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Upasana Konidela named Apollo's Director-Projects



Chennai: Upasana Kamineni Konidela has been designated as the Director – Projects at Apollo Hospitals. She will work with Apollo's leadership, clinical teams and project partners on the hospital projects across India, the company said on Thursday. Apollo's current expansion plan has an estimated total project cost of approximately ₹8,600 crore, including approximately ₹1,565 crore of listed brownfield expansion projects worth ₹1,565 crore at existing facilities. **OUR BUREAU**

Technopark clocks 17% rise in software exports

Kochi: Technopark has registered a 17 per cent growth in its software export revenues in FY26 at ₹17,092 crore against ₹14,575 crore in FY25, said a press note. The campus has also evolved into a dynamic start-up ecosystem. **OUR BUREAU**

SAIL CMD shares plans for 35 mt capacity target

New Delhi: State-owned SAIL aims to meet its 35 million tonne capacity target by FY31 with increased share of value-added and special steels, and deeper integration with retail and MSME ecosystems, the company's Chairman and Managing Director A K Panda said on Thursday. SAIL, a PSU under the Ministry of Steel, is India's largest public sector steel company having an overall capacity of over 20 mt. The company is implementing expansion plans across its five integrated steel projects. **PI**

Modi, Shah should be investigated for ‘vote theft’ conspiracy: Rahul Gandhi

MOUNTING IRE. Cong to move impeachment motion against CEC; CJP demands Gyanesh Kumar steps down

Dalip Singh
New Delhi

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah should be investigated for their conspiracy to steal votes and called them “*desh drohis*” (anti-national) for attacking the democratic structure of India.

He, however, advised Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, who is at the centre of controversy, to become “an approver” in the alleged vote theft scandal.

The BJP dubbed Congress attack as a bundle of lies, dubbing it as “*jhoot ki goonz*” (repeated lying) by a frustrated leader.

Gandhi's press conference, where he announced the party's plan to escalate

protests against alleged irregularities in revision of electoral rolls across States, was followed by Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) threatening a nationwide agitation, “Jantar Mantar 2.0”, if Gyanesh Kumar does not step down within 48 hours. The CJP described him as “anti-national”.

CJP LASHES OUT

Addressing reporters, CJP's Saurav Das demanded the immediate resignation and launch of criminal investigation against Kumar, as he alleged that the electoral process had been “rigged” to take away the right to vote from citizens; all coming elections should be put on hold and the voters list rolled back to the January 2025 voter list, prior to the Special Intensive Revision.

“Constitute an independent inquiry commission that will inspire public confidence and examine all the decision-making processes related to the SIR,” Das urged.



CHARGED UP. Lok Sabha LoP and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi addresses a press conference at Indira Bhawan, in New Delhi **ANI**

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Holding the Supreme Court “equally culpable”, he said “We also demand that all files related to SIR and all files concerning the decision-making process of the SIR be immediately seized and placed in the Court's custody,” he noted.

‘FLAWED PROCESS’

“Repeal the 2023 law on the

appointment of the Election Commissioners of India and enact a new law that inspires public confidence, with the active participation of members of civil society”, was his third demand.

Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi said he and his party feel vindicated since their stand from 2023 has now been vindicated by two Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

As per news reports in the *Indian Express*, Gandhi said that both the ECs expressed their dissent 14 times in 10 months on voter additions and deletions to Chief Election Commission Gyanesh Kumar. He described both as “patriots” for standing up against the CEC and the government top brass.

Concurring with the CJP, he charged that the 2023 law on the CEC appointment was brought by PM Modi to give Gyanesh Kumar immunity against legal scrutiny. The PM went ahead despite dissent note he gave as a member of the CEC selection panel, Gandhi said.

IMPEACHMENT MOVE

Congress sources said that opposition parties are going to move an impeachment motion against CEC Kumar in both Houses of Parliament and it will be submitted within the next two weeks.

Housing societies tap into residential rooftop solar to save on electricity bill

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New Delhi



Resident welfare associations (RWAs) and Group Housing Societies (GHS) are actively installing roof top solar power installations adding roughly 278MW capacity led by Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

Cumulatively, under the PM Surya Ghar: Mufit Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) more than 19,000 RWAs and GHS spread across tier-I, -II and -III cities have installed rooftop solar installations covering over nine lakh households.

Tier-I cities and clusters such as Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur, Bengaluru, Ranga Reddy, Chennai and Medchal-Malkajigiri are showing a growing interest in rooftop solar. Similarly, Tier II cities such as Coimbatore, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore (Nellore), Visakhapatnam, Kolhapur and Nashik are also catching up.

An official explained that even as the momentum in tier III cities is slow, there is a growing interest, particularly among societies, which are eyeing RTS installations with the intent to save power bills and utilise solar for day-time consumption.

Tier III cities and regions such as Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Navsari, Morbi, Palghar and Valsad are gradually evincing interest in RTS power.

TOP STATES

State-wise, Gujarat leads in installations with 9,377 housing societies setting up 106.18 MW of solar capacity and benefiting around 3.54 lakh households. Maharashtra, which occupies the second spot, recorded 7,594 RWAs collectively installing 138.99 MW capacity benefit-

ing roughly 4.28 lakh households. Other States are also steadily expanding their adoption of community solar. Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have implemented it across 640, 273 and 248 RWAs, respectively.

Ahmedabad (3,499 RWAs) leads the tally in terms of cities driving RTS installations in RWAs and GHS across India followed by Pune (3,412 societies), Vadodara (1,741 societies), Nashik (1,562 societies), and Surat (1,426 societies).

The government has disbursed around ₹422.30 crore in central subsidy, with final subsidy transfers having been completed for RWAs. To make community-scale rooftop solar financially viable, the government also provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of ₹18,000 per kW for eligible RWAs and GHS projects.

With common-area electricity bills forming a significant component of monthly maintenance expenses in many large housing complexes, the government's support for rooftop solar is creating a new avenue for societies to reduce recurring costs while transitioning to cleaner energy.

From individual rooftops to entire residential communities, PM Surya Ghar is helping turn India's housing societies into collective clean-energy hubs cutting electricity costs while bringing solar power closer to everyday urban life.

Gen Z opens its wallet for festivals, but keeps its research hat on: Report

Our Bureau
Bengaluru

India's Gen Z is opening up its wallet during the festive season, but it is not necessarily shopping on impulse. While six in 10 young consumers said they spend more during festivals, their purchase is increasingly marked by research, comparison and a degree of scepticism towards what they see online, according to a report by Rukam Capital in collaboration with YouGov.

Family remains at the heart of festive spending, accounting for 74 per cent of gifting, while self-gifting has also emerged as a significant part of the season.

Nearly a third of Gen Z consumers say their festive spending is planned in advance.

The shift is particularly visible in how they discover



and evaluate products. Online search is the biggest source of festive inspiration, used by 41 per cent of respondents, while social media and creators account for 29 per cent. But discovery does not necessarily translate into an immediate purchase.

Only 6 per cent buy a product straight after a creator recommendation, while 46 per cent said they research more before making a purchase.

AI is increasingly becoming a part of that research.

AI THE ADVISOR

Nearly six in 10 respondents use AI at least occasionally for product research, primarily to compare options and find the best price. While 70 per cent are comfortable with AI recommending products, fewer than half would allow it to make the final decision, suggesting that Gen Z is willing to use technology as an adviser, but wants to remain in control of the purchase.

Their own research is the most trusted source of purchase information at 27 per cent, ahead of friends at 20 per cent and online reviews at 15 per cent.

Concerns over fake or deepfake content are also prompting 32 per cent to verify sellers, while 29 per cent prefer established

brands. At the same time, Gen Z is not completely immune to impulse.

IMPULSE BUY

Quick-commerce platforms are used by 28 per cent of respondents, and one in five admits that they have become more impulsive shoppers. Yet quality and price continue to anchor decisions, cited by 51 per cent and 49 per cent respectively.

The same balance between experimentation and caution extends beyond shopping. One in three respondents research online trends before trying them, while only 9 per cent adopt them immediately.

Brands that lean too heavily on influencers, forced slang or trend-chasing can also risk turning Gen Z away, with around 30 per cent saying they call out such behaviour.

Telangana targets 5 GW hyperscale data centre capacity by 2029

KV Kurmanath
Hyderabad

Telangana is targeting to build 5 GW of data centre capacity by 2029, with around \$30 billion in potential investment across the broader AI and digital infrastructure ecosystem. The State has over 300 MW of data-centre operational and 2 GW under development across major global and Indian operators such as Microsoft, AWS, Iron Mountain, CtrlS, Sify, and NTT DATA.

“What is significant is the shift in the nature of this capacity, as new projects are increasingly being designed around AI-scale compute, high-density GPUs, hyperscale cloud, and advanced cooling, rather than conventional enterprise data-centre requirements,” Telangana IT and Industries Minister said after inaugurating Microsoft's South Central Cloud Region, a data centre complex, here on Thursday.

The South Central Cloud Region, is part of Microsoft's \$20.5-billion cloud

and data centre expansion plan for India. It comprises three Availability Zones built with a ‘resilient’ design aligned to the country's regulatory and seismic-zone requirements to support mission critical workloads at scale.

The inauguration of the facility follows Microsoft's announcement in New Delhi earlier this week that its India South Central region is now live. “Hyderabad will help power that transformation, not only for India but for customers across the region,” said Puneet Chandok, President, Microsoft India and South Asia. Rajiv Kumar, Managing Director and President, Microsoft India Development Centre, said, “The facility operates with effectively zero water use for cooling, while Microsoft is working with local partners on groundwater recharge, rainwater harvesting and watershed resilience.”

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E - TENDER NOTICE
OP/SEC/SL/86/62 22-09-2026

Competitive E-Tenders are invited for cleaning of all effluent ponds at Palm Oil Mill and to take away the sludge oil mixture recovered. For details refer company's web site or www.etenders.kerala.gov.in (E Tender ID 2026_OPIL_871836_1).

Last Date : 06-10-2026 6.55 PM
Sd/- Managing Director

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1)) (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Union Bank of India, 9-2-504/A/5, Osman Arcade, Langer House, Hyderabad, Telangana under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No.54 of 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 20.07.2026 calling upon the Borrower: **Mr. Mohammed Javed Hussain S/o Mohd Fayyaz Hussain and Mrs. Khaisar Begum W/o Mohd Fayyaz Hussain** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,30,08,069.45 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakhs Eight Thousand Sixty Nine and Forty Five Paisa only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **22nd day of September in the Year 2026**. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India for an amount **Rs.1,30,08,069.45** and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that the House bearing No.12-11-637 (Old No.12-10-596/13) on Plot No.B/41 in Survey No.168 admeasuring 200 Sq.yds or 167.23 Smt situated at Warasiguda, Secunderabad Telangana belonging to **Mohammed Javed Hussain and Boundaries of House: North: House No.12-11-638 or Plot No.B/42, South: House No.12-11-636/A on Plot No.B/40, East: 20' Wide Road, West: Neighbors House on Plot No.B/32.**

Date: 22.09.2026, Place: Hyderabad Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India

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Notice No. P&P/ASP/Establishment New GOMT OPM/064/2025-26 DL23.09.2026
E-Tender Notice

TGOILFED, Hyderabad invites E-tenders from Potential and Reputed and experienced agencies/firms for Appointment of Mechanical Consultant for the “Study, Design, Preparation of Machinery Layouts, Equipment, Preparation of Estimate and Technical Assessments” for 60TPH Oil Palm Processing Plant along with 720 KLD Capacity MEE Plant at Ashwarapet, Bhadradi Kothagudem, (Dist.), Telangana (State)

Note: 1. Publish of E-Tender: **24.09.2026 at 03:00PM** & Last Date for uploading e-Tender: **05.10.2026 at 3:00PM**.
2. All Details related to Tender will be available in e-Tender Website : <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR-TGOILFED

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE					
(For sale of immovable properties under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016) (Rs. In lakhs)					
Lot No.	Name of the Bankrupt	Nature of Property	Location	Brief Details of Properties	Reserve Price (Rs) (Rs)
1.	Veeramachaneni Rama Mohana Rao	Vacant site	Nuzvid Eluru Dist., AP	934 Sq.Yds. H.No.20-208, Lane opp. to Satyanarayana Cinema Theatre, Nuzvid Town	92.50 4.65
2.	Venigalla Venkata Raghupathi Rao	Residential House Ground+2 Upper floors	Employees Colony Nuzvid Eluru Dist., AP	275 Sq.Yds. Plot No.27, Sy. No. 395/2, 397, Employees Colony, near Kendriya Vidyalaya	90.00 4.50
2. Interested bidder may refer to the E-Auction Process Information Memorandum at https://www.bankauctions.com or contact Mr. Murali Mohan through btchevuturi@gmail.com or on Mobile No.8978844588.					
3. EMD may be credited to A/c No.60524731074, Bank of Maharashtra. Sultan Bazar Branch, IFSC: MAHAB0000010, through NEFT / RTGS.					
4. Last date for submission of bids/ EMD: 05.10.2026 and Date & Time of E-Auction: 07.10.2026					
Date: 25.09.2026 Sd/- Murali Mohan Chevuturi, Bankruptcy Trustee Place: Hyderabad IBBI/IPA-003/00307/2020-2021/13464					

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NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD

It is hereby notified by Federal Bank Ltd., ("Bank") to all concerned and the General Public that Gold Ornaments/Jewellery/Coins Submitted by the Borrowers to the Bank at the time of availing Gold Loan will be Auctioned on an "As is where is Basis and as is what is Basis" For below mentioned Loan Accounts of the Borrowers who have defaulted in repayment of Loan Amount, Despite repeated Notices.

DETAILS OF DEFAULTED LOAN ACCOUNT

Sl No	Account Name	Loan Account Number	No. of Jewellery/ Coins	Gross Weight
Branch: Secunderabad, Shop No.7, Ground Floor, Legend Crystal Building, Penderghast Road, Near Paradise Circle-500003. Contact No:91-40-27890256,91-40-27845177				
1	SAMPAT RAM	13956500047467	4	56.47

1. Details of Auction

a. Date of auction :**29-09-2026 Time: 11:00 AM**

b. Venue of auction : The Federal Bank Ltd Branch Premises

c. Reserve Price : As determined by an approved valuer, available at the time of auction.

2. The bidders shall carry their valid ID Card/PAN Card at the auction venue.

3. The Terms & Conditions ("T&CS") pertaining to this public auction can be accessed by the bidders through <https://www.federal.bank.in/gold-loan-tnc-for-auction>. Submission of bid by the bidders will be construed as a deemed acceptance of the said T & Cs.

4. If liabilities of the Bank are outstanding even after adjustment of the amount received through auction, necessary legal action will be initiated against the Borrowers to recover the remaining dues.

5. If the Borrower is deceased, this auction notice will be applicable to the Legal Heirs of the Borrower.

6. Successful bidder shall make payment in full (i.e. 100% of the winning Bid amount plus applicable plus applicable GST and other taxes/charges) on the same day of auction. However, Federal Bank may at its sole discretion permit deferment of payment to the next working day in exceptional cases.

7. The Successful bidder shall take delivery of the Gold Jewellery/ Coins/ within 2 days from the date of auction.

8. The decision of the Bank regarding acceptance of bid shall be final and binding. The Bank has the right to cancel the auction without prior intimation to the Borrowers. For further information, please contact the concerned Federal Bank Branches as above

Date: 24.09.2026, Place: Hyderabad Addl. SVP & Zonal Head