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South Korean President hails PM Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 vision

2015. "Now, we are ushering in a new decade of the special strategic partnership. Today the Prime Minister and I had in-depth discussions on ways to further promote our relations and exchanged views on the regional and global affairs."

He stated that India has emerged as a leader of Global South and hailed India's remarkable development under the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

"With the world's largest population and the fourth largest economy, India has emerged as a leader in the Global South. And under your Viksit Bharat 2047 vision, this country is achieving remarkable development and the Republic of Korea has also evolved as a leader in chip building, semiconductors and cultural industries and we are accelerating innovation and growth to achieve a great leap forward to ensure that every Korean can grow together," South Korean President said.

Lee Jae Myung expressed gratitude to Indian government for their constant support to building peace on the Korean Peninsula and stated that South Korea looks forward to India continuing to play a constructive role for peace on the peninsula and within the regions.

He said, "We agreed to maintain close collaboration in addressing regional peace and international issues. Prime Minister Modi and I exchanged our views on the recent events unfolding in the Middle East and agreed that restoring stability and peace in the Middle East is crucial to global security and the economy. I also spoke to the Prime Minister about the Korean government's efforts to build peace on the Korean Peninsula and extended our gratitude to the Indian government for their consistent support on this matter. Korea looks forward to the constructive role that India will continue to play for peace on the peninsula and within the region."

He emphasised that India and South Korea will sustain cooperation for supply stability of energy resources and key commodities such as NAFTA. President Lee announced that he and PM Modi have agreed to speed up the negotiations to upgrade Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to create a more favourable trade and investment conditions for businesses of two nations and fully reflect new trade norms so that both nations can respond to the changing trade environment concerning supply chains in green growth in a more timely manner.

Chandrababu Naidu targets DMK, Cong over women's quota; seeks

and political participation.

At the same time, he accused the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the Indian National Congress of opposing progressive reforms, alleging that their stance on the women's reservation Bill amounted to a disservice to women across the country.

CM Naidu alleged that several opposition parties, including the Congress and the DMK, had historically resisted key reforms and were continuing that trend by opposing the women's quota legislation.

"What Modi Ji has done for women -- 33 per cent reservation -- is a landmark step. But Congress, DMK and some other parties have done injustice to women by opposing it," he said.

Referring to recent developments in Parliament, the Andhra Pradesh CM claimed that the opposition bloc had voted against the amendment related to the Women's Reservation Act, and asserted that such a stance amounted to a betrayal of women's empowerment.

"They must now go before women and apologise. This is not just politics — this is about the future of women in India," he added.

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief also took aim at the M.K. Stalin-led DMK government, accusing it of lacking vision and failing to effectively utilise the support extended by the Centre.

He argued that Tamil Nadu had missed several opportunities for development due to what he described as poor governance and political rigidity.

The Andhra Pradesh CM urged voters in Tamil Nadu to reject parties that oppose reform-oriented policies and instead support the AIADMK-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the upcoming polls. He framed the election as a choice between progressive governance and regressive politics.

Chandrababu Naidu is on a two-day visit to Tamil Nadu as part of an intensive campaign for the NDA alliance, which is seeking to unseat the ruling DMK in the April 23 Assembly elections.

Under Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, AP scaling new heights of progress: PM Modi

cabinet. Initially aligned with Congress, Naidu later shifted to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), founded by actor-turned-politician N.T. Rama Rao, following political upheavals in the early 1980s.

Naidu played a crucial role in strengthening the TDP, especially during internal crises. In 1995, he took over the party leadership and became Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. His tenure marked a significant shift toward economic reforms, technological advancement, and administrative efficiency. Known for his corporate-style governance, he earned the reputation of a "CEO CM", focusing heavily on attracting investment and modernising infrastructure.

One of his most notable achievements was transforming Hyderabad into a major information technology hub, positioning it alongside cities like Bengaluru. Under his leadership, the state saw rapid growth in the IT, pharmaceuticals, and education sectors. His reform-driven policies gained international recognition, including appreciation at global platforms such as the World Economic Forum.

Naidu's political career has also witnessed setbacks. The TDP lost power in 2004 and again suffered a major defeat in 2019 against Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Despite this, Naidu remained a key political figure, rebuilding his base and continuing to influence state and national politics.

Following the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh in 2014, Naidu faced the challenging task of developing a new capital and rebuilding the state's economy. He proposed Amaravati as the capital and initiated ambitious development plans, though these faced financial and political hurdles. His tenure also saw tensions with the Centre over issues like special category status, leading to a temporary split from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 2018.

In recent years, Naidu's political fortunes have revived. After facing legal challenges and a brief imprisonment in 2023, he regained public support. In the 2024 elections, he successfully led an alliance with the BJP and Jana Sena Party, securing significant victories in both the Assembly and Lok Sabha polls. His role at the national level also gained prominence, as he emerged as a key ally in the NDA government.

Rajasthan: PM Modi's visit postponed after fire at Pachpadra Refinery

following an explosion in an exchanger in the refinery's Crude and Vacuum Distillation Unit.

The blaze spread rapidly, triggering panic among employees and officials at the site.

Emergency protocols were immediately activated, and the refinery premises were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

All personnel were safely escorted out, and no injuries or casualties have been reported.

Local administration and emergency services responded swiftly. Fire tenders, many of which were already stationed nearby in view of PM Modi's scheduled programme, were immediately deployed to control the blaze.

Firefighters worked for nearly two hours to contain the fire, which is now under control. Cooling operations and safety assessments are ongoing.

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot termed the incident "extremely unfortunate."

In a post on X, he expressed concern, noting that the refinery is a matter of pride for the state, and wished for the safety of all personnel.

He said he was deeply concerned upon hearing about the fire at the refinery in Pachpadra, Balotra, adding that the refinery is a project of immense pride for Rajasthanis and that its inauguration was scheduled for tomorrow.

At such a juncture, this incident is truly unfortunate, he added, and prayed for the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

Authorities have initiated an investigation to determine the exact cause of the fire and to implement necessary safety measures.

Officials stated that further updates, including the rescheduled inauguration date, will be shared soon.

US-Iran talks in doubt after ship seizure

families and crew of the vessel" is ensured, according to CNN.

Trump, meanwhile, struck a hard line, saying: "We're offering a very fair and reasonable DEAL, and I hope they take it because, if they don't, the United States is going to knock out every single Power Plant, and every single Bridge, in Iran."

US Vice President JD Vance, special envoy Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner are expected to be part of the American delegation if talks proceed.

However, Tehran has linked participation in talks to the lifting of the US naval blockade, which it considers a breach of the ceasefire, with Iranian state media suggesting talks may not proceed under current conditions, according to CNN.

The ceasefire itself is fragile and due to expire on Wednesday, with both sides accusing each other of violations, according to The Washington Post.

Behind the scenes, mediation efforts continue. Pakistani authorities have stepped up security in Islamabad, preparing for possible talks despite uncertainty, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Key sticking points include Iran's uranium stockpiles and the status of the Strait of Hormuz, a vital energy corridor disrupted in recent weeks, according to CNN.

In a more moderate tone, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said the war "benefits no one" and stressed that "every rational and diplomatic path must be used to reduce tensions," according to CNN.

The United States and Iran have had decades of tensions marked by sanctions, military standoffs and intermittent diplomacy. Previous negotiations have often been accompanied by escalation on the ground.

The Strait of Hormuz remains central to the conflict, carrying a significant portion of global oil supplies, making any disruption a matter of global concern.

Chandrababu Naidu celebrates birthday at Anna Canteen

drivers, manual labourers, and daily wage earners.

On an average 1,013 people partake of meals daily at each Anna Canteen. The operational cost for this amounts to Rs 26,250 per day.

Chief Minister Naidu recently said that 2.10 lakh people across the state are having their meals through the Anna Canteens every day. This entails a daily expenditure of over Rs 54 lakh.

Meanwhile, Bhuvaneswari greeted her husband on his birthday. "They say every birth has a reason. Chandrababu garu was born for the Telugu people. More than the joy in birthday celebrations, he finds greater happiness in serving the people. I wish that Chandrababu garu shines with full enthusiasm, complete strength, and good health for the people he loves so much, for a full hundred years," she posted on 'X'.

Naidu's only son and state Minister Nare Lokesh also took to 'X' to post his birthday greetings. "Warm birthday greetings to Hon'ble Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu garu - an inspiring leader I also have the privilege of calling Nanna," wrote Lokesh, who was recently elevated as the national working president of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

"With each passing year, your passion for public service only grows stronger; your experience and wisdom now blending seamlessly with a renewed energy to lead from the front," wrote Lokesh.

"I feel fortunate to learn from you every single day - your clarity of thought, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the people continue to guide me. Wishing you continued good health, strength, and many more years of inspiring leadership," he added.

No interim protection from arrest for missing TCS case accused Nida

manager, by registering nine FIRs after allegations of exploitation, attempt of forceful conversion, hurting religious sentiments, molestation and mental harassment of female employees at the TCS unit came to light.

The Nashik police have formed three teams to trace Khan.

Khan is accused of targeting employees in a WhatsApp group, pressuring them to pray and eat non-vegetarian food.

According to the FIR, Khan allegedly advised women employees to dress and behave in accordance with Islamic traditions.

Some victims have also alleged that they were coerced or pressured into adopting religious practices, including praying, changing dietary habits, and adopting religious symbols.

Besides Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) provisions for sexual harassment and defamation, Khan has also been charged under relevant sections of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The defence, however, contended that there were no allegations involving caste-based slurs or insults and hence, the SC/ST Act was not applicable.

In a related development, a magistrate court here remanded two other accused in the case, Raza Rafiq Memon (35) and Shafi Bikhan Sheikh (36), to 14-day judicial custody.

The others arrested in the case are currently in judicial custody.

TCS has clarified that it has adopted a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment and coercion of any form for a long time, and the employees allegedly involved in sexual harassment at the Nashik office have been suspended.

India-New Zealand FTA to be signed on April 27 as legal vetting completed

exports for the New Zealand economy," McClay observed.

The historic agreement was concluded in December and eliminates or reduces tariffs on 95 per cent of New Zealand's exports – among the highest of any Indian FTA. Almost 57 per cent of our exports will be duty-free from day one including lamb, wool, coal, leather, most forestry and industrial products.

This will increase to 82 per cent when fully implemented including infant formula, a kiwifruit quota almost four times our current exports and seafood. The remaining 13 per cent including kiwifruit, apples, manuka honey, wine and some dairy is subject to sharp tariff cuts.

McClay confirmed the government will follow the established parliamentary treaty examination process for the India FTA, allowing all parties to continue considering their support as the public also scrutinises the agreement.

Signing will activate the standard parliamentary process, allowing Parliament and the public to scrutinise the agreement through the Select Committee. The FTA text and National lnterest Analysis will be tabled in Parliament the day after signing and referred to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee (FADTC), according to the official statement.

Once FADTC has completed its examination, enabling legislation will be introduced and will follow the usual legislative process. This approach is consistent with that taken for the TPP, CPTPP, and agreements with the United Kingdom, European Union, and United Arab Emirates, the statement said.

100 Crore irregularity in Affidavit: Thalapathy in big trouble?

court about an irregularity in his affidavit.

Today, the judges at the Madras high court made a verbal remark regarding the assets of TVK leader Thalapathy Vijay on the basis of petitioner V. Vignesh's allegation that Vijay had disclosed assets worth only ?115.13 crore in his Perambur election affidavit though the election affidavit filed in Tiruchi East disclosed his assets to be worth ?220.15 crore.

The discrepancy amounting to over Rs 100 crore was pointed out by the high court and it was pointed out that this is against the regulations.

The madras high court instructed Vijay to file a counter in the case and asked for a detailed explanation on the difference in the two affidavits that he himself had filed. This could prove to be a costly legal reprimand to Vijay if he doesn't act quick and take due action.

Meanwhile, Tamil Nadu is nearing the end of its election campaign, which concludes in two days, with polling on April 23 and results on May 3.

14 killed, 33 injured in Udhampur bus accident

Ramnagar to Udhampur."

He said the rescue operation has been immediately undertaken. "Heavy casualties are expected. All possible assistance is being provided. The injured will be shifted for medical aid. Arrangements being made to airlift the seriously injured.

"I am in constant touch with the local administration as well as our local workers team led by Sh Rajinder Sharma."

J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said, "Tragic road accident in Udhampur is heartbreaking. My deepest condolences to bereaved families. May God grant them strength. Praying for speedy recovery of injured. I have directed district admin, Police, SDRF & Health Dept to provide every possible assistance to those affected."

Office of Chief Minister, Omar Abdullah said, "Chief Minister has expressed deep sorrow over the tragic road accident involving a passenger bus travelling from Ramnagar to Udhampur. He extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. The Chief Minister affirmed that the government stands firmly with the victims and their families in this hour of grief, and that all necessary assistance is being extended."

Former CM Mehbooba Mufti earlier said, "Deeply saddened by the tragic Udhampur - Ramnagar bus accident in which twelve people lost their lives. Condolences to the bereaved families & pray for the swift recovery of those injured".

Overloading, overspeeding, rash and negligent driving, in addition to bad road conditions, are the main reasons for accidents in hilly districts of Doda, Rajouri, Poonch, Ramban, Reasi, Kishtwar and Udhampur districts of the union territory.

The traffic department has deputed special teams in these hilly areas to check overloading, overspeeding, rash and negligent driving, road rage, etc., so that precious human lives are not lost to human error.

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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 26.05.2026 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.MRS.KANUMURI RENUKA W/O MR. KANUMURI BALAKRISHNA 2.MR.KANUMURI BALAKRISHNA S/O MR.K SAI BABU DUVVA SATTI RAJU D NO 24-16-16 BAVAJIPETA GANDHI NAGAR KARTIKEYA TEA STAL ROAD VIJAYAWADA KRISHNA ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 520003 . LOAN ACCOUNT NO SBTHVIWA0000697 & STUHVIWA0000736	Demand Notice Date – 15-12-2025 Demand notice Amount Rs.1343553/-(Thirteen Lakh Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Three Only) & Rs.722168/- (Seven Lakh Twenty Two Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Eight Only) as on 31-12-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SBTHVIWA0000697 & STUHVIWA0000736	Rs.14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lakhs Only) **Bid Increment:** Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.)** Rs.140000/- (One Lakh Forty Thousand only) **Last date for submission of EMD : 25 May , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.**	26th MAY 2026 & Auction Time: 11.00 P.M. to 1.00 p.m.	Mr. SATISH & Anjibabu 9849225412(M) &9966365296 Property inspection Date. : 25-May 2026
Date of Possession & Type: 30th Jan , 2026 and Physical Possession. Encumbranches known: Not Known				

Description of Property

Krishna District, Vijayawada East District Registrar, Ramavarappadu Gram Panchayat Area, Ramavarappadu Village Reserve No. 93/2B1, 2B2 are entered as:
1st place: Land details: East: Property of Vemineni Sri Ramamurthy- 24-11, South: Property of Koonapareddy Ramesh, - .58-6, West: A. 33-0 wide market,- .25-6, North: Deepa Plaza Apartment, -59-6. Within these four boundaries, a joint and indivisible area of 21 sq. m. or 17.55 sq. m. is included in the immovable property area of 165.3 sq. m. or 138.21 sq. m.; and
SCHEDULE – B: 2nd item Building Details: In the residential complex being constructed under the name of Dhanalakshmi Residency on the entire area as per the above 1st entry – Flat No. G-1 on the ground floor which is in the incomplete construction stage
East: Property of Vemineni Sri Ramamurthy, South: Property of Koonapareddy Ramesh, West: Common corridor, stair case, lift, North: Deepa Plaza Apartment,
The plot buildings in the incomplete construction stage with an area of 650 sq.m. between these four boundaries, including a common area of 50 sq.m., a parking area of 20 sq.m., all the unique wood and other materials related to the said buildings, along with the joint use rights in the common areas and common facilities related to the entire buildings, including all the management rights, are sold and taken into your possession, subject to payment of reasonable maintenance and repair charges.

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 : Vijayawada
Date : 21-04-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited
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