taking charts for the season. The Fair Play Award was bestowed upon Chennai Super Kings (CSK), acknowledging their exemplary conduct on the field. (Match report on Page 2)

Madras HC bans piracy of Kamal's 'Thug Life'

Chennai, Jun 4:

The Madras High Court has issued an injunction restraining the illegal release of actor Kamal Haasan's upcoming film 'Thug Life' on 793 piracy websites, ahead of its theatrical release tomorrow (June 5).

Directed by Mani Ratnam, Thug Life features a star-studded cast including Kamal Haasan, Silambarasan (Simbu), Ashok Selvan, Trisha, and Abhirami, among others. The film is set for a global release in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Malayalam.

To prevent unauthorized distribution of the film, Raaj Kamal Films International, the production house behind Thug Life, filed a petition in the Madras High Court, seeking to block pirated distribution on 793 websites known for operating illegally.

During the hearing before Justice Senthilkumar Ramamoorthy, advocate Vijayan Subramanian appeared on behalf of Raaj Kamal Films. He stated that Thug Life is slated to release in over 3,500 theaters, and emphasized the need to ban its illegal circulation via websites and cable TV networks.

The counsel further argued that piracy would lead to severe commercial losses for the production company.

Taking these concerns into account, the judge issued an order banning internet service providers including BSNL, and cable TV operators from hosting or airing Thug Life without authorization.

Modi greets SKorea's new President

New Delhi, Jun 4:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated South Korea's new President Lee Jae-Myung and said he looks forward to working together to further expand and strengthen the bilateral strategic partnership.

In a post on X, the PM said: "Congratulations to Lee Jae-Myung on being elected as the President of the Republic of Korea. "Look forward to working together to further expand and strengthen the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership." South Koreans on Tuesday elected Democratic Party (DP) candidate Lee Jae-myung as the country's new president for a five-year term.

The vote was triggered by an abortive attempt by his predecessor Yoon Suk Yeol to invoke martial law last December.

Lee, 61, secured more than 49% of the vote to become South Korea's 14th President.

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Modi to inaugurate world's highest rly bridge in J&K

PM to flag off trains on June 6

Kashmir, Jun 4:

In a historic moment for India's infrastructure and connectivity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Katra on June 6 to inaugurate the Chenab Bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, and flag off Vande Bharat trains connecting Katra and Baramulla, marking the near-completion of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project.

This will be the Prime Minister's first visit to the region since "Operation Sindoor", and security has been significantly heightened across Jammu and Kashmir in anticipation of the event. Vigilance has been increased across cities, transport hubs, and the vital Jammu-Srinagar railway corridor.

The Vande Bharat train from Katra to Baramulla will be flagged off in person by the PM, while a return train from Baramulla to Katra will be flagged off virtually. These trains will allow direct connectivity to the Kashmir Valley, with passengers able to switch at Katra for further travel. The long-awaited project—over four decades

in the making—is finally nearing full operational readiness. Engineering Marvel: Chenab Bridge

The Chenab Bridge, a centrepiece of the USBRL, stands 359 metres above the Chenab River, making it the highest railway bridge in the world. Spanning 1,315 metres, the steel-arch structure was designed to withstand earthquakes of magnitude 8, winds of up to 266 km/h, and even explosions, with a projected lifespan of 120 years.

Constructed at a cost of Rs.14.86 billion and completed in August 2022, the bridge saw successful trial runs in June 2024, and is expected to host full commercial train services from April 2025.

The project was originally scheduled for launch on April 19, but inclement weather and subsequent security concerns following the Pahalgam terror attack led to postponements.

USBRL: Transforming Kashmir's Connectivity

The USBRL project, first conceived over 40 years ago, was declared a national project in 2002 by the Vajpayee

government. Work accelerated significantly since then, overcoming severe geological, climatic, and logistical challenges.

Of the 272-km-long rail link, 209 km have already been commissioned in phases. These include: Qazigund-Baramulla (118 km) in 2009, Banihal-Qazigund (18 km) in 2013, Udhampur-Katra (25 km) in 2014, Banihal-Sangaldan (48.1 km) in 2023, Sangaldan-Reasi (46 km) in 2024.

The final leg, the 17-km Reasi-Katra section, was completed three months ago, linking the entire corridor. Electric train trials on this section have been successfully completed, and local trains are already running on various stretches of the route.

The USBRL project consists of 927 bridges and 38 tunnels, traversing some of the most difficult terrain in the Himalayas. Its completion is set to redefine travel in the region, greatly enhancing economic integration, strategic connectivity, and tourism potential.

At an estimated cost of Rs.41,000 crore, the project is one of the most

expensive and technically complex railway initiatives undertaken in the country. Its completion also pays tribute to the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who laid the foundation stone for the Jammu-Udhampur section in 1983.

Ahead of the launch, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level review meeting with administrative and police officials in Srinagar's Raj Bhawan. He urged citizens to participate in large numbers and make the event a memorable one.

Security agencies have intensified patrolling, checking at entry points, and surveillance activities in sensitive areas. Senior officials, including the Deputy Commissioner and SSP of Ramban, inspected the Sangaldan Railway Station to finalize security arrangements.

With this milestone event, the Indian Railways is set to bring Kashmir closer to the rest of the nation — both physically and symbolically — fulfilling a long-cherished dream of full rail connectivity to the Valley.

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After 18-year wait, RCB lift IPL Trophy

Shashank effort in vain as PBKS falter at finish line

Ahmedabad, Jun 4: After an agonising 18-year wait, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally clinched their maiden IPL title with a thrilling six-run win over Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium here on Tuesday.

The final moments were a rollercoaster of emotions as Josh Hazlewood bowled to Shashank Singh, who smashed a six that hardly mattered for PBKS's cause. The fans erupted, knowing RCB were champions for the very first time in their history - a moment decades in the making.

Virat Kohli, donning the number 18 jersey in his 18th IPL season, broke down in tears. The seasoned star, who had chased this elusive crown for years, was finally rewarded. Cameras lingered on Kohli and AB de Villiers, the latter finishing his IPL journey without a title, while Kohli stood triumphant.

Earlier in the innings, Shashank Singh had kept Punjab Kings fighting with a flurry of boundaries and sixes - including a majestic loft over long-on off Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and a powerful six off Hazlewood's slower deliveries. But despite his valiant efforts, it was "too little, too late" for Punjab.

RCB's bowlers, led by Bhuvneshwar and Yash Dayal, picked crucial wickets at key moments. Dayal's slower ball claimed Azmatullah Omarzai's wicket with a smart catch from the substitute fielder Manoj Bhandage, sparking celebrations from the RCB camp. The decisive blow came when Krunal Pandya trapped Josh Inglis with a stunning catch at long-on, breaking the momentum of PBKS's chase.

Krunal was outstanding with both ball and in the field, his clever variations and sharp catching turning the tide. Nehal Wadhwa and Marcus Stoinis found some rhythm with massive sixes, but wickets kept falling - Nehal Wadhwa caught by Pandya, Stoinis by Dayal - underlining RCB's clinical finish.

The battle had high points for PBKS too, like Priyansh Arya's fearless stroke play, scoring 24 off 19 balls with some aggressive boundaries. But Hazlewood's key wickets, including Arya's dismissal caught by Phil Salt, tilted the scales.

As the clock ticked, the final six from Shashank Singh was a mere consolation. RCB players



and fans celebrated long and loud, reveling in the joy of finally ending their IPL title drought.

The final scoreboard reflected a hard-fought match, but the story belonged to Kohli and RCB - champions at last.

RCB posted a competitive 190 for 9 in their 20 overs against Punjab Kings, anchored by Kohli's fluent 43 and supported by a series of valuable cameos.

Phil Salt started aggressively, launching Arshdeep Singh for a six and a four in the opening over. However, Kyle Jamieson quickly shifted the momentum by dismissing Salt, who top-edged a slog and was caught brilliantly by Shreyas Iyer at mid-on.

Mayank Agarwal and Kohli steadied the innings, with Kohli playing some exquisite flicks and slog sweeps. Rajat Patidar joined the attack with two towering sixes but fell to a clever slower ball from Jamieson as the innings approached the halfway mark.

Liam Livingstone injected acceleration, scoring a quick 25 off 15 balls, including a brutal six over midwicket and a sweep over long-off. Yet, he was dismissed LBW in the 17th over after missing a low full toss.

Jitesh Sharma continued the late surge with 24 off just 10 deliveries, featuring two sixes including a stunning scoop over fine leg, but was bowled by Vijaykumar Vyshak.

Romario Shepherd provided the final flourish with 17 off 9 balls, smacking a six and a four in the 19th over.

Despite conceding 37 runs in his first three overs, Arshdeep Singh bowled an exceptional final over, conceding just 3 runs while taking 3 crucial wickets, finishing with figures of 4-0-30-3.

Kyle Jamieson also



I've given RCB my youth, prime: Kohli

"I have given this team my youth, my prime. I gave it everything I have. I never thought this day would come," Virat Kohli's voice trembled, his eyes welled up, and an 18-year-long weight lifted off his shoulders as Royal Challengers Bengaluru finally lifted their maiden IPL trophy after a dramatic six-run win over Punjab Kings here at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Tuesday.

This was more than just a cricketing victory. It was a culmination of nearly two decades of faith, fire and frustration for both Kohli and RCB's devoted fanbase.

"I was overcome with emotion as soon as the last ball was bowled," the legendary batsman admitted, summing up the sentiment of a franchise and millions of its followers who had stayed loyal despite heartbreak after heartbreak.

For Kohli, this wasn't just about winning a trophy, it was about vindication.

"My heart is with Bengaluru, my soul is with Bengaluru. This is the team I will play for till the time I play the IPL. I have stayed loyal to this team, no matter what. I've had moments when I thought otherwise, but I stuck with this team," he declared, as chants of "RCB! RCB!" rang around the stadium.

In an especially touching gesture, Kohli dedicated the win to AB de Villiers, his long-time teammate and friend.

"What he's done for this franchise is tremendous. Told him before the game as well - this one is as much yours and I wanted him to celebrate with us. He still has the most Man of the Match awards for us and he's been retired four years. He deserves to be on the podium with us," Kohli said.

impressed with 3 for 48, while Azmatullah Omarzai, Yuzvendra Chahal, and Vyshak chipped in with a wicket each.

RCB were 167 for 4 at one point but lost five

(Photos, courtesy: BCCI)

India play Thailand ahead of Asian Cup Qualifiers

Pathum Thani, Jun 4: The Indian men's national team will take on Thailand in a FIFA International Friendly on Wednesday, at the Thammasat Stadium here at 18:00 IST.

For the Blue Tigers, ranked 127th, the match serves as valuable preparation for the all-important AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027 Qualifiers Final Round match against Hong Kong to be held on June 10 in Kowloon City.

After the friendly, the Indian contingent will fly from Bangkok to Hong Kong on June 5. Thailand, ranked 99th and also competing in the Asian Cup Qualifiers, are using the friendly to gear up for their match against Turkmenistan.

In the pre-match press conference on Tuesday, India head coach Manolo Marquez said, "We are

preparing for the game against Hong Kong, and Thailand are preparing for Turkmenistan. It's a good friendly game for both teams because we are in a similar situation (playing the Asian Cup Qualifiers)."

Lallianzuala Chhangte, accompanying Marquez in the press conference, said, "We've been working really hard for these two matches. We take this friendly game seriously and want to win it as well. Everyone is focussed and motivated. The coaching staff and everyone in the team are behind us, helping us in every way they can."

The winger stated, "Thailand, we know, are a good team offensively and defensively. We came here with a clear plan. Our focus is on ourselves, and hopefully, we can execute what we've been working on. If we

win this game, it will boost our confidence for the Hong Kong match."

This will be the first meeting between the two sides since 2019. India won both the previous clashes - a 4-1 rout at the AFC Asian Cup 2019 in Abu Dhabi before a 1-0 victory in Buiram handed the Blue Tigers the bronze medal at the King's Cup later that year.

Marquez affirmed that the current context is completely different from six years ago. The Spaniards aid, "Those games were a long time ago. It wasn't last week or last month. I think both teams have changed players since then. I spoke with the players who played that game. It's practically impossible to compare the games. I expect a good game. We are here to win, and obviously, if you ask me if

we can repeat the score, that would be great."

Only seven players from India's 2019 Asian Cup squad have travelled to THAILAND for the friendly (Sunil Chhetri, Amrinder Singh, Vishal Kaithi, Sandesh Jhingan, Subhasish Bose, Ashique Kuruniyan and Udanta Singh Kumam). Thailand, meanwhile, have only two such players (captain Chanathip Songkrasin and forward Supachai Chaided).

Thailand head coach Masatada Ishii spoke along Marquez's lines. The Japanese said, "We lost the last two games against India, but there have been a lot of changes. I wasn't the coach at that time, and a lot of players were different. So, it doesn't matter. We want to win against India and use this game as preparation for Turkmenistan."



Listen to the Generals..!

My mother didn't raise me on just verses from the scriptures or moral science textbooks. She also raised me on stories of her two brothers—one a top ranking officer who flew fighter jets with the Indian Air Force, and the other who led troops as a proud officer of the Indian Army.

And no, these weren't sugar-coated tales of glory. These were stories of courage, of missions that went wrong, of men lost, and of strategic missteps that were later corrected—not hidden. In her own quiet way, Ma was teaching me something that she felt her brothers followed—plain honesty, something the country desperately needs to learn today:

Truth doesn't make you smaller. It makes you stronger.

So, when I saw the Chief of Defence Staff recently speaking in Singapore about Operation Sindoor, I sat up a little straighter. Not because of the operation, but because of what he said. "We lost a few aircraft," he admitted. Just like that. No dramatic music, no denial, no, "The opposition is playing politics." Just plain old-fashioned honesty. He then went

on to say that those losses made them tweak their strategy—and that tweak led to success.

Imagine that! A public servant admitting something didn't go as planned and then—brace yourself—learning from it. I wept quietly into my coffee. Tears of joy, I assure you.

Dear netas, are you listening?

Because every time you deny a mistake, dismiss a report, or deflect with 'it didn't happen', you're not looking strong.

You're looking insecure. Petulant. Like that child in school who fails a test and blames the pen.

Take a page from our generals. When they lose men, they don't hide it in an affidavit filed in triplicate. They salute, they learn, they regroup, and they win. They don't call The Economist anti-national or say Reuters is funded by Islamabad.

They face the facts. And that's what makes them generals.

Meanwhile, our political leaders help lose lives—yes, lives—due to policy blunders, but won't even admit a pothole was missed. They'd rather

change the data, the definition, and sometimes even the subject. Lynching? "Isolated incident." Hunger index? "Western conspiracy." Freedom of speech? "No problem—just don't speak!" Churches vandalized? "Isolated incident"

What we need is less spin and more spine.

Because when you lie about small failures, you don't just fool the public. You fool yourself. And a nation that starts believing its own propaganda becomes dangerously blind. Blind to criticism, blind to correction, and eventually... blind to collapse.

So listen to the generals, dear ruling politicians. Learn that transparency isn't weakness. That admitting you goofed up doesn't shrink your stature. It builds trust.

And if you ever need a bedtime story, I'll send you some of ma's. They're not in any scripture, but they've shaped better men than many of you, who now claim to lead us.

Jai Hind. And Jai Truth...!

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Muralidharan moves up in snooker championship

Deepa posts highest break of 56

Chennai, June 4: Dr. B.G. Muralidharan, President of TNBSA, made a strong statement in the ongoing S. Chandrasekar & S. Magesh, CM Memorial Non-Ranking Snooker Championship 2025, defeating Prasad of MMCSA 3-1 in Round 1 of the prestigious C M Memorial event.

Although Prasad comfortably took the first frame, Muralidharan responded with composed play in the second, crafting a couple of small breaks to level the match. In the third frame, he shifted

gears and produced a break of 36, gaining the upper hand. He never looked back and closed the match 3-1, advancing to the next round.

Round 1 results: Jayesh Basani (CueZone) was clinical in his 3-0 victory over Bala Sharan (SPSC). Sathya Narayan (SPSC) outplayed Jackson Joshua (MMCSA) 3-1. Goshi (SPSC) and Prakash (MMCSA) both posted dominant 3-0 wins. B.Sethuraam (CSA-Mt. Road) and Mark Mc Donald (SPSC) too cruised to straight-

frame victories. Young talents like Ajith Kumar (Snooker Hub), Gautham (Snook City), and Sekar Krishna (TNBSA) held their nerves in tight 3-2 wins.

Round 2 results: Deepa Dharshan (SPSC) stunned the crowd with a powerful display, defeating Nelson (Snook City) 3-1. She also set the tournament's highest break so far – a superb 56, underlining her form and focus. Prabu Kesavan (QBC) breezed past Rishabh Kumar (The Den) 3-0. Karthikeyan (CSSA) impressed with a

42 break in the opening frame to beat Johnson (SPSC) 3-1.

With over 25 matches concluded in Round 1 and a few already in Round 2, the championship is heating up with a mix of dominant wins, gritty contests, and standout individual performances. All eyes are now on the next rounds, as players like Muralidharan, Deepa Dharshan and Jayesh Basani look to go deeper into the tournament.

Musetti, Sabalenka, Swiatek in Paris Open last 4

Paris, Jun 4: Lorenzo Musetti advanced to his first French Open semifinal on Tuesday with a composed and creative 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 win over American Frances Tiafoe in a windswept quarterfinal on Court Philippe-Chatrier.

The 23-year-old Italian, seeded eighth, blended stylish one-handed backhands with newfound grit, producing a mature performance that signals his growing stature on the big stage. Musetti, who became a father earlier this year, has spoken about how parenthood has instilled a stronger sense of discipline and professionalism in his approach to tennis.

The turning point came late in the third set. After dropping the second set to a surging Tiafoe, Musetti held firm during a tight passage of

play at 5-5 and pounced with a break, before serving out the set. He carried that momentum into the fourth, where he broke twice and closed out the match with authority.

Musetti's run to the last four in Paris is the culmination of a sensational European clay season. He was a finalist in Monte-Carlo and reached the semifinals in Madrid and Rome before his breakthrough in Paris. He has now won 13 of his last 21 matches and currently sits fifth in the ATP Race to Turin, vying for one of the eight spots at the season-ending ATP finals.

World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka and defending champion Iga Swiatek are set for a high-voltage semifinal showdown at Roland Garros 2025, after both stormed into the last four with commanding victories on

Tuesday.

Sabalenka overcame China's Zheng Qinwen 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 in tricky conditions earlier in the day, before Swiatek followed suit with a 6-1, 7-5 triumph over Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the second quarterfinal on a packed Philippe Chatrier.

The Swiatek-Sabalenka clash, a rematch of last year's gripping semifinal, promises fireworks as the top two seeds continue their dominant runs on the Paris clay. Both players are in peak form, and the Thursday duel is already being billed as a potential title decider.

The Polish star raced through the first set with commanding authority, barely putting a foot wrong. Swiatek showcased her signature blend of heavy topspin, precision, and relentless movement to leave Svitolina chasing

shadows. The former World No.3 from Ukraine offered more resistance in the second set, pushing the top seed with deeper groundstrokes and sharper angles, but a crucial break at 5-5 allowed Swiatek to wrap up proceedings in straight sets.

With this victory, Swiatek extended her unbeaten streak at Roland Garros to 26 matches - the third-longest women's winning run at the tournament in the Open Era, behind only Chris Evert (29) and Monica Seles (30). Her overall record at the Paris major now stands at a formidable 40-2.

"I really had to stay focussed, especially in the second set. Elina is such a fighter and it was never going to be easy. I'm proud of how I handled the pressure today," Swiatek said in her on-court interview.

Throwball selection trials

Chennai, Jun 4: The 23rd Junior State Throwball Championship for both Boys and Girls organized by the Tamilnadu Throwball Association is to be held at Sri Rao Bahadur A.K.D. Dharma Raja Girls Hr.Sec.School, 152/311 Railway Feeder Road, Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District, Tamilnadu from June 27 to 29.

The selection trials for Selecting the Boys and Girls teams for Chennai District will be held at St.Georges AI Hr. Sec. School, Opp.to Pachiyappa's College, Poonamallee High Road, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai. On Saturday 7th June 2025 at 8 a.m.

Since the selection is for junior category age proof is required.

Players below 19 Years (ie) born on or after 01.01.2007 are eligible.

For further details contact T.Bala Vinayakam, President, Chennai District Throwball Association at 9841025254/ A.Prabhakar, Secretary Chennai District Throwball Association Ph.No-9444105574, 8056247217.

IT Matters

AI has much to learn on social intelligence: Study

Increasing mobility of amphibious robot

Large language models (LLMs) -- the advanced AI behind tools like ChatGPT - are increasingly integrated into daily life, assisting with tasks such as writing emails, answering questions, and even supporting healthcare decisions. But can these models collaborate with others in the same way humans do? Can they understand social situations, make compromises, or establish trust? A new study from researchers at Helmholtz Munich, the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, and the University of Tübingen, reveals that while today’s AI is smart, it still has much to learn about social intelligence.

To find out how LLMs behave in social situations, researchers applied behavioural game theory - a method typically used to study how people cooperate, compete, and make decisions. The team had various AI models, including GPT-4, engage in a series of games designed to simulate social interactions and assess key factors such as fairness, trust, and cooperation.

The researchers discovered that GPT-4 excelled in games demanding logical reasoning - particularly when prioritising its own interests. However, it struggled with tasks that required teamwork and coordination, often falling short in those areas.

“In some cases, the AI seemed almost too rational for its own good. It could spot a threat or a



selfish move instantly and respond with retaliation, but it struggled to see the bigger picture of trust, cooperation, and compromise,” said Eric Schulz, lead author of the study.

To encourage more socially aware behavior, the researchers implemented a straightforward approach: they prompted the AI to consider the other player’s perspective before making its own decision. This technique, called Social Chain-of-Thought (SCoT), resulted in significant improvements. With SCoT, the AI became more cooperative, more adaptable, and more effective at achieving mutually beneficial outcomes -- even when interacting with real human players.

“Once we nudged the model to reason socially, it started acting in ways that felt much more human,”

said Elif Akata, first author of the study. “And interestingly, human participants often couldn’t tell they were playing with an AI.”

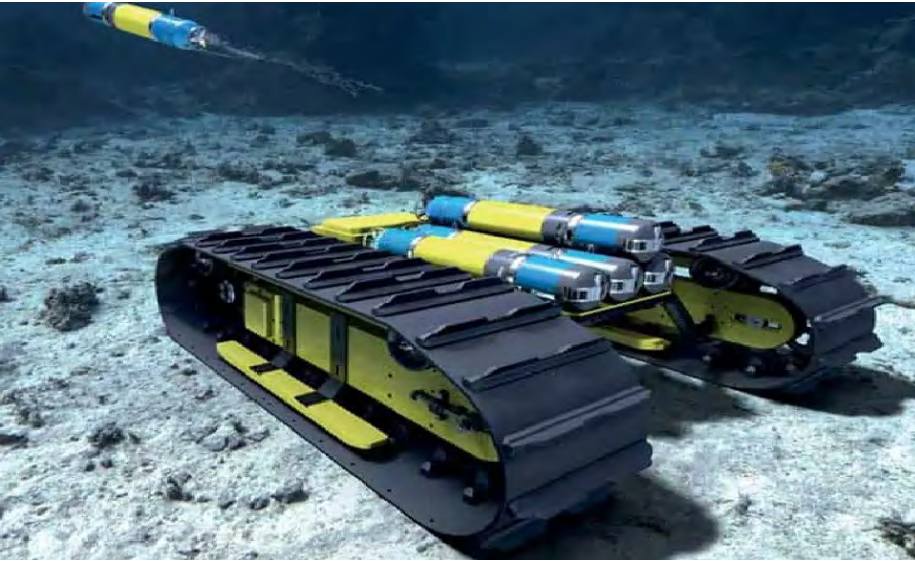
The implications of this study reach well beyond game theory. The findings lay the groundwork for developing more human-centered AI systems, particularly in healthcare settings where social cognition is essential. In areas like mental health, chronic disease management, and elderly care, effective support depends not only on accuracy and information delivery but also on the AI’s ability to build trust, interpret social cues, and foster cooperation. By modeling and refining these social dynamics, the study paves the way for more socially intelligent AI, with significant implications for health research and human-AI interaction.

Specialised robots that can both fly and drive typically touch down on land before attempting to transform and drive away. But when the landing terrain is rough, these robots sometimes get stuck and are unable to continue operating. Now a team of Caltech engineers has developed a real-life Transformer that has the “brains” to morph in midair, allowing the dronelike robot to smoothly roll away and begin its ground operations without pause. The increased agility and robustness of such robots could be particularly useful for commercial delivery systems and robotic explorers.

The new robot, dubbed ATMO (aerially transforming morphobot), uses four thrusters to fly, but the shrouds that protect them become the system’s wheels in an alternative driving configuration. The whole transformation relies on a single motor to move a central joint that lifts ATMO’s thrusters up into drone mode or down into drive mode.

“We designed and built a new robotic system that is inspired by nature -- by the way that animals can use their bodies in different ways to achieve different types of locomotion,” says Ioannis Mandralis (MS ‘22), a graduate student in aerospace at Caltech and lead author of the new paper. For example, he says, birds fly and then change their body morphology to slow themselves down and avoid obstacles. “Having the ability to transform in the air unlocks a lot of possibilities for improved autonomy and robustness,” Mandralis says.

But midair transformation also poses challenges.



Complex aerodynamic forces come into play both because the robot is close to the ground and because it is changing its shape as it morphs.

“Even though it seems simple when you watch a bird land and then run, in reality this is a problem that the aerospace industry has been struggling to deal with for probably more than 50 years,” says Mory Gharib (PhD ‘83), the Hans W. Liepmann Professor of Aeronautics and Medical Engineering, director and Booth-Kresa Leadership Chair of Caltech’s Center for Autonomous Systems and Technologies (CAST), and director of the Graduate Aerospace Laboratories of the California Institute of Technology (GALCIT). All flying vehicles experience complicated forces close to the ground. Think of a helicopter, as an example. As it comes in for a landing, its thrusters push lots of air downward. When that

air hits the ground, some portion of it bounces back up; if the helicopter comes in too quickly, it can get sucked into a vortex formed by that reflected air, causing the vehicle to lose its lift.

In ATMO’s case, the level of difficulty is even greater. Not only does the robot have to contend with complex near-ground forces, but it also has four jets that are constantly altering the extent to which they are shooting toward each other, creating additional turbulence and instability. To better understand these complex aerodynamic forces, the researchers ran tests in CAST’s drone lab. They used what are called load cell experiments to see how changing the robot’s configuration as it came in for landing affected its thrust force. They also conducted smoke visualization experiments to reveal the underlying phenomena that lead

to such changes in the dynamics.

The researchers then fed those insights into the algorithm behind a new control system they created for ATMO. The system uses an advanced control method called model predictive control, which works by continuously predicting how the system will behave in the near future and adjusting its actions to stay on course.

“The control algorithm is the biggest innovation in this paper,” Mandralis says. “Quadrotors use particular controllers because of how their thrusters are placed and how they fly. Here we introduce a dynamic system that hasn’t been studied before. As soon as the robot starts morphing, you get different dynamic couplings - different forces interacting with one another. And the control system has to be able to respond quickly to all of that.”

Win 10 ends on Oct 14, welcome Win 11

Microsoft is set to discontinue support for Windows 10 on **October 14, 2025**, a critical deadline that will leave devices running the operating system without essential security updates and software patches. This impending end-of-life (EOL) phase necessitates an urgent transition for businesses to Windows 11 Pro to ensure continued protection, security, and enhanced operational efficiency.

Windows 10, first launched in 2015, has reached its defined lifecycle end. Post-October 2025, the absence of regular updates will expose Windows 10 devices to significant vulnerabilities, including increased risks of cyberattacks, malware, and ransomware. Given the rising cybercrime rates in India—an 11.8% increase between 2021 and 2022, and over 1,500 daily cyberattacks reported by CERT-In—continuing with an unsupported OS poses substantial threats to data integrity, financial stability, and business reputation. Furthermore, it can lead to compliance issues for regulated industries, performance degradation, and higher IT maintenance costs.

Windows 11 Pro is the Solution:

Upgrading to Windows 11 Pro offers a suite of compelling benefits tailored for modern business needs:

Enhanced Security: Built with robust, hardware-backed protection and continuous updates, Windows 11 Pro has been linked to a 62% decrease in

security incidents.

AI-Driven Productivity: Features like Microsoft Copilot integrate AI capabilities, enabling users to save time and complete demanding tasks up to 42% faster, boosting overall efficiency.

Cost-Effective IT Management: Streamlined deployment, automated updates, and advanced control over applications and data reduce IT overhead. Microsoft reports 99.7% app compatibility and an 80% drop in helpdesk calls for Windows 11 users.

Improved Performance: Designed for superior performance, Windows 11 Pro PCs offer faster processing, extended battery life, and can accelerate workflows and collaboration by an average of 50%.

Act Now for a Seamless Transition:

Microsoft emphasizes that upgrading to Windows 11 Pro is a straightforward process, designed for quick adoption and full compatibility with existing technology stacks. Businesses are strongly advised to begin their transition now by assessing device readiness, creating a comprehensive deployment plan, leveraging Microsoft’s App Assure program for compatibility assistance, and conducting a pilot deployment before a full rollout. Proactive migration will ensure minimal disruption and safeguard business operations against future risks.

**NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES
(FOR CLAIM FROM IEPF AUTHORITY)**

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Investor Education and Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, NOTICE is hereby given that the following Share Certificates issued by the Company, **Shriram Finance Limited**, registered in my name, has been lost:

Folio No.	Name of Shareholder(s)	Shares	Share Certificate No(s).	Distinctive No.
70302	Anirvan Mukerjee	300	612189	71625497/71625796

Any person who has a claim in respect of the said securities should lodge such claim with evidence to the Company, at its Registered Office, **Shriram Finance Limited, 14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600 032** or to its Share Transfer Agents, Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, "Kences Towers", 2nd Floor, No. 1 Ramakrishna Street, North Usman Road, T Nagar, Chennai-600 017, within 15 days publication of this notice, else the Company will proceed to settle the claim in favour of the registered holder(s). The Company shall not entertain any claim thereafter. Any person dealing with the above said shares will be doing so at their own risk.

Place : Chennai
Date : 02.06.2025

Name of the Shareholder
Anirvan Mukerjee
Rameshwar Media

**KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED** Online E - Auction Sale Of Asset

Regd. office: 27 BKC, C 27, G-Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code-400051, Branch Office: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., #165, 2nd Floor, Mount Road, Anna Salai Chennai 600 006 (Land Mark: Children Car Showroom and Next to thousand lights Metro Railway station)

Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties: E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act, 2002 under rule 8(5) read with proviso to rule 9 (1) of the security interest (enforcement) rule, 2002. Subsequent to the assignment of debt in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited by "PNB Housing Finance Limited" (hereinafter referred to as "PNBHL") the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (hereinafter referred to as "The Bank/ KMBL/Secured Creditor") has taken over the possession of below described immovable property (hereinafter called the secured asset) mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor on 07.08.2024. Notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) and co - borrower (s) in particular and public in general that the bank has decided to sale the secured asset through E-auction under the provisions of the Sarfaesi Act, 2002 on "as is where is", "as is what is", and "whatever there is" basis for recovery of **Rs.48,60,961/ (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty One Only)** outstanding at on 30.05.2025 along with future applicable interest till realization, under the loan account no. 00116660003086, loan availed by Mr. Shanief A & Mrs. Zarina A as per below details.

Particular	Detail
Date of Auction	27.06.2025
Time of Auction	Between 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes
Reserve Price	Rs.24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.2,40,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Thousand Only)
Last Date For Submission of EMD with KYC	26.06.2025 up to 6:00 PM, (IST)
Description of The Secured Asset	Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of vacant House Sites Bearing Door No.46, O of No.138/1, Kamaraj Road, Kodungaiyur Village, Chennai- 600118 situated in (I) Measuring Ac.0.02 Cents in Survey No.127/2, (II) Measuring Ac.0.04 Cents in Survey No.128/2, (III) Measuring Ac.0.25 Cents in Survey No.130/1 and (IV) Measuring A.0.51 Cents in Survey No.131/3 in all Admeasuring Ac.0.82 Cents in Kodungaiyur Village (As Per Town Survey Patta T.S. No.66/1 and 73/1 Block No.31, Kodungaiyur Village, Fort-Tondiarpet Taluk Admeasuring 35.965 Sq. Ft. or thereabouts Bounded on the -North by: Survey No.127, South by Land owned by Mr.V.Nashkanan, East by: Survey No.128, West by: Kamaraj Road and falling within the Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram and Registration District of Chennai-North. Item No.2:- All that piece and parcel of land Bearing Door No.46, Old No.138/1, Kamaraj Road, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-600118, Plot No.14 situated in Survey No.127/1A-1 and 127/1B measuring 2091 Sq. Ft. (as per present Town Survey Patta T.S. No.60 situated in Block No.31 Kodungaiyur Village, Fort-Tondiarpet Taluk admeasuring 2091 Sq. Ft. or thereabouts and bounded on: North by 14 Feet Public Road, South by Land Owned by Mr. Vishwanatha Nadar and presently owned by Mr. B. Madanmohan, East By: Plot No.15, West by: Plot No.13 and Falling within the Sub Registration District of Madhavaram and Registration District of Chennai-North. Item No.3:- All that piece and parcel of land Bearing Door No.46, Old No.138/1, Kamaraj Road, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-600118, Plot No.16 situated in Survey No.127/1A-1 and 127/1B measuring 2420 Sq. Ft. (As Per Present Town Survey Patta T.S. No.62 situated in Block No.31 Kodungaiyur Village, Fort-Tondiarpet Taluk Admeasuring 2420 Sq. Ft. or thereabouts and bounded on: North by Plot No.11 and 12, South by: Land owned by Mr. Vishwanatha Nadar and Presently owned by Mr. B. Madanmohan, East by: Land Belonging To Venu Naidu, West by: Plot No.135 and 14 Feet Public Road and falling within the Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram and Registration District of Chennai-North. Schedule "B" - An Undivided Share of Land of Extent 640/70.000th (369.92 Square Feet) out of the total extent of 40476 square feet in the Schedule "A" Mentioned Property comprised in Survey Nos.127/2, 128/2, 130/1, 131/3, 127/1A1, 127/1B, 127/1A1 and 127/1B situate in Kodungaiyur Village, Block No.31, Fort-Tondiarpet Taluk, Bearing Door No.46A, Old No.138/1, Kamaraj Road, Kodungaiyur, Chennai-600118. Schedule "C" : Flat No.-C-3, Block-1 Third Floor in the building and project known as "R.C Navarathna", the said flat measuring in extent 640 square feet of built-up area, inclusive of common service areas, the said flat being bounded on the North by: 14 Feet Wide Public Road, South by: Flat No.3-B in Block 1, East by - Flat No. D-31/B, Block 1, West by: Kamaraj Road and falling within the Sub-Registration District of Madhavaram and Registration District of Chennai North.

Known Encumbrances [NIL]

The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub section 8 of section 13, of the act, i respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset. Borrowers in particular and public in general may please take notice that in case auction scheduled herein falls for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty. In case of any clarification/requirement regarding assets under sale, bidder may contact Mr. Siddam Namburi (Mob.No +919677288418) & Mr. Vishal Adisheshan (Mob.No +919941016600). Bidder may also contact the bank's Helpline No. (+91-9152219751) for clarifications. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html> provided in the bank's website i.e. www.kotak.com and/or at <http://bankauctions.in/>

Place: Chennai, Date: 03.06.2025 Authorized Officer: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

Protium

(Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd.)
Nirlon Knowledge Park (NKP) 8-2, Seventh Floor, Pambai Village, Off. The Western Express Highway, Cama Industrial estate, Goregaon (E), Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400063

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/S-13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd. and before that known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), their loan credit facility has been classified as Non-Performing Assets in the books of NBFC as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, NBFC has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules)

Loan Account No. Name and address of Borrower and Co Borrower/s	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Total Outstanding Dues (INR) as on below date*
Loan Account No. - GS028EEL2435150, (BORROWER) 1. SRI SAKTHI AUTO AGENCIES through its Proprietor MADHANKUMAR S/O CHANDRASEKAR @ S/O CHINDIRASEKARAN (CO-BORROWER), 2. MADHANKUMAR S/O CHANDRASEKAR @ S/O CHINDIRASEKARAN, 3. R SHALINI D/O RAJANBABU W/O MADHANKUMAR, 4. THAMIZHSELVI CHANDIRASEKAR @ CHINDIRASEKARAN, S. CHANDRASEKARAN N @ CHINDIRASEKARAN S/O NADESAN. Addresses as under - 28C, ANAIKATTI GANAPATHI STREET, PALAMANER ROAD, PICHANOOR, GUDIYATTAM, VELLORE, TAMIL NADU, 632602 AND ALSO, AT - 1/18 PERUMAL KOVIL STREET SETHUVANDAI, SETHUVANDAI, VELLORE, TAMIL NADU, 635083	03.05.2025	14 th May, 2025	54,18,852.2/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and Two Paise only) as on 9th May 2025

Description of the Secured Assets/Mortgaged Properties - ITEM - 1 - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE LAND AND BUILDING SITUATED AT DOOR NO.49, SUDHANDIRA STREET, WARD NO.2, BLOCK NO.1, PICHANOOR, GUDIYATHAM TOWN, GUDIYATHAM TK, VELLORE DT., MEASURING 864 SQ. FT OF LAND COMPRISED IN TOWN SURVEY NO.11/27 WITHIN THE SUB REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF GUDIYATHAM AND REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF VELLORE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES HEREUNDER EAST BY: PROPERTY OF DEVARAJ, WEST BY: STREET, NORTH BY: TRIANGLE SHAPE PROPERTY OF SHALINI, SOUTH BY: HOUSE OF VANDEKKARAN JAGANNATHAN, MEASURING 864 SQ. FT OF LAND AND BUILDING.
ITEM - 2 - ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE LAND AND BUILDING SITUATED AT SUDHANDIRA STREET, WARD NO.2, BLOCK NO.1, PICHANOOR, GUDIYATHAM TOWN, GUDIYATHAM TK, VELLORE DT., MEASURING 216 SQ. FT OF LAND COMPRISED IN TOWN SURVEY NO.11/27 WITHIN THE SUB REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF GUDIYATHAM AND REGISTRATION DISTRICT OF VELLORE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES HEREUNDER EAST BY: PROPERTY OF DEVARAJ, WEST BY: STREET, NORTH BY: VARIYAR NAGAR ROAD, SOUTH BY: PROPERTY OF MADHANKUMAR, MEASURING 216 SQ. FT OF LAND AND BUILDING

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to Sale proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules not limited to taking possession and selling the secured asset entirely at the risk of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.
Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.
Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd are tendered to Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd and no further step shall be taken by Protium Finance Limited (Formerly known as Growth Source Financial Technologies Ltd for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Place: VELLORE, TAMIL NADU, Date: 04.06.2025 Sd/-, Authorized Officer , Protium Finance Limited

**SHRIRAM PROPERTIES LIMITED**

CIN: L72200TN2000PLC044560
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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT
[Notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013]

Members of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 108 and 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act,2013 (the 'Act'), read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (the 'Rules'), as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, (Listing Regulations), Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (SS-2) and other relaxations and clarifications issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, 10/2021 dated June 23, 2021, 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, 1/2022 dated December 28, 2022, 09/2023 dated 25th September 2023 and 09/2024 dated 19th September 2024 ('MCA Circulars'), Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 (in continuation of Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020) issued under Regulation 101 ("SEBI Circulars") and such other applicable laws and regulations, the Company has on Tuesday, June 03, 2025 completed the despatch of Postal Ballot Notice through electronic mode to the members, whose e-mail is registered with the KFin Technologies Limited ('KFin'), Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent/ Depository Participant(s) as on Friday, May 30, 2025 i.e.the 'Cut-Off Date' for seeking their approval by way of Ordinary Resolution for the following special business:

Approval for the proposed material related party transactions with the Subsidiaries and/or Joint Ventures of the Company and between subsidiaries and Joint ventures where holding company is not a party to the transaction listed in Annexure-I to the explanatory statement during the financial year 2025-2026 ("2025-26") – Ordinary Resolution.

The Postal Ballot Notice is available on the Company's website <https://www.shriramproperties.com/company-announcements> and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited, National Stock Exchange of India Limited and NSDL at <https://www.bseindia.com> <https://www.nseindia.com> and <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> / respectively. Members who do not receive the Postal Ballot Notice may download it from the above-mentioned websites.

The documents referred to in the Postal Ballot Notice are available for inspection electronically and members seeking to inspect such documents can send an e-mail to cs.spl@shriramproperties.com.

Instruction for remote e-voting:

In accordance with the applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Company is providing to its members the facility to exercise their right to vote on the resolution proposed in the said Postal Ballot Notice only by electronic means("e-voting"). The communication of the assent or dissent of the member would take place through remote e-voting process only. The Company has engaged the services of NSDL as the agency to provide e-voting facility.

Members may cast their votes during the period mentioned here-in below:

Commencement of e-voting: 9.00A.M. (IST) on Wednesday, June 04, 2025.End of e-voting: 5.00 P.M. (IST) on Thursday July 03, 2025.

E-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the e-voting module shall be forthwith disabled by NSDL upon expiry of the aforesaid period. Once the vote on the resolution is cast by the Member, the same cannot be changed subsequently.

Manner of e-voting by members holding shares in dematerialised mode and members who have not registered their email address has been provided in the Postal Ballot Notice. The manner in which persons who have forgotten the user ID and Password, can obtain / generate the same, has also been provided in the said Notice.

Members whose names appear in the register of members of the Company or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the Cut-Off Date, shall only be considered eligible for the purpose of e-voting.

Voting rights of a Member/ Beneficial Owner (in case of electronic shareholding) shall be in proportion to his/her/its shareholding in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the Cut-Off Date. A person who was not a Member of the Company onthe Cut-Off Date should treat the Postal Ballot Notice for information purpose only.

Manner of registering/updating e-mail address:

Members holding share(s) in dematerialised mode are requested to register/update their email ID with the Depository Participants ("DP") where they maintaintheir demat accounts.

The Board of Directors has appointed Mr. P Sriram (FCS: 4862 COP: 3310) and / or Ms. Nithya Pasupathi (FCS 10601 COP 22562), Partners, SPNP Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, as Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

The resolution, if approved, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date of e-voting i.e. Thursday, July 03, 2025. The results of e-voting will be declared on or before Monday, July 07, 2025 and will be displayed on Company's website<https://www.shriramproperties.com/company-announcements> and shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchanges where the equity shares of the Company are listed and National Securities Depository Limited, (NSDL). The Company will also display the results of the Postal Ballot at its Registered Office.

Contact details of the person responsible to address the grievances connected with the voting by postal ballot including voting by electronic means: Mr. K. Ramaswamy, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer e-mail id: cs.spl@shriramproperties.com

Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode may contact the respective helpdesk for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e.NSDL and CDSL.

Date: June04, 2025
Place: Bengaluru

By Order of the Board
Sd. K. Ramaswamy
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
A28580

French connection

India can help French businesses become more competitive in manufacturing to tap global markets, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday here. This could be a shared mission where France and India collaborate closely to strengthen bilateral economic ties, he added.

Addressing businesses of India and France, the minister said the level of trade and investments between the two countries needs to be enhanced, as the current figures do not reflect their true potential.

“Manufacturing is something where we can help French businesses become more competitive to capture world markets. And that could be a mission where France and India could work together,” he said.

The minister urged businesses to make full use of the agreement once it is implemented. “I agree with my friend (French minister of foreign trade Laurent Saint-Martin) that we cannot be satisfied at all with a USD

FTA with EU

Talks for the proposed free trade agreement between India and the European Union are moving forward at a “very” fast pace, and this “leap of faith” would be incomplete with businesses on both sides working together aggressively to expand this relationship, Goyal noted.

15 billion bilateral trade between two such large economies of significance.

“How can we be happy with the levels of investment...on both sides that we are currently boasting?... There’s so much we can add in terms of scale. There’s so much we can add in terms of speed,” Goyal said. India’s exports to France stood at USD 8 billion in 2024-25, while imports were USD 7.3 billion.

“There’s so much to do to expand our exchange, not only in defence,” he said. The Minister suggested setting up a working group on artificial intelligence to enhance engagement on the subject.

“We’ve already got a lot of exchanges between the two countries on banking and insurance. We could look at seeing how that could be taken

to the next level,” Goyal said, adding “We could look at global capability centres, and we have a fair bit coming in from all across the world to India to leverage the huge pool of talent and skill”.

Further, the Minister highlighted that there is no need to ease business regulations in the EU. “... identify areas of trade where we can expand with each other, and areas where we could even help each other in crossing the Rubicon of regulation. We have regulation in India too, but the kind of regulation with the EU, and on top of that, each member state. So, my businesses are just completely foxed. “How to go through that maze, but we’ve got to sort out that. We can’t just remain foxed. We’ve got to find solutions,” he added.

Duffey gets nod for acquisitions to defence role

Washington , June 4: The US Senate has approved the nomination of Michael Duffey to serve as undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment.

The candidacy was confirmed in a 51-46 vote, with three senators not voting.

During US President Donald Trump’s first term, Duffey served as associate director for national security programs at the Office of Management and Budget.

His nomination as the Pentagon’s chief weapons buyer in January triggered criticism from Democratic law-

makers over his alleged role in Trump’s withholding of funding to Ukraine in the summer of 2019.

The move to freeze military aid to Kiev was at the heart of the House’s first impeachment of Trump in December 2019.

Democratic lawmakers accused Trump of abusing power by suspending aid in an alleged effort to influence Ukraine to launch an investigation into then-presidential candidate Joe Biden.

Trump rejected the claims of abuse of power and dismissed the impeachment as an “illegal, partisan attempted coup.

Political Vein

V.V.S. Manian

Ceasefire

A ceasefire is a bilateral or multilateral agreement to halt all or selected offensive military actions between parties engaged in official war, guerrilla warfare, or violent conflict. Such an agreement brings about a temporary pause in hostilities but does not constitute a permanent resolution to the conflict. Historically, the concept dates back to the Middle Ages, when it was referred to as the “Truce of God.”

Quote: “Cease-fire is important, but it can last only for a very, very, very short time.” — Silvan Shalom

(Graphic, courtesy: <https://www.carolinajournal.com>)

TODAY'S
INSPIRATIONAL WORDS

The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching it — not by smashing it.

Arnold Glasgow



Lee Jae-myung wins South Korea Presidential election

Assures golden era, engagement with North

Seoul , June 4: In a historic and closely watched election, Lee Jae-myung, the candidate of the opposition Democratic Party of Korea (DP), has been elected President of South Korea, securing 49.42% of the vote in a five-way race, the National Election Commission confirmed on Tuesday.

The election, held two years ahead of schedule due to the impeachment of former President Yoon Suk Yeol, marks a significant political shift in the country. Lee’s main challenger, Kim Moon-soo of the ruling People Power Party (PPP), trailed with 41.15%, while Lee Jun-seok of the New Reform Party garnered 8.34%. Minor candidates Kwon Young-guk (Democratic Labor Party) and independent Song Jin-ho received 0.98% and 0.1%, respectively.

Lee officially assumed office at 6:21 a.m. on Wednesday, skipping the usual transition period that allows for a more orderly handover of executive responsibilities.

He took over directly from acting President Lee Ju-ho, amid what analysts describe as one of the most abrupt transitions in South Korean democratic history.

His vote tally of 17.28 million is the highest for any president-elect since South Korea began direct presidential elections in 1987 — although he did not surpass Park Geun-hye’s 2012 vote share record of 51.55%.

In a symbolic and strategic move, President Lee’s first official communication was a phone call to Adm. Kim Myung-soo, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at 8:07 a.m. Adm. Kim briefed him on the transfer of military authority, the latest intelligence on North Korea, and the readiness posture of South Korean forces. The choice underscores the pressing regional security issues Lee will have to manage from day one.

Lee Jae-myung’s victory reflects a resurgent progressive wave in South Korea’s politics, following

years of conservative rule under the now-removed Yoon Suk Yeol. His platform, rooted in economic justice, welfare expansion, and cautious diplomacy with North Korea, resonated with voters weary of political scandals, income inequality, and mounting geopolitical tensions.

Domestic implications

Lee is expected to roll back several of the conservative economic and regulatory policies pursued under the PPP. His administration is likely to:

- Expand public housing to curb skyrocketing real estate prices.
- Strengthen social welfare, including universal basic income pilots.
- Reassert judicial and administrative reforms, particularly targeting corruption and chaebols (large conglomerates).

His narrow win, however, means he must navigate a polarized political environment, particularly if the National Assembly remains divided.

This may force him into early compromises or coalitions.

Pragmatic engagement with NKorea

Lee has long advocated a “balanced approach” toward North Korea — supporting dialogue while maintaining military readiness. While not as hawkish as his predecessor, Lee is not expected to drastically shift policy but may seek gradual confidence-building measures with Pyongyang.

Reopen inter-Korean economic cooperation zones, if conditions allow.

Recalibrate ties with China and the U.S., aiming for strategic autonomy without alienating either.

This posture could place Seoul in a delicate position amid growing U.S.–China rivalry and the North’s evolving missile program.

The immediate call with the military suggests Lee aims to project stability amid transition. Though a progressive, Lee has signaled support for maintaining a strong

defense posture, including cooperation with U.S. Forces Korea. His policy may involve:

- Continued military modernization, especially cyber and drone capabilities.
- Possibly revisiting OPCON transfer timelines (operational wartime control from the U.S. to South Korea).
- Monitoring and responding to North Korean provocations with measured firmness.

Lee Jae-myung’s presidency begins under exceptional circumstances—early elections, an abrupt transition, and a divided electorate. Yet, it also presents a rare opportunity for political renewal. Whether he can harness this mandate to push through reform, foster reconciliation, and steer South Korea through regional turbulence remains the defining test of his leadership.

Pak’s copy paste strategy won’t work: MP

Washington D.C., Jun 4: An all-party parliamentary delegation led by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor will meet members of the US Congress, American officials, think tanks and policy experts to brief them on Operation Sindoor, terrorism faced by India and regional security.

The delegation arrived in the US capital Tuesday and will have packed days of engagements till Thursday.

The multi-party group will be engaging with members of the US Congress, American think tanks and media professionals.

Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs Tharoor is leading the delegation, which comprises Sarfaraz Ahmad (JMM), Ganti Harish Madhur Balayogi (TDP), Shashank Mani Tripathi (BJP), Bhubaneswar Kalita (BJP), Milind Deora (Shiv Sena), Tejasvi Surya (BJP) and India’s former Ambassador to the US Taranjit Sandhu.

“An all party delegation led by Dr. @ShashiTharoor arrives in Washington D.C. Over the next two days the delegation will be meeting members of the US Congress and administration, think tanks, media and policymakers

to brief them on Operation Sindoor and India’s strong stand against terrorism,” the Indian Embassy said in a post on X.

The delegation, which had reached New York from India on May 24, travelled to Guyana, Panama, Colombia and Brazil before arriving in Washington for the last leg of its tour.

In its interactions in the US, the delegation will convey India’s resolve against terrorism and emphasise Pakistan’s links to terrorism.

Delegation member Deora said that the group in the US, as well as those visiting other regions and countries, is telling the

world that “India has had enough.”

He said that every country they visited so far “issued very unequivocal, I would almost say, unconditional, statements in favour of India.”

He asserted that just as countries like the US have every right to protect themselves and eliminate terrorists—whether state-sponsored or non-state actors—“India has that same right. And for India to grow, for India’s economy to thrive, for American investments to continue to perform in India, India needs peace. India needs strong borders. India needs security.”

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Irked Trump still Musk ally, reports media

Washington D.C., Jun 4: US President Donald Trump is still “friends” with billionaire and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk, despite the latter having harshly criticised the “One Big, Beautiful Bill”, *Axios* reported citing two sources familiar with the matter.

On Tuesday, Musk said on X that the Republican-sponsored Bill actively promoted by Trump was a “massive, outrageous, pork-filled disgusting abomination”. Trump was somewhat “irked” by Musk’s comment, but the two still remain “friends and

allies”, *Axios* said later on Tuesday, citing two people in frequent communication with both Trump and Musk.

The sources told *Axios* that Musk’s harsh criticism of the Bill was sparked by the fact that the legislation cuts the electric vehicle tax credit that helps car makers like Tesla.

Musk was also generally disappointed for several reasons, the sources said. The billionaire had wanted to keep serving in the capacity of a “special government employee” at the White House, despite the 130-

day time limit. Musk also wanted the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to use his Starlink satellite system for national air traffic control, but the administration did not support the idea.

Finally, Musk was disappointed by the fact that Trump had decided to withdraw the nomination of tech billionaire Jared Isaacman, Musk’s close ally, to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), *Axios* said. Trump nominated Isaacman for the post of NASA

chief back in December.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt responded to Musk’s comments on Tuesday by stating that Trump was aware of the entrepreneur’s perspective on the “One Big, Beautiful Bill” but the President had no intention of altering his own stance.

Musk left the US administration on Friday, after having served as the head of the US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) since January.

France has blocked ship entering Nice: Greenpeace

Paris, Jun 4: The entry of a Greenpeace (designated as an undesirable organisation in Russia) ship to the port of Nice ahead of the UN Ocean Conference has been blocked, Greenpeace International said.

The French city of Nice will host the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference, co-organised by France and Costa Rica, from June 9 to 13. More than 70 heads of state are expected to participate. On Tuesday, meetings started in Nice ahead of the summit.

“In retaliation against Greenpeace ahead of the UN Ocean Conference, the French authorities have blocked Greenpeace International’s ship Arctic Sunrise from entering the port of Nice, where the ‘One Ocean Science Congress’ then the UN conference are being hosted,” Greenpeace said in a Tuesday statement.

The release specified that Greenpeace plans to complain to the United

Nations and will write a formal letter condemning the behavior of the French government.

“The French authorities’ attempt to silence fair criticism ahead of this UN Ocean Conference is clearly a political decision and is utterly unacceptable. The Arctic Sunrise highlighted the failure of the French government to properly protect its Marine Protected Areas - where bottom trawling is still permitted - and now we are being punished,” Mads Christensen, Greenpeace International’s executive director, said, as quoted in the Tuesday release.

The statement said that Arctic Sunrise had been invited by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to participate in events taking place before the UN Ocean Conference.

“Greenpeace International had intended to deliver the messages of three million people calling for a moratorium on deep sea mining to the

politicians attending the conference. The ship’s entry to Nice has now been blocked,” Greenpeace said. Up to 5,000 law enforcement officers, including 3,000 mobile units, will be deployed in Nice during the UN conference to prevent

“all threats,” BFMTV reported on Tuesday, citing the prefect of the Alpes-Maritimes department. In the Port of Nice, where most of the international events are taking place, security zones have been set up as part of a complex system of protection.

you may remember, was damaged earlier in the year,” Grossi told reporters during his visit to Kiev.

However, all military activities in the vicinity of the plant need to be minimized or ceased to conduct the repair works, the IAEA chief added.

On February 14, the day of the start of the Munich Security Conference, a video of an unmanned aerial vehicle strike on the radiation shield of the Chernobyl nuclear plant appeared online. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelen-

skyy claimed it was a Russian attack drone, but did not provide any evidence. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called it a provocation by Kiev ahead of the Munich Security Conference.

IAEA experts inspected the explosion site and found that the drone had punched a hole in the roof of the containment dome about 19.6 feet in diameter, but the inner structure was not damaged. The radiation level at the site was normal, they said.

5 lakh visit Hong Kong for 3-day boat festival

Hong Kong, Jun 4: Around 460,000 visitor arrivals were recorded in Hong Kong during the three-day Dragon Boat Festival long weekend of the Chinese mainland (May 31 to June 2), representing a year-on-year increase of about 11 percent, according to Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government on Tuesday.

Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR government Chan Kwok-ki said that the HKSAR government once again successfully promoted the integration of culture and tourism during this year’s Dragon Boat Festival long weekend of the mainland, enabling both visitors and the general public to experience Hong Kong’s unique festive atmosphere.

The Immigration Department of the HKSAR government recorded a total of around 460,000 inbound visitors to Hong Kong through various sea, land and air control points during the Dragon Boat Festival.

Among them, mainland visitors accounted for about 360,000, representing a year-on-year increase of about 10 percent and around 80 percent of the total arrivals; and the number of non-mainland visitors was around 94,000, representing a year-on-year increase of about 14 percent

‘How to Train Your Dragon’ soars into theatres on June 13

Chennai, Jun 4: Universal Pictures, via Warner Bros. Discovery, brings the beloved How to Train Your Dragon back to theatres as a live-action adaptation, releasing on June 13, 2025 in English, Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi.

Directed by Oscar-nominated Dean DeBlois, the film stars Mason Thames as Hiccup, Nico Parker as Astrid, and Gerard Butler, reprising his role as Stoick. The ensemble also includes Nick Frost, Julian Dennison, Gabriel Howell, and others.

Set in the Viking village of Berk, the story follows Hiccup, a misfit who forms an unlikely bond with a dragon, Toothless—challenging age-old fears and forging a new path between humans and dragons.

Author Cressida Cowell drew inspiration from her childhood on a remote Scottish island rich in Viking history and wild landscapes, where she often imagined dragons flying above the cliffs.

Blending nostalgia, adventure, and heart, the live-action How to Train Your Dragon aims to captivate a new generation while rekindling the magic for longtime fans.



SFCC thanks CM for reducing local body entertainment tax

Chennai, Jun 4: The South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday expressed its heartfelt gratitude to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin for accepting its request to reduce the Local Body Entertainment Tax on films from eight per cent to four per cent.

In a statement that it issued on Tuesday, the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce said that reduction of the Local Body Entertainment Tax had long been a consistent plea from the Tamil film industry and that it took the initiative to bring this matter to the attention of the Tamil Nadu government.

Pointing out that Chief Minister had now reduced the tax from 8 per cent to four per cent, the SIFCC said that it sincerely thanked Chief Minister M K Stalin, Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, and Minister for Information and Publicity M.P. Saminathan.

“This decision by the Tamil Nadu Government stands as a great boon to the Tamil film industry. There is no doubt that this move will further the growth and strengthen the position of Tamil cinema. Therefore, once again, on behalf of the entire Tamil film industry, we extend our sincere thanks to the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,” it said.

‘Madras Matinee’: Poignant salute to everyday heroes

Director: Karthikeyan Mani
Cast: Kaali Venkat, Sathyaraj, Shelly, Roshni Haripriyan, Vishva and others

Produced by Madras Motion Pictures, ‘Madras Matinee’ is a heartfelt celebration of the unsung heroes among us, told through the story of Kannan, a modest auto driver, and his loving family. The film also follows an aging science fiction writer who, inspired by his caretaker, takes a creative leap from his usual genre to capture the beauty and complexity of ordinary lives.

What unfolds is a moving narrative filled with emotion, quiet strength, and the subtle heroism found in day-to-day life. The film paints a vivid portrait of middle-class Madras — its routines, small victories, and silent battles — with an authenticity that resonates deeply.

What sets Madras Matinee apart is its unpretentious yet compelling storytelling. The pace is gentle, the tone sincere, gradually immersing the viewer in a world where modest dreams and heartfelt connections hold as much weight as epic tales. It’s the kind of film that lingers in your mind, prompting reflection and quiet joy. With nuanced performances and an eye for detail, the film shines in its simplicity. Its characters aren’t cinematic heroes but people we all recognize — their lives unremarkable on the surface, yet rich with meaning, warmth, and truth. Ultimately, Madras Matinee is more than a film — it’s an experience filled with soul. Emotionally resonant and beautifully crafted, it’s a reminder that the extraordinary often lives quietly within the ordinary. For viewers looking for depth and authenticity, this film is a rare gem not to be missed.



Thirumavalavan unveils ‘Kuyili’ audio, trailer

The audio and trailer launch of the film Kuyili, starring actress Lissy Antony in the lead role, was held in Chennai. The film is directed by debutant P. Murugasami and produced by V.V. Arunkumar under the banner B M Film International.

At the event, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) leader and MP Thol. Thirumavalavan launched the film’s audio and trailer. Veteran producer K. Rajan and director-actor Balaji Sakthivel received the copies.

Kuyili, directed by debutant P. Murugasami, features Lissy Antony, Ravi Sha, Thashmika, Deepthi, Pudhupettai Saravanan, and Ratsasan Saravanan in important roles. The cinematography is by Praveen Raj, and music is composed by Ju Smith. The film highlights a mother’s intense struggle and raises awareness about the harmful effects of alcohol. It is being released by distributor Mohan and is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release soon.

Director P. Murugasami thanked his team, including the music director, cinematographer, editor, assistant directors, and actors for their support in completing the film.

VCK Leader Thol. Thirumavalavan praised the courage of the director and producer in taking up an anti-alcohol theme in today’s context.

He said:“They could have taken a film just for commercial success. But they chose to carry social responsibility and make a film that guides the people and aims to liberate them from the sufferings of alcohol addiction. This gives not just joy, but pride. I wholeheartedly appreciate this team and embrace them with my best wishes.”

“I have long been insisting that the Indian government should adopt a national policy on alcohol prohibition. There is a dire need for widespread awareness among the public. Today, we see alcohol as one of the underlying causes of increasing communal riots and violence.”



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Opposition wants Parliament session, Government says: Not now, thanks

VVS Manian

It was a full house of discontent in New Delhi this week, as leaders from 16 opposition parties united to demand a special session of Parliament. Their task? A focused discussion on Operation Sindoor — India’s recent military confrontation with Pakistan — and the political fireworks it has ignited back home.

The INDIA bloc fired off a formal letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to summon Parliament. Among the signatories were Congress, Trinamool Congress, DMK, RJD, Samajwadi Party, Shiv Sena (UBT), CPI(M), CPI, IUML, RSP, VCK,



Kerala Congress, MDMK, and CPI(ML) Liberation. It is a formidable list — a political potluck of ideologies, all serving up one demand.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), though absent from the meeting, plans to write its own letter. And while the Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) chose not to join the chorus, the overall message from the opposition is loud and clear: they want answers — preferably with mikes on and Parliament in session.

The government, however, is not exactly sprinting to the Lok Sabha. Sources suggest that there are no immediate plans to convene a special session. Instead, Operation Sindoor will likely be discussed during the upcoming Monsoon Session, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh expected to make a detailed statement. Fair enough, though the opposition seems to think that by July, the national memory might be as hazy as Delhi’s air quality in winter.

Operation Sindoor, for the uninitiated, was an 87-hour military standoff with Pakistan, culminating on May 10 with a “U.S.-brokered” ceasefire which was denied by India. India claimed that the mission took out major terror infrastructure across the border. Pakistan, meanwhile, reported 53 fatalities — including 13 military personnel and 40 civilians.

And then came the turbulence. BJP veteran Subramanian Swamy, never one to hold back, claimed that five Indian Air Force jets were shot down during the conflict. The government hasn’t confirmed or denied the figure — raising eyebrows across the political spectrum. Swamy also threw a political Molotov cocktail at the controversial Rafale deal, alleging corruption in the fighter jet procurement and flatly stating: “Corruption happened in Rafale — which won’t be investigated till Modi is PM.”

That is not the kind of statement you expect from someone in your own political dugout.

Naturally, Rahul Gandhi couldn’t resist grabbing the mike. Speaking in Bhopal, he accused Prime Minister Modi of having “surrendered” during the conflict after receiving a call from U.S. President Donald Trump. “A call came from Trump, and Narendra ji immediately surrendered,” he claimed, with signature theatrical flourish. “History is witness to this.”

Rahul’s remarks may win applause from the loyal crowd, but they also raise questions about timing and tact. Criticizing your own country’s leadership during a time of military tension — real or rhetorical — is a risky move. As one wag on social media put it- “Rahul needs to graduate from drama school before applying to be commander-in-chief.”

Childish jibes aside, serious concerns remain.

The Modi government has made cracking down on corruption, a central theme since 2014. Yet this crusade feels rather one-sided. Opposition leaders get CBI visits the moment an election looms, while BJP-linked leaders accused of similar misdemeanors seem to vanish into the fog of bureaucracy. If it is truly a war on corruption, it shouldn’t look like a war on opponents.

Meanwhile, the delay in appointing a Lokpal for five years and the blanket silence over Swamy’s allegations doesn’t exactly scream “clean and transparent governance.” When a senior member of the ruling party accuses the Prime Minister of shielding corruption in national defence — and no one bats an eyelid — it raises the question: what exactly would make the government blink?

Prime Minister Modi, for all his decisiveness and image as a tough leader, must now choose between stoic silence and transparent accountability. Swamy’s claims need investigation. If they’re false, let him face serious consequences. If they’re true, the consequences are graver — for national security and public trust.

Likewise, the mystery around the number of jets shot down — or not — can’t be left to WhatsApp debates and social media sleuths. The public deserves clarity. The armed forces, pride of the nation, deserve respect — not political ping-pong.

Calling a special session of Parliament may be a tall task. But issuing a clear, honest, and direct statement? That is not too much to expect from a government that claims to be strong, transparent, and accountable.

In the end, the battle over Operation Sindoor may not be fought in the skies or border trenches anymore — but in rallies, on TV panels, and across every election speech. It is not just a war of jets. It is a war of narratives, accusations, and damage control.

The ball is now in the government’s court — and perhaps in Swamy’s too. The people are watching. And unlike Parliament, they don’t take recess.

Tamil Nadu tops in adult literacy - Lesson in progress

In a remarkable feat that deserves a standing ovation (and maybe a celebratory filter coffee), Tamil Nadu has emerged as one of the top performers in tackling adult literacy in India. Alongside Tripura, the state has shown commendable commitment to educating its adult population, proving that it is never too late to open a book — or pass an exam.

This achievement comes courtesy of the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test (FLNAT) — a nationwide initiative launched under the New India Literacy Programme (NILP). The FLNAT aims to ensure that all citizens, regardless of age, can read, write, and do basic arithmetic — the essential tools for a dignified and empowered life.

Here is how it works: states and union territories first identify non-literate individuals, provide them with training, and then conduct the FLNAT to certify those who emerge successfully from the shadows of illiteracy. The test evaluates three key areas — Reading, Writing, and Numeracy, each worth 50 marks, bringing the total score to 150. It is not just a test; it is a transformative milestone.

While Tamil Nadu and Tripura aced the challenge, some states like Uttarakhand, Gujarat, and Himachal Pradesh have room to grow, especially in certification outcomes. But let us be honest — even the slow learners in class catch up eventually, especially with a bit of encouragement and support.

This initiative is a part of the larger effort by the Government of India to make literacy truly universal. It is a shining example of how policy and political will can make a real difference — not just in statistics, but in people’s lives. Hats off to the Ministry of Education for rolling out a programme that is smart, inclusive, and results-driven.

As the country marches towards a knowledge economy, literacy isn’t just a right — it’s a requirement. And thanks to Tamil Nadu, we now have a textbook example of how it’s done right. Let’s hope others take note — and maybe take notes too!



Nagercoil woman receives life-saving kidney transplant with iORTA’s support

Chennai, Jun 4: Revathi (name changed), a 49-year-old woman from Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, has been given a new lease on life after undergoing a high-risk kidney transplant in Chennai on April 21, 2025. The life-saving procedure was made possible with the intervention of iORTA – Indian Organ Transplant Associates, a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing organ transplantation in India. Revathi had been living with advanced kidney disease for over seven years, surviving on regular hemodialysis while waiting in vain for a suitable donor. With no compatible donor in the family and her name stuck on the transplant list, her condition steadily worsened, draining her physically and emotionally. Her case was medically complex and posed two major risks: Severe pulmonary

hypertension, with dangerously elevated supra-systolic pressure on the right side of her heart — a condition that made anesthesia and surgery especially perilous. High levels of HLA antibodies, significantly increasing the chances of transplant rejection and making it difficult to find a compatible organ. With time running out and a grim prognosis, iORTA stepped in. Working with a team of Chennai-based transplant experts, they secured a cadaver donor and meticulously prepared for the high-risk operation. Dr. Prabhu Kanchi, Kidney Transplant Specialist and Director of iORTA, said: “This was one of the most complex cases we’ve ever handled. But with coordinated planning, immunological precision,

and an unshakable belief in the possibility of success, our team moved forward.” The outcome has been a medical milestone: No signs of transplant rejection, Marked improvement in pulmonary pressure, A renewed path to recovery and life “We believed in the patient and the power of collaboration. Today, she has a second chance — one filled with hope,” added Dr. Kanchi. Revathi is now recovering well under close medical supervision, with post-transplant care ensuring steady progress. iORTA reaffirmed its commitment to helping patients from underserved regions and backgrounds. “Every patient, regardless of their location or financial status, deserves access to world-class care. That’s the mission we continue to pursue,” Dr. Kanchi emphasized.



Dr. Prabhu Kanchi

This remarkable transplant underscores not only medical innovation but also the power of hope, determination, and the will to save lives — no matter how great the odds.

Tata Motors unveils Harrier.ev

Chennai, Jun 4: Tata Motors, India’s frontrunner in the electric vehicle space and the country’s top SUV manufacturer, today launched the much-awaited Harrier.ev – a groundbreaking electric SUV that redefines performance, luxury, and intelligence for Indian roads. Engineered on the advanced acti.ev+ pure EV platform, the Harrier.ev is more than just a new electric vehicle – it’s a bold leap into the future of mobility. Offering a segment-best acceleration of 0-100

km/h in just 6.3 seconds, a massive 504 Nm of torque, and an advanced QWD dual-motor setup, this all-electric SUV is the most powerful made-in-India SUV to date. Priced from an introductory Rs.21.49 lakh*, it is available in four striking colour variants. Designed to conquer both urban jungles and rugged trails, the Harrier.ev brings together off-road readiness with uncompromising luxury. Six terrain modes and generous ground clearance ensure it’s always adventure-ready,

while the plush Zenith Suite cabin envelops passengers in high-end comfort and technology. At the launch, Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, stated: “With the Harrier.ev, we aren’t just launching another SUV—we’re setting a new benchmark for what Indian vehicles can achieve. Built on our cutting-edge EV architecture and powered by the most advanced QWD system in its class, this SUV delivers unprecedented performance, luxury, and intelligence. It’s a bold reaffirmation of our mission to lead India’s transition to sustainable, future-ready mobility. We’re not just challenging the status quo—we’re rewriting it.” With the Harrier.ev, Tata Motors continues its legacy of innovation, blending power, technology, and elegance into a truly future-ready electric SUV built to lead India’s EV revolution.

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The Karur Vysya Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOW YE ALL MEN that notice is hereby given that my client Mr.M.KOTHANDARAMAN, S/O.Marthandan, aged 73 years residing at 122, 11th Street, North Jaganatha Nagar, Villivakkam, Chennai 600 049 state that his father Mr.T.K.Marthandan purchased the property Plot No.18, 11th Street, North Jaganathan Nagar, Villivakkam, Chennai 600 049 measuring 2220 sq.ft. vide Sale Deed Doc. No.242/1967 SRO Sembiam. Thereafter his father T.M.Marthandan died 21.01.1991 intestate and leaving behind (1) Leelavathi (wife) (2) Ambigeswari (3) Kumuthavalli (daughter) and (4) M.Kothandaraman (son-my client) as his legal heirs. Thereafter on 06.07.1998 my client and his mother and sisters are jointly sold 1050 Sq.Ft. of land out of the total extent 2220 Sq.Ft. to one Mr.V.S.Muralidhar vide Doc. No.2221/1998 – SRO Konnur. Subsequently on the same day my clients mother and sisters are jointly released their 3/4th share in the remaining land 1164 Sq.Ft. and executed release deed in my clients favour vide Doc.No.2222/1998 – SRO Konnur. On 21.04.2025 my client taking photocopies of the documents in respect of above property at J.J.Nagar Complex at Thirumangalam and later my client return to his residence then he noted that the above said Original Sale Deed Doc.No.242/1967 SRO Sembiam and Release Deed Doc.No.2222/1998 – SRO Konnur were misplaced. He found the same and not traceable. If any person found the said missing original sale deed is requested to hand over the same to the undersigned forthwith and anybody else has got objection or claim whatsoever the said property in any manner the same shall be intimated to the undersigned within a period of 7 days from this notice date and subsequent claims shall not be entertained under any circumstances. **S.BASKARAN, Advocate** No.359/2, Pillaiyar Kovil Street Panneer Nagar, Mogappair, Chennai 600 037 Mobile: 9514555777

NAME CHANGE

I, Niyas (Alias) Hydrose Niyas Ottuvura, S/O. Hydrose, Date of Birth: 20.05.1971, Address: No. 10, Roshini Apartments, Jayanthi Nagar, 100 Feet Road, Kolathur, Chennai – 600099. shall henceforth be known as **HYDROSE NIYAS** Niyas (Alias) Hydrose Niyas Ottuvura

NAME CHANGE

I, Kanunga Gunwanthi Devi, W/o: Ramesh Kumar Kanunga, Date of Birth: 06.10.1966, (Place of Birth: Jalore, Rajasthan) Residing at No.40, Paramasiva Street, Park Town, H.O.Dist, Chennai, Tamilnadu-600003, shall henceforth be known as **GUNWANTI DEVI** Kanunga Gunwanthi Devi

NAME CHANGE

I, Varsha Kanthilal W/o: Sailesh Prakash Shah, Date of Birth: 29.04.1978, Residing at No.3/2, Manickam Street, 2nd Floor, Choolai, Chennai-600112, shall henceforth be known as **VARSHA KUMARI** Varsha Kanthilal

NAME CHANGE

I, AnandAnanthapadmanabha S/o: Ananthapadmanabhan, Date of Birth: 13.05.1974, Residing at Flut No.9, Madhuvanthi Apts, New No.60, 1st Avenue, Indira Nagar, Chennai – 600020, shall henceforth be known as **ANAND ANANTHAPADMANABHAN** Anand Ananthapadmanabha

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Amul W/O Rajendran, No.723 GNT ROAD, Peththikupam Panchayat, Gummidipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, in the name of the person named, the land survey number 233/4A, area 0.12 cents, in Gummidipoondi Taluk, Peththikupam village, Nanjai land. Document number 1343/1987, the above original document. On 18-05-2025, when my client took the above original document to take a photocopying shop at Gummidipoondi Bus Stand. Unfortunately my client missing his original document in that area on the way of his carelessness. For this incident my client has been registered a online complaint to the Gummidipoondi Police Station on 02/06/2025 Therefore, if anyone see the above document, please inform me or my client and I hereby inform that if any misuse of this document done with the above original document, it will not bind my client legally

For this purpose **L.Aravindh B,LLB** No.4 Ambedkar Street Chinna Oupuluram Gummidipoondi, Thiruvallur-601201 Petitioner Advocate 90873 26689 / 8072252764

PANASONIC CARBON INDIA CO. LIMITED

(CIN:L29142TN1982PLC009560)
Regd.Office : "POTTIPATI PLAZA" 3rd FLOOR, No. 77, NUNGBAKKAM HIGH ROAD, NUNGBAKKAM, CHENNAI - 600 034 | PH: 044-28275216/26
Web: www.panasoniccarbon.in

NOTICE OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING, DIVIDEND, RECORD DATE AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that:

a) 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company to be held on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at 3.00 P.M. to transact the businesses through Video conference (VC/OAVM) as per the MCA Circulars that will be set forth. Detailed Notice and Annual Report of the above Annual General Meeting has been mailed individually to all the Members of the Company in the permitted mode on 04th June 2025 The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Friday, 20th June 2025 to Thursday, 26th June 2025 (both days inclusive) in connection with.

b) The Cut-off date/record date for payment of Dividend to the Shareholders and for determining the voting rights for E-voting on the resolutions listed in the Notice of Annual General Meeting will be 19th June 2025, Thursday (Record Date)

c) Shareholders of the company holding Shares either in physical or dematerialized form on the said cut-off date may cast their votes electronically.

d) The members attending the meeting, who have not already cast their vote through remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their voting rights at the AGM

e) Details of the procedure of casting e-votes are available in the Notice of 43rd Annual General Meeting which is also posted in the website of the company viz., www.panasoniccarbon.in and in the website of the CDSL, the e-voting agency viz., www.evotingindia.com

f) The remote e-voting period begins on 23rd June 2025 at 9.00 a.m. and ends on 25th June 2025 at 5.00 p.m. and shall not be available thereafter.

g) In case of any queries/issues/grievance regarding the e-voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, M/s. Cameo Corporate Services Limited, Subramanian Building, No-1, Club House Road, Chennai-600002 or e-mail at: murali@cameoindia.com

h) Dividend upon its declaration and resolution approved by the Members of this Meeting, will be paid on 14th July 2025 to those Members, whose names appear in the Register of Members as on 19th June 2025 (Record Date).

i) The results of remote e-voting will be announced by the Company on BSE Limited and on its Company website www.panasoniccarbon.in

For **PANASONIC CARBON INDIA CO. LIMITED**
Brajesh Baral
Company Secretary

Place: Chennai
Date : 04th June 2025

NAME CHANGE

I, Jagir Hussain Pakkir Mohamed, S/o: Pakkir Mohamed, Date of Birth: 20.04.1981, Residing at No.34, Singarathoppu, Villupuram – 605602, shall henceforth be known as **JAGEERHUSSAIN PAKKIR MOHAMED** Jagir Hussain Pakkir Mohamed

NAME CHANGE

I, Sapna, W/O. Gowtham Santh, Date Of Birth: 21.03.1973, Address:No.46, Kanthapodi Santhu, Kallakurichi Post & Taluk, Kallakurichi Dist – 606202 Shall henceforth be known as **Sapna Kumari W/o. Goutham Chand.** Sapna

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

(Formerly Known as M/s SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED)
Perambur Branch: No.8-26, Sri Lakshmi Building, 1st Floor, Karthikeyan Salai, Periyar Nagar, Perambur, Chennai - 600 082.

DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Sec. 13 (2) of The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 sent on 18.03.2025 by Regd. Post to

1. Amirtha Sree Agencies, Rep By Its Proprietor Gnanadeepam, No42/96, Papermills Road, Gandhi Statue, Perambur, Chennai- 600011.

2. I S Engineering Services, Rep By Its Proprietor Amirtha Sree No:42, Paper Mills Road, Perambur, Chennai-600011.

3. Shanmugadurai I S/O Iyam Perumal Old No.42, New No.96, Paper Mills Road, Perambur, Chennai- 600011

4. I Shanmugadurai & Firm Rep By Its Proprietor Shanmugadurai Old No.42, New No.96, Paper Mills Road, Perambur, Chennai- 600011.

5.S.Vani, W/O. Subramani R (Late) Old No P24 New No 24 Bala Kumaran Nagar, Part B, Kolathur, Near Everwin School, Ambattur, Tiruvallur- 600099.

6.S.Guruchandran, S/O. Subramani R (Late) Old No P24, New No 24 Bala Kumaran Nagar, Part B, Kolathur, Near Everwin School, Ambattur, Tiruvallur- 600099

7.Amirtha Sree D/O. Gnanadeepam (Late) No.42/96, Papermills Road, Near Gandhi Statue, Perambur, Chennai-600011

Above said 5th and 6th of you are legal heirs of guarantor Subramani R (Late) and 7th of you is legal heir of borrower Gnanadeepam (Late).

Sub:

S.No.	Loan No.	Veh No.	Customer Name	Guarantor Name
1.	PRBURO804240001	BL-INS	AMIRTHA SREE AGENCIES	SUBRAMANI R
2.	PRBURO804240003	BL-INS	AMIRTHA SREE	SUBRAMANI R
3.	PRBURO804240004	BL-INS	GNANADEEPEM	SUBRAMANI R
4.	PRBURO804240002	BL-INS	I S ENGINEERING SERVICES	SUBRAMANI R
5.	PRBURO804240005	BL-INS	SHANMUGADURAI I	SUBRAMANI R
6.	PRBURT903260006	TN05 AW-9511	I SHANMUGADURAI & FIRM	SUBRAMANI R

Above mentioned five Business Loans and one vehicle loan availed from M/s.Shriram Finance Limited (Formerly known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited), at Perambur Branch.

The default amount tune of Rs.3,34,83,262/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty-four Lakh Eighty-three Thousand Two Hundred And Sixty-two Only) is pending as on 10-03-2025 with further interest at the agreed rate till date of repayment. The Company issued notice under the Act on 18-03-2025 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs.3,34,83,262/- as on 10-03-2025.

The notice were sent to all of you by Regd. Post. The notice to 1st – 4th and 7th of above mentioned was served with AD card. Notice to 5th of above, returned as Door locked per the Postal dept tracking consignment. Notice to 6th of above, returned as refused. You are called upon to pay Rs.3,34,83,262/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty-four Lakh Eighty-three Thousand Two Hundred And Sixty-two Only) as on 10-03-2025 together with interest from loan availed date till date of payment within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Company will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder.

This Notice is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company -including its right to proceed with the proceedings presently pending before DRT/RO of DRT/DRAT/Court and proceed with the execution of order/decreed obtained/to be obtained.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
(as per Sale Deed Document No. 4182/2008)
All that piece and parcel of House site bearing Plot No.24, Balakumaran Nagar, Part B, Kolathur Village, Chennai-600099 comprised in Survey No.128/4, T.S.No.126, measuring an extent of 1222 Sq.ft.(113.53 Sq.mts) at Block No.38 of Kolathur Village and situated within Corporation of Chennai,
BOUNDED ON THE
North : Vacant land (T.S.No.35)
South : Layout Road,
East : Plot No.25 (T.S.No.125)
West : Plot No.23 (T.S.No.127)
MEASURING
East to West on the Northern Side -- 25 feet 3 inches.
East to West on the Southern Side -- 25 feet 3 inches.
North to South on the Eastern Side -- 48 feet
North to South on the Western Side -- 47 feet
Situated within the Registration District of Chennai North and Sub-Registration District of Sembiam.

Date: 26-05-2025
Place: Chennai

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For M/s. Shriram Finance Limited



Repco Bank chairman Santhanam inaugurates new premises of Tirunelveli branch

Chennai, Jun 4: To better serve its customers, the Tirunelveli branch of Repco Bank has been relocated to a new, fully air-conditioned facility with expanded space at No. 156/157, near Sandhi Pillaiyar Temple, Meharatha Veethi, Tirunelveli Town – 627 006.

The new facility was officially inaugurated by Repco Bank Chairman Santhanam in the presence of Managing Director, Gokul. and Repco Home Finance Chairman Thangaraju.

In their speeches, they noted that Repco Bank functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and has shareholders that include the state governments of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana.

For the financial year ending March 31, Repco Bank reported deposits of Rs.11,011 crore, advances of Rs.10,135 crore, total business of Rs.21,146 crore, and a net profit of Rs.140 crore. The bank's net worth stands at Rs.949 crore.

Chairman Santhanam stated that Repco Bank recorded a net profit of Rs.140 crore in the previous financial year and is targeting Rs.260 crore in the current year, with a long-term goal of reaching Rs.400 crore. He urged the people of Tirunelveli to continue their support for the bank's growth.

Repco Home Finance Chairman Thangaraju highlighted that the two Repco Bank branches in Tirunelveli are collectively managing a business volume of Rs.500 crore. He congratulated the team and expressed confidence in further expansion with the continued support of the local community.

Repco Bank has been delivering excellent banking services for over 56 years to a wide range of members and customers. The bank currently offers a special fixed deposit interest rate of 8.75% for senior citizens. In addition, gold loans and mortgage loans are provided at low-interest rates with quick processing.

Customers Isakki and Bharathi praised the bank's savings and loan schemes and commended the quality of service provided by the branch.

The inauguration event was also attended by General Manager Kumaresan, numerous customers, and staff members. The vote of thanks was delivered by Tirunelveli Town Branch Manager Arun Vasanthakumar.

Workfreaks Business School enhances Work-integrated MBA/MCA programme

Chennai, Jun 4: In a significant move toward career-driven education, Workfreaks Business School has enhanced its flagship Work-Integrated MBA/MCA program by integrating a prestigious International Business Foundation Certification from City University Malaysia. This addition transforms the program into a high-impact, globally relevant platform for students aiming to thrive in today's international job market.

Why This Program Stands Out: UGC-recognised MBA/MCA degree from a leading Indian university

International certification in Business Foundation from City University, Malaysia

Paid industry internships offering monthly stipends

Hands-on business experience through live work placements

Practical learning aligned with global business standards

"You can't master business without being in business," says Mr. Syed, CEO of Workfreaks Business School. "This program goes beyond theory—it immerses students in the real business world, every single day."

Structured around the Learn-Work-Earn model, this next-generation program allows students to build industry experience without compromising their education. It's designed for those who want more than a degree—those who want real business exposure, international recognition, and career readiness from day one.

Ideal for:

- Fresh graduates eager to launch careers with global exposure
- Working professionals looking to upskill without leaving their jobs
- Aspiring entrepreneurs seeking hands-on business insights

Whether you're just starting out or looking to level up your career, this integrated program offers a practical, future-ready pathway to success in today's global economy.

Licious ensures steady seafood supply amid seasonal fishing bans

Chennai, Jun 4: Amid seasonal fishing bans on India's East and West Coasts, D2C meat and seafood brand Licious has maintained consistent seafood availability by rerouting its supply chain across active coastal hubs.

The 61-day bans (April 15–June 14 on the East Coast and June 1–July 31 on the West) aim to protect marine breeding. This has reduced seafood supply in wet markets, pushing prices up by 40–80% in states like Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.

Licious has responded with dynamic daily-demand forecasting and regional rerouting, supported by its advanced cold chain network (0–4°C). This enables them to transport fresh—not frozen—seafood across 20+ cities even during the ban.

"We comply with all regulations and work with small-boat fishermen, shifting sourcing as needed—like moving catch from Kochi to Delhi overnight or via Tuticorin during East Coast closures," said Licious founders Abhay Hanjura and Vivek Gupta.

The company sources from 10+ states and offers over 150 seafood cuts across 94 fish species, including Seer, Pomfret, Mackerel, Anchovies, and Pink Perch. Local demand peaks, such as Vishu in Kerala or Poila Boishakh in Bengal, are also factored into its distribution model.

In contrast to India's fragmented seafood sector, Licious' agile, compliance-first supply chain reduces waste and ensures availability—even in restrictive periods—offering a reliable alternative to traditional markets.

BEFORE THE DISTRICT JUDGE ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT EGMORE AT CHENNAI C.O.S. No.105 of 2023 (Under Summary Procedure) Between:		
Punjab National Bank, (formerly Oriental Bank of Commerce) Rep by its Chief Manager, Circle Sastra Center, Chennai, 769, Second Floor, Spencer Plaza, Chennai - 600002	Plaintiff	
And		
1. M/s.Selvakumar Provision Stores Rep by prop S.Arumugam, S/o. Chelliah, No.67, Thilai Nagar, 4th Cross Street, Kolathur, Chennai-600099.		
2. A. Seethalakshmi, W/o. S.Arumugam, No.67, Thilai Nagar, 4th Cross Street, Kolathur, Chennai - 600099.	Defendants	
To,		
1. M/s.Selvakumar Provision Stores Rep by prop S.Arumugam, S/o. Chelliah, No.67, Thilai Nagar, 4th Cross Street, Kolathur, Chennai - 600 099.		
2. A. Seethalakshmi, W/o. S. Arumugam, No.67, Thilai Nagar, 4th Cross Street, Kolathur, Chennai - 600099.		
Sir,		
The above suit is taken out by Plaintiff to recover a sum of Rs.13,43,563.71/- against you. The Hon'ble Judge was pleased to order Paper Publication against you returnable by 11.06.2025 . Hence in the above-named person is hereby directed to appear before The Hon'ble District Judge Addl Commercial court , Egmore Chennai at the above said address at 10.30 AM on 11.06.2025 either in person or through your counsel failing which, the above suit will be heard and decided exparte in your absence.		
Kavitha Singuluri Counsel for Plaintiff		

BEFORE THE DISTRICT JUDGE ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT EGMORE AT CHENNAI C.O.S. No. 102 of 2023 (Under Summary Procedure) Between:		
Punjab National Bank, (formerly Oriental Bank of Commerce) Rep by its Chief Manager, Circle Sastra Center, Chennai, 769, Second Floor, Spencer Plaza, Chennai - 600002	Plaintiff	
And		
M/s.Sri Ganesh Medicals, Rep by prop Mr.Tamilarasan, S/o. J.Masilamani, Old No.91, New No.15, 14th Cross, Senthil Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099.		
Also at : Mr.Tamilarasan No.85, IV Cross Street, Senthil Nagar, Kolathur Tamil Nadu, Chennai - 600 099.	Defendants	
To,		
M/s.Sri Ganesh Medicals, Rep by prop Mr.Tamilarasan, S/o. J.Masilamani, Old No.91, New No.15, 14th Cross, Senthil Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099.		
Also at : Mr.Tamilarasan No.85, IV Cross Street, Senthil Nagar, Kolathur Tamil Nadu, Chennai - 600 099.		
Sir,		
The above suit is taken out by Plaintiff to recover a sum of Rs.17,01,464.03/- against you. The Hon'ble Judge was pleased to order Paper Publication against you returnable by 11.06.2025 . Hence in the above-named person is hereby directed to appear before The Hon'ble District Judge Addl Commercial court , Egmore Chennai at the above said address at 10.30 AM on 11.06.2025 either in person or through your counsel failing which, the above suit will be heard and decided exparte in your absence.		
Kavitha Singuluri Counsel for Plaintiff		

BEFORE THE DISTRICT JUDGE ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL COURT EGMORE AT CHENNAI C.O.S. No.103 of 2023 (Under Summary Procedure) Between:		
Punjab National Bank, (formerly Oriental Bank of Commerce) Rep by its Chief Manager, Circle Sastra Center, Chennai, 769, Second Floor, Spencer Plaza, Chennai-600002	Plaintiff	
And		
1. M/s.Pasumalai Boomi Organic, Rep.by its Proprietor Mrs.B.Lavanyaa, No.18, MGR Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099		
2. M.V.Bhalaji Gupta, S/o.Varadharajulu, Plot no-1, F2, First Street, Lakshmi Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099	Defendants	
To,		
1. M/s.Pasumalai Boomi Organic, Rep.by its Proprietor Mrs.B.Lavanyaa, No.18, MGR Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai - 600099.		
2. M.V.Bhalaji Gupta, S/o.Varadharajulu, Plot No.1, F2, First Street, Lakshmi Nagar, Kolathur, Chennai-600099		
Sir,		
The above suit is taken out by Plaintiff to recover a sum of Rs.16,00,297.46/- against you. The Hon'ble Judge was pleased to order Paper Publication against you returnable by 11.06.2025 . Hence in the above-named person is hereby directed to appear before The Hon'ble District Judge Addl Commercial court , Egmore Chennai at the above said address at 10.30 AM on 11.06.2025 either in person or through your counsel failing which, the above suit will be heard and decided exparte in your absence.		
Kavitha Singuluri Counsel for Plaintiff		

Palaniswami slams Govt over staff vacancies, delays in State universities

Chennai, Jun 4: AIADMK general secretary and former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami came down heavily on the DMK government, criticising it for the increasing number of staff vacancies and the alleged delay in salary payments to teaching and non-teaching staff in State-run universities.

In a statement, Mr. Palaniswami said that reports of financial constraints in government universities, declining student admissions, and alleged administrative irregularities were cause for serious concern. He highlighted that at least 10 State-run universities were functioning without appointed Vice-Chancellors, further compounding the issues.

Citing media reports, he claimed that nearly 8,000 posts in around 160 government colleges had remained unfilled over the past three years. "The quality of education has taken a hit, and students face uncertainty about their academic future," he said.

Palaniswami also raised concerns over irregularities in the awarding of PhDs at Bharathidasan and Bharathiar universities. He noted that administrative shortcomings had contributed to a drop in admis-

Sundaram Home Finance's disbursements outside South cross Rs. 1,000 crore

Chennai Jun 4: On the back of its steady and continued expansion outside the South Market, Sundaram Home Finance crossed the milestone of Rs. 1000 crores in disbursements in prime home finance segment in non-south markets in FY25.

Expanding Branch Network

In the recent past, Sundaram Home Finance expanded its presence in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and MP and forayed into new markets such as Chhattisgarh.

Non South Contribution grows to 20%

With its growing presence across the country, the contribution from non-south geographies has doubled in the last couple of years to around 20% of the company's overall disbursements.

Commenting on the milestone, D. Lakshminarayanan, MD, Sundaram Home Finance said, "We had identified specific pockets of growth opportunities in markets outside South India and this has served well for us. Disbursements in the prime home finance segment crossing Rs. 1000 crore last year in the non-south market is an important milestone in our growth journey and is testament to our strategic focus of spreading our wings across the country."

Registers 50% year on year growth

On the growth drivers in non-south markets, Lakshminarayanan said, "The size of the markets, the opening of new branches and strengthening presence in existing locations including adding people have contributed to the over 50% year on year growth in disbursements in the non-south geographies."

Lakshminarayanan Duraiswamy, MD SHF

Plans to open 5 new branches

Following its recent expansion, Sundaram Home Finance now has close to 25 branches in non-south markets and plans to open 5 more branches in the near term.

On the growth plans in the non-south market, Lakshminarayanan said, "The focus this year will be on strengthening our presence in locations where we had expanded in the last couple of years while at the same time looking for select growth opportunities in new Tier 2 and 3 towns outside South India."

Targets Rs. 1500crores in non-south market

Having crossed the Rs. 1000crores mark in FY25, the company is looking at disbursements of around Rs. 1500crores this year from the non-south market.

Sundaram Home Finance, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sundaram Finance Ltd., provides home loans, plot loans, home improvement & extension loans, loans against property, affordable housing finance and small business loans to traders and small shops. The company has over 150 branches across the country.

Boson Cell launches lithium energy solutions

Chennai, Jun 4: Boson Cell, India's first indigenous lithium cell manufacturer, has launched two advanced variants—18350 B-30A and 21700 B-50A—marking a major step in the nation's journey towards energy self-reliance. Designed to support India's booming EV, drone, and renewable energy sectors, these high-performance cells are 100% Made-in-India and offer up to 1,000 recharge cycles, setting a new benchmark for sustainable energy storage solutions.

As India's lithium-ion battery market is projected to reach USD 9.56 billion by 2030, Boson Cell is poised to become a key enabler across industries such as clean mobility, consumer electronics, and solar energy. Backed by progressive policies like FAME II, the PLI scheme, and the Drone Shakti initiative, the demand for cost-effective, domestically manufactured energy solutions has never been higher.

"Boson isn't just a lithium cell manufacturer—it represents India's leap into clean, scalable, and intelligent energy innovation," said Guru Pung-havan, CEO of Boson Cell. "We're not merely replacing imports—we're building next-generation power systems that will drive Indian households, industries, and innovations forward."

Boson's lithium cells are available in three performance tiers—Economy, Advanced, and Extreme, catering to a wide range of users from industrial manufacturers to individual consumers. Every unit undergoes rigorous multi-stage quality testing to ensure safety, efficiency, and longevity.



M/s SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as M/s SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED) ARUMBAKKAM Branch: No.1, 1st Floor, Lakshmi Ammal Street, Ayyavoo Colony, Chennai, Aminjikarai - 600 029.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 10-03-2025 calling upon the borrower M/s Balaji Sakthivel Tours and Travels, Rep by its Proprietor, S.Balaji and Guarantor Mr.S.Sakthivelto repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.48,79,783/- (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs seventy nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three only) as on 10-03-2025 with further interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice u/s. 13 (2) of the act within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and guarantor have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower /Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the 29th day of May, 2025.

The Borrower& Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of M/s SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED (Formerly Known as M/s SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED)for Amount Rs.50,44,057/- (Rupees Fifty lakhs Fouty Four Thousand Fifty Seven only)as on 29-05-2025.

The Borrower / Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the property
Property belongs to. Mr. S.Sakthivel (as per Settlement deed, Document no. 780/2016) All the Piece and parcel of the land and building situated at door No.216/2, Plot No.12, Annai Sathiya Nagar 11 th Street, Arumbakkam, Chennai -600106, measuring undivided share of land measuring 240.5 Sq.ft, out of the land measuring 481 Sq.ft., and First and Second Floor building thereon, comprised in T.S.No.1, Block No.1, Subdivision Survey No.1/176 of Puliyur Village, Egmore Nugambakkam Taluk, Presently Egmore Taluk, Chennai District
Bounded on the North by:16 feet Road , South :Adission Nagar , East : Plot No.13 belongs to Ulaganathan, West : Plot No.11 belongs to Anjalai ammal,
Situated within the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub Registration District of Kodambakkam

Date: 29-05-2025
Place: Chennai

Authorized Officer
M/s SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
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All-party delegation's visit to Russia and Europe very positive: Kanimozhi

Chennai, Jun 4: DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, who led an all-party parliamentary delegation to Russia, Slovenia, Greece, Latvia, and Spain, described the visit as "very positive" upon her return to India on Tuesday.

The delegation toured the five nations as part of a global outreach initiative to brief international leaders on

Operation Sindoor and India's counter-terrorism stance following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

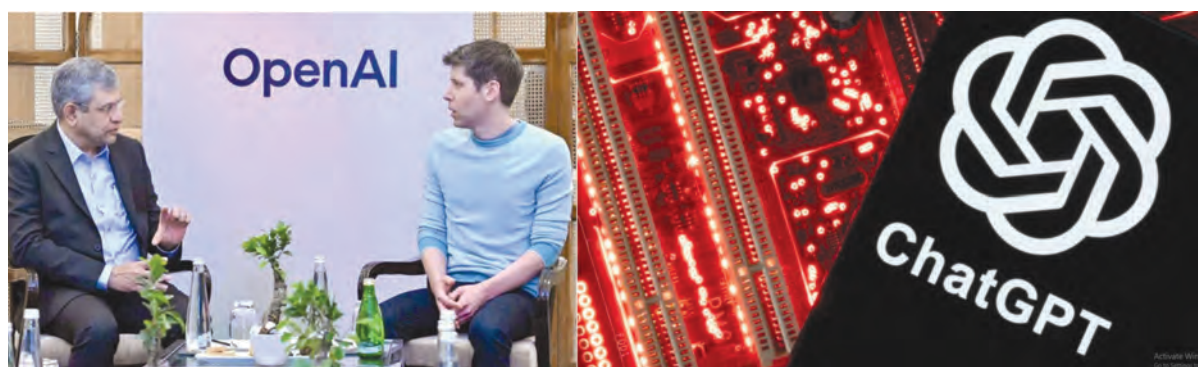
Kanimozhi noted that while the delegation primarily comprised opposition MPs along with one BJP representative, it reflected India's unified stand against terrorism, transcending political

differences.

"In spite of our internal political divides, we presented a united front to the world. The message was clear: India stands together in the face of terrorism," she said. Kanimozhi further emphasised that terrorism originates from Pakistan poses a threat not only to India but to the global community. "Every time there's a terrorist incident

in India, it traces back to Pakistan. This is a global issue — no country should support or sponsor terrorism."

Ambassador Manjeev S. Puri, who was also part of the delegation, confirmed they held high-level discussions in all five countries, focusing on strengthening global cooperation in counter-terrorism efforts.



A giant leap for India to lead in ChatGPT user base globally

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India surpasses United States to become the world's largest user base for ChatGPT, accounting for 13.5% of global monthly active users, according to the latest AI Trends Report by Mary Meeker. Widely known as "Queen of the Internet" for her influential tech trend reports in the 1990s and 2000s, she is back with a deep dive into artificial intelligence.

Her latest report "Trends: Artificial Intelligence" spans 340 pages and is packed with charts, predictions, and sharp insights. If one word stands out, it's "unprecedented." Meeker uses it 51 times, and not without reason. "The pace and scope of change related to the artificial intelligence technology evolution is indeed unprecedented," she writes. The report shows how AI adoption is moving faster than any technology before it, with billions of users, soaring capital spending, and increasing global impact.

Like a whiff of fresh air comes the report which states that India takes a lead in ChatGPT mobile usage (13.5%), followed by the United States at 8.9%. Other top countries include Indonesia, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Pakistan, Germany, France, and Vietnam. Such widespread adoption indicates that there's a global surge in interest for AI tools like ChatGPT, spanning not just major tech hubs but also emerging markets.

Meanwhile, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has also hailed India's rapid AI adoption, calling it "faster than anywhere else". Especially when the Studio

Ghibli trend was ongoing, after GPT-4o enabled native image generation in ChatGPT, there was a surge in these images from India. "What's happening with AI adoption in India is amazing to watch. We love to see the explosion of creativity—India is outpacing the world," Altman posted on X at the peak of the trend.

OpenAI is reportedly looking to set up a data centre in India. The company also announced that organisations using its APIs, ChatGPT Enterprise, and ChatGPT Edu will be able to store customer content within India. Meeker's report further shows how AI adoption is moving faster than any technology before it, with billions of users, soaring capital spending, and increasing global impact. From how we search for answers to how we work, code, create, and communicate, AI is now part of everyday life.

One of the clearest signs of this shift is the explosive growth of ChatGPT. While apps like Instagram and YouTube took two to four years to reach 100 million users, ChatGPT did it in under three months. As of April 2025, it had 800 million weekly users and processed more than 365 billion searches annually more than Google managed in its first decade.

Really heartening to hear that India is playing a crucial role in this growth. According to Meeker's report, the country contributes the highest share (13.5 per cent) of ChatGPT's mobile app users, ahead of the US (8.9 per cent) and Germany (3 per cent). India's digital population and mobile-first

internet habits are helping it emerge as a major AI consumer market, and one that global platforms can't afford to ignore.

The report also outlines a growing split between closed AI models and open-source systems. Closed models like GPT-4 and Claude dominate in performance and are popular among enterprises due to their ease of use and capabilities. But they're also more opaque, tightly controlled, and require massive capital to build and maintain.

ChatGPT maker OpenAI announced the next phase of its global 'AI for Impact Accelerator Programme' in India, highlighting a year of support for mission-driven organisations using artificial intelligence to solve real-world social problems. As part of this initiative, 11 nonprofits will receive new API credits, bringing the total value of technical grants under this initiative to \$150,000.

Moreover, OpenAI plans to expand this initiative further in India, with new organisations expected to join the programme later this year. As it continues to grow its presence, OpenAI is shifting from just providing access to building real, on-the-ground impact — supporting practical, scalable, and human-centered AI solutions. Endorsing similar views, the Bloomberg report states that OpenAI is targeting the Asia-Pacific region to build new data centres. Company officials are likely to tour the region to explore opportunities around AI infrastructure and software usage.

Veeranam reaches full capacity, boosts irrigation, drinking water

Chennai, Jun 4: In a welcome development for farmers and residents, Veeranam Lake—the largest water body in Cuddalore district—has reached its full reservoir level of 47.50 feet, bringing relief amid the ongoing dry season.

The milestone was reported by local authorities monitoring the water levels. The lake, located in Kattumannarkoil taluk, plays a dual role as a crucial irrigation source for thousands of acres of farmland in the region and as a key drinking water reservoir for Chennai. A steady and sustained inflow of water from multiple sources has helped the lake reach its

full capacity, following a prolonged period of depletion.

According to officials, water is currently flowing into the lake at a rate of 342 cubic feet per second (cusecs) from the Vadavaru River, Chengal Odai, Karuvattu Odai, and surrounding drainage channels. The recent spell of unseasonal yet widespread summer rainfall across Tamil Nadu has significantly contributed to this surge in inflows. Thanks to this replenishment, the lake now holds 1,465 million cubic feet (mcf) of water—more than double its level two weeks ago, when the storage had plummeted to just 650 mcf.

The dramatic rise in the water level over the past fortnight has rekindled hopes for a stable agricultural season in the delta and surrounding areas that depend on the Veeranam system for irrigation. To meet the drinking water needs of Chennai, authorities have commenced the regulated release of 74 cusecs from the lake. This supply is part of the Veeranam Water Supply Scheme, which plays a vital role in augmenting Chennai's drinking water availability, especially during the summer months when other sources may run dry.

Officials from the Public Works Department (PWD) and Tamil Nadu

Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD) are monitoring the situation closely to ensure the water is effectively managed for both irrigation and urban consumption without wastage.

Farmers and local residents have expressed relief and gratitude, noting that the replenished lake offers renewed confidence for sowing operations and improved water security in the coming weeks. With more rainfall expected in the southern districts, authorities remain optimistic about sustained inflows and water availability through the kharif season.



Confluence 2025 at Lalit Kala Akademi till Jun 7

Visual treat of 300 stunning photographs

Chennai, Jun 4: The Photographic Society of Madras (PSM), one of the oldest photographic societies in India established in 1857, is hosting its annual photography exhibition 'Confluence 2025' at the Lalit Kala Akademi, Chennai. The expo, which runs till June 7, is a vibrant showcase of over 340 stunning photographs, featuring the finest works of PSM members and award-winning entries from national and international salons.

PSM has a long and

illustrious history with dozens of photography among its members, including celebrated personalities such as ace filmmaker Manirathnam and Isaigani Ilaiyaraaja, who is currently a Rajya Sabha MP.

The society remains an active hub for photography enthusiasts and professionals, regularly hosting offline and online meets with eminent photographers and cinematographers, offering rich learning experiences to its members.

The annual 'Confluence'

exhibition is both a celebration and recognition of the members' talents. This year's edition features over 110 award-winning images from the society's salons, alongside more than 230 photographs from its members — all carefully curated for public viewing. The works span a variety of genres and themes, promising an immersive visual journey for photography lovers and the general public alike.

PSM actively encourages participation in global photography circuits, with many members earning distinctions from prestigious bodies like the Photographic Society of America (PSA), Federation Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP), and Federation of Indian Photography (FIP).

The society's 25th National Salon, revived

after three decades, received widespread acclaim across the country. Following that success, PSM has completed two international salons with participation from over 40 countries, and its 26th National Salon, under the patronage of FIP, is currently underway.

Leading the society are G.N. Ramaswami as president, supported by Narayanan Muthaiya (vice president), K.S. Lakshminarayanan (secretary), Sivalai Senthilnathan (treasurer) and a dedicated team of committee members.

With a legacy of excellence and a strong vision for the future, Confluence 2025 is a must-visit for anyone with an eye for photography or a love for compelling visual storytelling. Entry is free and open to all.

TN challenges HC stay on VC appointment law in SC

Chennai, Jun 4: The Tamil Nadu government has filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court, contesting the Madras High Court's interim stay on recent amendments that empower the State government—rather than the Governor—to appoint Vice-Chancellors in State universities.

In its petition, the State criticised the vacation bench of the High Court for what it described as "undue haste" in hearing the matter and granting the stay on May 21. It termed the move a violation of established judicial norms, highlighting that the petitioner, reportedly a member of a political party, had shown no urgency between April 11 and May 9, suggesting deliberate forum shopping.

The State also objected to being denied adequate time to submit a counter affidavit, and alleged procedural irregularity—claiming the court muted its microphone while dictating the order, thereby rendering the process opaque.

Arguing that the High Court had effectively granted final relief at the interim stage, the petition raised concerns over the bench referencing unrelated cases and making personal remarks against senior counsel. Additionally, the State accused the petitioner of submitting fabricated documents, amounting to what it called a "fraud on the court."

The Tamil Nadu government has urged the Supreme Court to immediately stay the High Court's order, grant leave to appeal, and restore the State's legislative authority in university appointments.

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