

Escorts Kubota introduces MU4502 and MU5002 with industry-first 8 Year Transferable Warranty



“Hyderabad: Escorts Kubota Limited has introduced two new tractor models, the Kubota MU4502 at 45 horsepower (HP) and the Kubota MU5002 at 50 HP. They strengthen the company’s premium utility tractor portfolio in the 41–50 HP category, one of the largest and fastest-growing segments in the Indian tractor market. Both models carry an industry-first 8 Year transferable warranty, reflecting the company’s high confidence in the build quality and working life of these products. “Both tractors are powered by the proven Kubota KQP4 Japanese engine. They are equipped with an advanced 12F + 4R Multi-Speed Synchromesh Gearbox that lets farmers pick the ideal speed for every job, from heavy tillage to haulage, so they can work faster, cover more ground and finish operations in less time. Pompa Lift with DSS (Dual Stabilizer Spring) Technology keeps implements steady and maintains a consistent working depth even on uneven ground, giving more uniform results. “Escorts Kubota operates three tractor brands in India, Farmtrac, Powertrac and Kubota, catering to entry-premium, value and premium segments respectively. The new MU4502 and MU5002 sit within the premium Kubota brand. With these two additions, the MU range now includes the

MU4201, MU4501, MU4502, MU5002 and MU5502, offering farmers a comprehensive premium utility portfolio. “The new MU4502 and MU5002 have been engineered for modern Indian farmers looking for higher productivity, comfort and multi-application performance. The tractors feature Kubota’s global design, inspired by the strength and agility of a bull, with full LED lighting for better visibility and a premium appearance. The fully covered flat-deck platform, premium bucket seat, suspended pedals, double-acting power steering and ergonomically placed controls keep operators comfortable through long working hours, and balancer shaft technology keeps vibration down. “As a true multi-utility platform, the new models work with almost all primary and secondary tillage and farming implements, including super seeders, seed drills, potato planters, mini round balers and cultivators. The tractors handle major crops such as paddy, wheat, maize, pulses and soyabean, and take on haulage and commercial tasks as well. A reverse power take-off (PTO) supports specialised applications such as rotavators and straw reapers. Both models suit landholdings of 5 acres and above, and Escorts Kubota has launched them as a pan-India offering.

Fatal Road Accident in Chengicherla: Scooter Rider Dies After Being Hit by Lorry



“MEDIPALLY, AUGUST 24 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): A 45-year-old man died in a fatal road accident at Chengicherla on Monday afternoon. “According to police, Gyar Haribabu, a resident of Chengicherla, was travelling towards Chengicherla Mandi on his Activa scooter (TS08JP5214) at around 12:30 p.m. At the same time, a lorry (MH40DC5959) coming from the Mandi side was allegedly being driven at high speed and in a rash and negligent manner. The lorry collided with Haribabu’s scooter. “Haribabu fell onto the road following the impact, and the rear wheel of the lorry ran over his head, causing severe injuries. He died on the spot. “On receiving information, police immediately reached the scene and inspected the accident site. The body was subsequently shifted for further procedures. Based on a complaint lodged by the deceased’s wife, police registered a case and are continuing their investigation against the lorry driver. “[7:32 PM, 8/24/2026] +91 93911 09207: End

Blood donation camps to mark Milad-un-Nabi celebrations in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Blood donation camps are being organised as part of preparations for Milad-un-Nabi, with organisers appealing to people to come forward and donate blood for patients who require regular transfusions.

The month of Rabi al-Awwal holds significance for Muslims as Prophet Mohammed was born on the 12th day of the Islamic month.

On Sunday, the Milad Committee Moinabad organised a blood donation camp at ABK Function Hall with around 500 people participating, which was held to help thalassaemia and cancer patients.

Another blood donation camp was organised by the Milad Committee Pargi at Qutb Shahi Jama Masjid in Pargi, Vikarabad district. The organisers said the camp was being held for the fifth consecutive year.



More blood donation camps are planned in the coming days. The Forum for Cultural Upgradation and Social Service (FOCUS) will organise a camp at Asafia Library, Afzalgunj, and another camp will be held at Prime Function Halls, New Malleshpally, by Congress leader Osman Mohammed Khan. Applying For Government Grants

Maulana Ahsan Al Hamoomi, Khateeb of Shahi Masjid, Bagh-e-Aam, has urged people to come forward and donate blood for those who require it regularly.

Meanwhile, Maulana Hafiz Rizwan Qureshi, khateeb of Mecca Masjid, appealed to youngsters to avoid causing inconvenience to the public during Milad un Nabi processions. He urged them to maintain discipline on roads, refrain from rash driving and ensure that celebrations do not disturb others.

“There are many positive ways to mark the occasion. People should devote more time to prayers and extend help to those in need,” he advised.

Konda Surekha’s former OSD Sumanth case: Three more arrested in alleged assault, extortion case

Hyderabad: The Police have arrested three more persons in connection with the alleged assault and extortion case involving Minister Konda Surekha’s former OSD Sumanth.

Khairatabad Task Force police arrested Arun Kumar, Mahender Reddy and Karthik Reddy at Martur in Andhra Pradesh and handed them over to Jubilee Hills police for further investigation.

The case was registered following a complaint by a real estate businessman, who alleged that a group attacked him with iron rods and threatened him, demanding Rs 10 crore. Downloading Interactive Geographic Maps

The police had booked Sumanth and five others including Prashanth, Ramu, Karthik, Arun Kumar Reddy and Mahender Reddy under Section 109 of the BNS.

With the latest arrests, four persons have been arrested so far in the case.

Police said efforts continue to trace the remaining suspects and are investigating the alleged assault and extortion attempt.



B. Umesh Goud Participates in Thotalu Procession Organised by Ambedkar Sangham in Mallapur



“Nacharam, August 24(INDIAN CHORNICLE):“Former OBC Chairman of the Medchal–Malkajgiri District Congress Party, Sri Bongoni Umesh Goud, participated in the Thotalu Procession organised by the Ambedkar Sangham in Mallapur.“The procession was conducted with great enthusiasm and devotion, with a large number of local residents, members of the Ambedkar Sangham, community leaders and devotees participating in the programme. The event reflected the rich cultural traditions and unity of the local community.“Speaking on the occasion, Sri Bongoni Umesh Goud extended his greetings to the organisers and all those who participated in the procession. He appreciated the efforts of the Ambedkar Sangham in organising the programme and bringing together people from different sections of society.“He said that such traditional and cultural programmes play an important role in preserving local customs and strengthening unity and harmony among people. He also appreciated the active participation and cooperation of the residents of Mallapur in making the procession a success.“Sri Umesh Goud conveyed his best wishes to the organisers and hoped that the Ambedkar Sangham would continue to organise such programmes and work for the welfare and unity of the community.“Several leaders, Ambedkar Sangham members, local residents, devotees and other prominent persons participated in the Thotalu Procession in large numbers.

CMC orders demolition of unauthorised under-construction buildings in Cyberabad



Hyderabad: Two days after a seven-storeyed illegal apartment collapsed and two workers were killed at Anjaiah Nagar in Gachibowli, the Commissioner of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation G Srijana on Monday directed the Town Planning and enforcement teams to identify and demolish unauthorised under-construction buildings that fall under specified categories.

In a press statement, the Commissioner directed officials concerned to identify under-construction buildings on plots below 75 sq. yards where construction exceeded 7 metres in height, and buildings on plots above 75 sq. yards constructed without any building permission, irrespective of the height of construction. South Asians & Diaspora

She too directed the teams that all under-construction buildings identified under these categories shall be taken up for demolition through enforcement

drives, it said.

Further CMC official also instructed that such cases shall be identified irrespective of the source of detection, whether through citizen complaints or suo motu detection by the concerned field teams, according to the official statement.

The number of demolitions carried out under these categories will be monitored on a daily basis from today to ensure continuous enforcement and accountability.

The officials were directed to maintain strict field-level monitoring, promptly identify such constructions and take necessary enforcement action, added the press statement.

BRS to launch campaign against Congress's 1,000-day betrayal

Hyderabad: Marking 1,000 days of the Congress government in power, the BRS announced a major week-long Statewide campaign from September 2 to highlight the Congress government's failures and betrayal of the people.

The party working president KT Rama Rao called on the cadre to take the unfulfilled promises and public issues to every village through various formats and programmes.

During a teleconference with senior leaders, elected representatives and the State executive committee on Sunday, Rama Rao gave detailed instructions to the party leaders to organise innovative programmes from September 2. The campaign will focus not only on the Congress' election promises but also on its administrative failures, corruption, irregularities, and problems faced by different sections of the State.

He reminded them that the Congress came to power by making 420 promises, 13 declarations and six guarantees, with a promise to implement them within 100 days. However, he pointed out that it had failed to fulfil even a single major promise after 1,000 days. The BRS working president asked the party cadre to distribute "Baaki Cards" (Debt Cards) to remind people about the financial benefits promised by the Congress to various sections, which were not delivered. "The Congress betrayed every section of the State. It is time that we remind people about its promises and failures in implementation along with pending benefits owed to each section including farmers, agricultural labourers, elderly people, women, students and youth," he remarked. Rama Rao particularly called for campaigns at colleges over the alleged non-payment of more than Rs 12,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues. He said the issue was affecting students and their parents. He also asked the party to highlight the Congress government's failure to provide jobs and fulfil commitments to the youth.

Harish Rao warns of Assembly disruption, siege Secretariat over 22A list

Hyderabad: BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao on Sunday warned that the party would stall the Assembly and lay siege to the Secretariat if the government failed to immediately withdraw private properties from the 22A prohibited list. He questioned the indifference of Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi to the suffering of Telangana people, as Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy pursued real estate interests. Downloading Interactive Geographic Maps

He vowed that the BRS would raise the issue during the upcoming Assembly session and stall it, if the government fails to remove genuine private properties from the 22A list.

"If necessary, we will lay siege to the Secretariat. The BRS is ready for any form of struggle," he declared.

Addressing a meeting organised by the BRS in support of residents of Tirumala Meadows, Lakshmi Ganapathi and Hemanagar colonies in Boduppal on Sunday, Harish Rao said registered houses and patta lands were being included in the prohibited list to facilitate collection of 30 per cent commissions. He said middle-class families had borrowed money and saved for years to build houses, but were now unable to sell or mortgage them.

Citing a resident's account, he said a woman had been denied a bank loan to fund her children's higher education because her house was entered in the 22A list. Tracking Executive Branch Policy Changes

The BRSLP deputy leader stated that the government was reviving provisions of the Urban Land Ceiling Act that had been repealed in 1998 and 2008 and using them to place patta lands under the prohibited category. Referring to the Revenue Minister's apology, he demanded that the government remove the affected properties from the list without insisting on applications and take complete responsibility instead of blaming officials.

Harish Rao also alleged that the government had placed around 40 lakh acres across Telangana under the prohibited list, citing claims about large tracts in Yadadri Bhongir district and properties in Hyderabad. He questioned why people should approach government offices or submit applications to rectify an error committed by the government.

He questioned why the government was not initiating inquiries against officials responsible for such a disastrous decision, while ordering CID and vigilance probes into smaller issues involving opposition leaders.

Harish Rao also alleged that the government had removed the 22A prohibited list from the online Bhu Bharati registration portal, apart from blocking Hyderabad list to people. He questioned the government's motive behind the blocking of the list and demanded that the complete list be restored in the public domain.



Nurse accused of killing parents dies by suicide in Sangareddy hostel

Sangareddy: The story of a young nurse accused of killing her parents over their opposition to her love affair ended tragically after she reportedly died by suicide in a private hostel at Shanthi Nagar on Sunday night.

Police suspect that Nakkala Surekha, in her early 20s, administered herself an overdose of an anaesthetic injection—the same substance she was accused of using to kill her parents earlier this year. Her hostel roommates found her dead in her room and alerted the police.

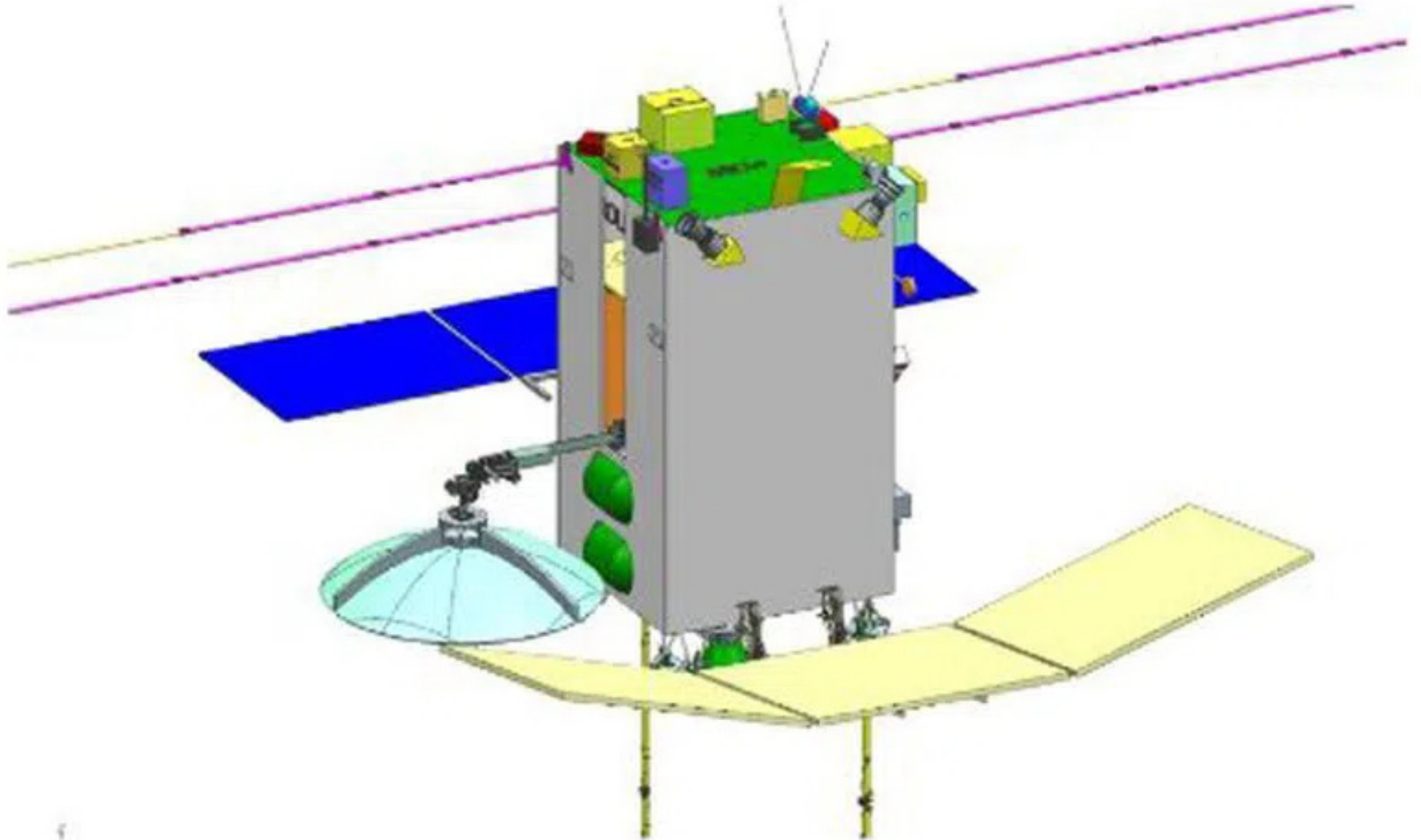
A native of Yacharam village in Bantwaram mandal of Vikarabad district, Surekha had completed her BSc in Nursing and was employed

at a private hospital in Sangareddy.

According to the investigation, Surekha had fallen in love with a young man she befriended on social media. Her parents, Dasarath and Lakshmi, strongly opposed the relationship and her plans to marry him. In January, she was arrested for allegedly killing them by administering a lethal overdose of anaesthetic injections. HistoryShe was released on bail recently and had been staying in the private hostel in Sangareddy. Police believe she was depressed about her future and took the extreme step by injecting herself with the same medicine.

Sangareddy police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

Gaganyaan to Venus mission, India gears up for next space exploration phase



India is entering a new phase of human spaceflight and deep-space exploration, with missions including Gaganyaan, Bharatiya Antariksh Station, Venus Orbiter Mission and reusable launch vehicles. The initiatives aim to strengthen human spaceflight, advanced technologies and India's global space leadership.

New Delhi: The next space exploration phase will deepen India's role in human spaceflight, planetary exploration and advanced space technology as these efforts will support India's ambition to become a leading global space power, according to the government.

An official fact-sheet states that India is entering a new phase of human spaceflight, deep-space exploration and advanced space infrastructure. Upcoming missions will build capabilities for sustained human presence and complex orbital operations. The Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme was approved in January 2019.

History
Its scope was expanded and revised in September 2024 to a total outlay of Rs 20,193 crore encompassing 8 total missions — including precursor flights for the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS-01). It aims to launch a crew of three Indian astronauts to a 400-km orbit for a three-day mission. The first uncrewed experimental mission to validate various technologies including Vyommitra half-humanoid is targeted in Q4 of 2026. The crewed mission is targeted by 2027, the factsheet observes.

India's planned five-module space station Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS). It is targeted for operationalisation by 2035, with BAS-01 planned for launch by 2028. It will support long-duration human spaceflight, microgravity research and advanced space operations. Notably, SPADEX-2 and SPADEX-3 missions are

being studied to advance orbital docking technologies for future Chandrayaan-4, Gaganyaan and BAS missions. They will enable capabilities such as spacecraft docking, sample transfer, crew transfer and power, fluid and propellant transfer.

Space Technology
Targeted for launch in March 2028, the Venus Orbiter Mission will study Venus' geology, atmosphere, and ionosphere. It will demonstrate advanced aerobraking and thermal-management technologies. Moreover, ISRO is developing a 200-tonne thrust semi-cryogenic engine. It will enable more powerful launch vehicles and higher payload capacity.

A semi-cryogenic booster stage is being developed for the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3). It will significantly enhance LVM3's payload-carrying capability. ISRO is demonstrating booster recovery using Vertical Take-off and Vertical Landing (VTVL) technology. This will enable rocket-stage reusability and reduce future launch costs.

The space agency is also developing a partially reusable Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV) using LOX-Methane propulsion. It will provide greater payload capability and support frequent, cost-effective launches, says the fact-sheet. ISRO is developing a winged Winged Orbital Re-entry Vehicle for the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) programme.

It will demonstrate orbital re-entry and runway landing for reusable space transportation. The space agency is developing air-breathing propulsion and a technology demonstrator vehicle. This technology could enable more efficient atmospheric flight and advanced reusable launch systems.

Harish Rao questions delay in job notifications over 121 liquor brands notification

Hyderabad: Former Minister T Harish Rao criticised the Revanth Reddy government over the notification issued for 121 liquor brands, questioning its delay in releasing job notifications for unemployed youth. He stated that lakhs of job seekers were waiting for employment opportunities while the government was moving swiftly on liquor-related notifications.

“Why is there such urgency for the liquor business when there is none for job notifications?” he asked.

Harish Rao said educated youth were completing degrees and post-graduation programmes while waiting for government jobs, but the government was instead expanding liquor outlets and brands to increase revenue.

He also accused the government of failing to fulfil its promise of two lakh government jobs and alleged that fee reimbursement and Rajiv Yuva Vikasam had failed to deliver. “Job notifications nil, liquor notifications full—is this the Praja Palana promised by Revanth Reddy?” he asked.



Minor held with 48 kg marijuana worth Rs 24.5 lakh in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The Task Force (Khairatabad) team along with Abid Road police, arrested a minor boy an alleged interstate drug peddler in Nampally on Sunday.

Police seized 48 kg of marijuana worth Rs 24.5 lakh, packed in 24 packets and concealed in bags.



According to police, the juvenile allegedly procured the marijuana from one Noushad alias Sunil and Rajesh of Visakhapatnam and was smuggling it to New Delhi on the instructions of Bandiya.

AnkitKumar alias Shiva, who allegedly facilitated the deal, is also absconding. Efforts are on to nab him.

Only 13 per cent schools achieve system-wide AI integration in India: Report

New Delhi: Only 13 per cent schools in India have achieved advanced, system-wide integration of artificial intelligence and 91 per cent teachers believe it is necessary for schools to establish clear parameters defining boundaries for use of AI by students in academic work, according to a new report by QS I-GAUGE.

QS I-GAUGE is an independent education-rating system that brings together the global experience and expertise of London-based QS Quacquarelli Symonds and the knowledge of Indian educational luminaries.

According to another QS I-GAUGE report on AI adoption in higher education, four in five faculty members say their institutions are ready but 78 per cent fear overuse will weaken students' independent thinking and problem-solving.

The voluntary surveys drew responses from 1,209 teachers from 71 K-12 institutions across 21 states and Union Territories, and 1,118 faculty responses from 146 higher education institutions across 27 states and UTs. Together, the reports examine institutional readiness, teacher capacity, governance, classroom use and concerns about integrity, privacy and excessive dependence on automation.

“Among schoolteachers, 88 per cent said their leadership regarded AI as vital to future-ready education and 86 per cent said their schools were prepared to offer structured professional development.

“Yet institutional readiness remained uneven: 25 per cent each were at the structured-implementation and exploration stages, 15 per cent at awareness, 14 per cent at partial implementation, 5 per cent at pilot stage and 3 per cent reported no readiness,” the school education report said.

While 91 per cent school teachers wanted defined boundaries for student use, faculty-use protocols, cyber safety and academic-integrity frameworks were among the top identified priorities. Parents' leading concerns, as reported by teachers, were data privacy and cognitive dependence, both at 77 per cent, followed by increased screen time at 76 per cent.

“Assessment of institutional readiness reveals a fragmented landscape with only 25 per cent schools having initiated structured AI implementation, 25 per cent remaining in an exploratory phase and only 13 per cent achieving advanced system wide-integration,” the report said.

In colleges and universities, 83 per cent of faculty said AI could make ad-



ministrative work more efficient and 76 per cent expected it to improve academic performance.

“Seventy-eight of the faculty are concerned that relying too heavily on AI tools will reduce students' independent thinking and problem-solving skills. Seventy-six per cent of the faculty believe that using AI will boost students' overall academic performance and create a more productive learning experience.” To successfully adopt AI, the top two institutional resources requested by faculty are hands-on training workshops (cited by 71 per cent of respondents) and access to premium, enterprise-level AI tools (cited by 61 per cent). When asked about their student-focused concerns regarding AI, the two issues most frequently selected by faculty were academic dishonesty (72 per cent) and students becoming excessively dependent on AI to complete their work (63 per cent),” the higher education report said. According to QS India chair Ashwin Fernandes, the goal should be “not simply greater AI adoption, but responsible AI capability”, combining innovation with inclusion, academic integrity and human judgement. Booking Historical Guided Tours

PPFAS Mutual Fund Strengthens Hyderabad Presence with New Office

Hyderabad: PPFAS Mutual Fund has further strengthened its presence in Telangana with the opening of a new office in Hyderabad, replacing its existing branch that has served investors and partners in the city for over five years. The new office is located at Dega Towers, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082. The new office will serve as an Investor Service Centre (ISC) and an Official Point of Acceptance (OPA) for transactions related to the schemes of PPFAS Mutual Fund, with effect from Friday, 21st August 2026. The new office marks as an important step in the Fund's continued efforts to deepen its engagement with the investors and distribution partners and provide greater accessibility and support in the region. Mr. Sanjay Shroff, Head – Administration, PPFAS Mutual Fund, inaugurated the branch along with other colleagues. Commenting on the new office, Mr. Neil Parag Parikh, Chairman and CEO, PPFAS Mutual Fund, said, "Hyderabad has consistently been an important market for PPFAS Mutual Fund, and our presence in the city over the last several years has enabled us to build strong relationships with investors and partners. As these relationships have continued to grow, we felt it was the right time to es-



establish a new office that better reflects the scale and importance of the market for us. This is not just about a new address, but about strengthening our ability to be closer to our investors and partners. We remain committed to building deeper, long-term relationships in Hyderabad and across Telangana." The fund house's current product suite includes: "Parag Parikh Flexi Cap Fund (An open-ended dynamic equity scheme investing across large cap, mid cap, small cap stocks)" "Parag Parikh ELSS Tax Saver Fund (An open-ended equity linked savings scheme with a statutory lock-in of 3 years and tax benefit)" "Parag Parikh Conservative Hybrid Fund (An open-ended hybrid scheme investing predominantly in debt instruments)" "Parag Parikh Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund (An open-ended dynamic asset allocation fund)" "Parag Parikh Arbitrage Fund (An open-ended scheme investing in arbitrage opportunities)" "Parag Parikh Liquid Fund (An open-ended liquid scheme. A Relatively Low Interest Rate Risk and Relatively low Credit Risk)" "Parag Parikh Large Cap Fund (An open-ended equity scheme predominantly investing in large cap stocks)