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Visakhapatnam Railway Zone to begin operations soon: Ashwini Vaishnaw

106.89 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the South Coast Railway Zone headquarters building, and that the foundation stone was laid in January 2025. The foundation work has now been completed. He further mentioned that the VMRDA building ‘The Deck’ is ready to facilitate the initial operations of the railway zone, and governance activities will begin there shortly. Ashwini Vaishnaw also stated that the appointment of a General Manager and other senior officials

for the zone will be completed soon. Highlighting railway investments in Andhra Pradesh, the minister noted that between 2009 and 2014, the state received an average allocation of Rs. 886 crore. In contrast, a record Rs. 9,417 crore has been allocated for the year 2025–26. He added that the pace of railway track construction has significantly improved, with an average of 143 kilometers of new track being laid annually—almost double the previous rate. The minister also

announced that Rs. 2,047 crore has been sanctioned for the 57-kilometer Errupalem–Amaravati–Namburu railway line, with land acquisition already underway. Currently, 39 railway projects, including new lines and track doubling works worth Rs. 70,232 crore, are in progress across Andhra Pradesh. He further stated that works on the Vijayawada–Gudur third railway line and the Guntakal–Guntur doubling project are progressing rapidly.

AP Launches ‘Divyang Shakti’ Scheme: Free bus travel for differently-abled

passed through Don Bosco School, Dolas Nagar, Prakash Nagar, Nulakapet, and Undavalli Center before reaching Penumaka bus

stand. A large number of citizens, coalition party workers, and beneficiaries attended the launch event. The government announced

that around 12.76 lakh differently-abled persons across the state will benefit from the scheme, which has been introduced as a Ugadi gift.

‘Divyang Shakti’ a big boost for disabled welfare: Minister Atchannaidu

Shakti’ is also emerging as a “super hit.” The minister revealed that so far, around 150 crore women have availed free bus travel under the ‘Stree Shakti’ scheme, high-

lighting its wide impact. Providing details on beneficiaries, he said that out of approximately 12.70 lakh differently-abled persons in the state, only about 2 lakh cur-

rently have bus passes. In Srikakulam district alone, there are around 42,000 differently-abled individuals. He assured that the government will take steps to ensure all

Chandrababu Naidu slams MP Putta Mahesh Kumar, warns against Indiscipline in TDP

Raising the issue in the meeting, the Chief Minister questioned whether such individuals, who bring disrepute to the party, should be tolerated. He remarked that despite being given an opportunity due to his political background, the MP had acted irresponsibly. Nara Chandrababu Naidu expressed

strong dissatisfaction, questioning the need for associating with other parties and activities that could harm the party’s image. He reminded party leaders that strict action had been taken in the past against those who violated discipline, regardless of their stature. Emphasizing the importance of

values and discipline in politics, he said it was unacceptable to remain silent when the party’s reputation was at stake. The Chief Minister made it clear to the MLAs that all leaders in the TDP must adhere to party discipline and that no one would be given any leniency in such matters.

Modi and Kuwait Crown Prince discuss West Asia situation, free navigation through Strait of Hormuz

condemnation of attacks on Kuwait’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz remains our foremost priority,” PM Modi posted on X. “We agreed that sustained diplomatic engagement remains essential for regional peace and stability. I thanked him for continued support for the safety and wellbeing of the Indian community in Kuwait,” he added. The conversation between both leaders took place amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, which erupted following the US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28, which killed Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and top military officials. In response, Iran launched drone

and missile attacks targeting the US and Israeli facilities, regional capitals and allied forces in West Asia. Over the past few days, PM Modi has also spoken with the leaders of UAE, Israel, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar as India remains in touch with the governments of the region as well as other key partners over the ongoing conflict in Iran and the Gulf region. On Tuesday, PM Modi spoke to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and discussed the current situation in West Asia. PM Modi reiterated India’s strong condemnation of all attacks on the UAE that have claimed lives of people and caused damage to civilian infrastructure. PM Modi and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

agreed on the importance of ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. In a post on X, PM Modi stated, “Spoke with my brother HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and conveyed advance Eid greetings. We discussed the current situation in West Asia. Reiterated India’s strong condemnation of all attacks on the UAE that have resulted in loss of innocent lives and damage to civilian infrastructure.” “We agreed on the importance of ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. We will continue to work together for the early restoration of peace, security and stability in the region,” he added.

Cabinet approves scheme to support small hydro projects with Rs 2,584.60 crore outlay

reach locations. According to the Cabinet, an amount of Rs 2,532 crore has been earmarked for such projects. This is likely to bring in Rs 15,000 crore of investment in the small hydro sector, giving a boost to the clean energy initiative, investment in remote and rural areas and creating significant employment opportuni-

ties. “The investment will also leverage 100 per cent of the plant and machinery from indigenous sources, fulfilling the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat,” an official statement said. The scheme will also incentivise the states to prepare the detailed project report for about 200 projects to create a pipeline of small hydro

projects in future. An amount of Rs 30 crore has been kept to support state and Central government agencies to prepare such a DPR. With SHP projects being decentralised in nature, the requirement of long transmission lines is minimal, which also reduces the transmission losses. SHP projects are environmentally sustainable, as

India powering robust energy ecosystem, shaping sustainable atmosphere: PM Modi

atmosphere for the future needs as well! Read this piece to get an exact idea of India’s energy policies that promise a Viksit Bharat,” said PM Modi. Khattar highlights the extraordinary transformation of the power sector over the last decade — from illuminating every household to making power shortage virtually zero for all practical purposes. “To witness this remarkable journey, explore the future of technology, innovation, and the road ahead, come and join the

@BharatESummit from 19th March to 22nd March at Yashobhoomi,” he posted on X. According to the minister, India has added significant generation and transmission capacity, bringing national energy shortages down from 4.2 per cent in FY 2013-14 to 0.03 per cent by FY 2025-26. “In FY 2025-26 alone (up to January 2026), a record 52.53 GW capacity from all sources has been added, the highest ever in a single year, surpassing the previous best of 34.05 GW in 2024-25,”

Khattar said in the article. Moreover, total electricity generation has increased from 1,020.2 billion units (BU) in FY 2014 to 1,830 BU in FY 2025. Per capita consumption has risen from 957 kWh in 2014 to 1,460 kWh in 2025, reflecting economic growth and improved access. “This has ensured that every home, farm and industry has the reliable power it needs, and India is now the third largest producer and consumer of electricity in the world,” the minister writes.

Ugadi celebrations in every BJP office.. PVN Madhav orders

ranks on the occasion of Ugadi. Speaking to the leaders and workers through teleconference, he called for the grand celebration of Ugadi in all BJP offices across the state. He said that priests should be called in every

office and puja programs should be conducted. He ordered that the Panchanga Shravana should be held. Madhav suggested that party leaders should visit important village deities in each district. He said that a program of

offering saree to the village deities should be undertaken on behalf of the party in a traditional manner. He ordered that these celebrations should be held with the drums and a procession should be organized and these cele-

Centre offers additional 10 pc commercial LPG to states and UTs

"There is sufficient production of petrol and diesel in India and no imports of these fuels are required to meet domestic demand," the ministry said in an official statement. "LPG supply continues to be monitored in view of the prevailing geopolitical situation. Domestic LPG cylinder deliveries continue as normal and no dry-outs have been reported at distributorships, it added. Online LPG bookings have increased from 83 per cent to 93 per cent while Delivery Authentication Code coverage has expanded from 53 per cent in February to about 81 per cent at present in order to prevent diversion. "An additional allocation of 48,000 KL of kerosene has also been provided to States and UTs as an alternative cooking fuel. These states have been requested to identify distribution points," the ministry stated. Supplies of petrol and diesel continue to be maintained regularly and no cases of fuel dry-outs have been reported at retail outlets by oil marketing companies.

"Citizens are advised not to resort to panic buying as adequate stocks are available," the statement said. Priority sectors continue to receive protected gas supplies, including 100 percent supply to domestic PNG and CNG transport, while supplies to industrial and commercial consumers are being regulated at around 80 per cent. Commercial LPG consumers are encouraged to switch to PNG, and establishments such as hotels, restaurants, hospitals and hostels can obtain PNG connections from authorized City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities. CGD companies including IGL, MGL, GAIL Gas and BPLCL are offering incentives to promote domestic and commercial PNG connections. The Government is expanding the CGD network to promote clean and efficient PNG usage, and businesses are encouraged to approach authorised CGD entities for connections. CGD entities have been advised to ensure maximum gas supply to critical sectors such as seed drying units and cold storages, the statement said.

Rs.38 Crore Mega Handloom Cluster for Dharmavaram, Says Minister Satyakumar

sanctioned a ₹38 crore mega handloom cluster for Dharmavaram. He added that efforts will be made to expand the project up to ₹100 crore with the participation of master weavers. Minister Savita stated that the cluster will be completed and inaugurated within eight months with an investment of over ₹38 crore. She noted that the project is expected to generate direct employment for around 8,000 people. She also announced that

an APCO showroom will be established in Dharmavaram to promote handloom products. Emphasizing the welfare of weavers, she said their health protection is being prioritized under the Universal Health Policy. Further, she revealed that financial assistance of ₹25,000 will soon be provided to handloom workers under the ‘Netanna Bharosa’ scheme.

Rs. 226 Crore compensation released to Polavaram Displaced: CM Chandrababu Naidu

commitment. Additional Rs 5,000 Crore Required Nara Chandrababu Naidu alleged that negligence by previous rulers led to severe damage to the diaphragm wall, originally constructed at a cost of Rs 440 crore, which was washed away. He said reconstruction is now underway at an estimated cost of Rs 1,000 crore, resulting in a delay of 6–7 years. He expressed confidence that the diaphragm wall would be completed within a week and stated that project works are progressing rapidly. The CM announced that the project would be completed and dedicated to the nation before the next Godavari Pushkaram. He also revealed that an additional Rs 5,000 crore would be required to complete the project,

along with plans to construct a bridge. Assures Transparency and Support The Chief Minister said the Polavaram project stands as a testament to the sacrifices of displaced families and assured that compensation payments are being made transparently. He cautioned beneficiaries against middlemen and promised justice to all affected families before the project’s completion. He also reaffirmed the coalition government’s commitment to the welfare of displaced people and announced skill development initiatives for displaced youth. Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu, Chief Secretary Sai Prasad, and other senior officials were present at the meeting.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 21.04.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table.
Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1.MR.JLAPURAM NARASIMHA RAO S/O MR.Venkateswaralu	Demand Notice Date – 04-12-2024	Rs.13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs Only)	21- APR- 2026	Mr. SATISH & Anjibabu 9849225412(M) &9966365296
2.MR.JLAPURAM MAHESH S/O MR. NARASIMHA RAO	Demand notice Amount Rs.2185890/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Eight Ninety Only) as on 31-12-2024 under reference of Loan Account No. SLPHGUNT0001221	Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples.	Auction Time: 11:00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M.	Property Inspection date- 19-April -2026
3. MRS.JLAPURAM NAGENDRAM W/O NARASIMHA RAO R/O 4-19 NA NA MADINAPADU Guntur Near high school Madinapadu Guntur Andhra Pradesh INDIA 522414 Loan Account No. SLPHGUNT0001221		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (Rs.) Rs.130000/- (One Lakh Thirty Thousand only)	Last date for submission of EMD : 20 April , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.	
Description of Property				
All that piece and parcel of Property situated in the Palnadu District (Old Guntur District), Narasaraopet Registration District Gurajala Sub District, Dachepalli Mandal, Madinapadu Grama Panchayathi Madinapadu Village ward No.2, Madinapadu Village D.No.176, As per Tax Door No.4-19, Near Door No.2-55, covering an extent of 201.66 or 168.61 Sq. meters site along with R. C.C Ground Floor residential building being bounded by: East Panchayathi Bazar-33ft., South: Land of Shaik Jainab-55 ft, West Panchayathi Bazar-33 ft, North: Land of Endhuru Saidhulu-55 ft Within these boundaries an extent of 168.61 Sq.meters, site and in it Sq.feet 1038 of R.C.C. Daba plinth area 201.66 Sq. Yards equivalent to with all accessories and easement rights.				
1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website. 2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.				
Place : Gurajala /Dachepalli/Guntur Date : 19-03-2026		Sd/- Authorised Officer: Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited)		

Ugadi award for Telugu Teacher Dr. Oleti Uma Saraswati

(By Our Staff Reporter) Machilipatnam, Mar 18: On the occasion of the Ugadi festival, a felicitation ceremony was held at Star School in Machilipatnam, where the Manavata Seva organization honored individuals who have rendered notable services in various fields. Dr. Oleti Uma Saraswati, a Telugu teacher at Puritigadda High School Plus in Challapalli mandal, received the Ugadi Award for her excellence at the district level. She is also a recipient of the prestigious Gidugu Telugu Bhasha Award. The award was presented by DSP Kosuri Chandrasekhar and Dr. P. Sriram. Along with her, several other distinguished personalities, including Dittakavi Venkateswara Rao, Komaragiri Chandrasekhar, and Chintalapati Muralikrishna, were also honored with Ugadi awards. Speaking on the occasion, DSP Kosuri Chandrasekhar empha-



sized the importance of preserving Telugu language, culture, and traditions. He urged students to develop greater awareness and appreciation for their cultural heritage. A large number of students participated enthusiastically in the event.

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POSSESSION NOTICE
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S N	Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower and LAN No.	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
1	Eedula Durga Prasad (Borrower), Eedula Venkata Lakshmi (Co Borrower) LP0000000200467	17/Nov/25 Rs.776308/- as on 12/Nov/25	Nandyal District, Nandyal SubDistrict, NandyalMunicipality H No 28/850/-, Sy No 402/3, Ward No 28, Ass No. 1017016877House and Within these boundaries East-West : 35.5 feet, North-South: 37 feet, an extent of 145.8 sq.yards and in it constructed East-West: 37.6 feet, North-South: 37.9feet, an extent 653.4 of RCC House including all easement rights therein. Along with all fixtures and fittings therein, of with all easem nt rights therein. Boundaries as follows: North – Road South – House of Murali East – House of Ramakrishna Reddy West – House of Narashimulu	Symbolic Possession Taken 14/03/2026

Date : 19.03.2026 Place : Nandyal

Authorised officer Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd