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Keep politics to poll season, prioritise Telangana's growth: Revanth

Hyderabad, July 9 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy asserted that politics should be restricted to election seasons and focus only on the development of the Telangana State. Addressing a meeting after inaugurating India's next gen solar module manufacturing facility at Seetarampur, Shabad in Rangareddy district on Thursday, the Chief Minister

said that it was not the time for politics and leaders should do politics only during elections. "The Opposition leaders pained for losing the power. However, let us work for a while as the development takes place in the state. Despite facing numerous political allegations, we are working with the goal of developing Telangana contributing a 10 per cent share to the national economy," Revanth

Reddy said. The Chief Minister reiterated that the government resolved to transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 and the present flow of investment is insufficient to compete globally. "We must improve the infrastructure to attract more investments for a robust economic growth in the future. We are striving to transform Telangana into the number one state in the country," Revanth



Reddy said. He expressed serious concern over increasing pollution in Delhi which has become inhabitable and said that cities like Bengaluru and Chennai are grappling with severe traffic issues. Taking serious note of increasing challenges in the metropolitan cities in the country.



Not a single rupee was paid for crop damage during KCR's tenure: Bhatti Vikramarka

Khammam District, July 9 : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the Congress government has been according top priority to the agricultural sector since assuming power. He noted that all necessary assistance and support are being provided to the farming community. On Thursday, the Deputy Chief Minister visited Lachagudem in Chintakani Mandal, Khammam district, and participated in several programs. He spoke to the media on this occasion. He announced that a 'Rythu Ashirvada Sabha' (Farmers' Blessing Meeting) is being organized at the Matkepalli Cross Road in Jagannadhapuram, Chintakani Mandal. He mentioned that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, along with all cabinet ministers, has been invited to the event. Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the BRS, during its ten-year tenure, spent ₹75,000 crore on 'Rythu Bharosa'. In contrast, he pointed out that the Congress government has disbursed 35,000 crore to farmers under the same scheme in just two and a half years. He questioned why not a single rupee was paid for crop damage during KCR's regime and emphasized that the Congress government is working for farmers with sincerity.



Congress has lost public support in Telangana: KTR

Hyderabad, July 9 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president K. T. Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government in Telangana has lost public support and claimed that the party's political future in the state is nearing its end. Speaking at a special review meeting with BRS leaders from Hyderabad on Thursday, KT Rama Rao said that even a survey reportedly commissioned by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reflected growing public dissatisfaction.

BRS got Rs 1,400 crore as quid pro quo: Kavitha

Hyderabad, July 9 : Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief K. Kavitha on Thursday alleged that the Rs 1,400 crore in the bank accounts of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) came from "quid pro quo" deals. She demanded that BRS distribute the money to Telangana martyrs' families. Addressing workers of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) in Kothagudem, Kavitha also launched a scathing attack on her brother, BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), and her cousin, former minister T. Harish Rao, accusing them of corruption. BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao's daughter ruled out her return to the BRS. "As long as I am alive, I will not join BRS." She claimed that Rs 1,400 crore in the BRS party's bank accounts came from Andhra contractors through "quid pro quo". Stating that it is corruption money, she said the BRS should distribute it to the families of Telangana martyrs. She said the party should give Rs 1 crore each to the families of martyrs. Kavitha alleged that KTR committed corruption through a quid pro quo deal with a construction company. Accusing Harish Rao of corruption in the Kaleshwaram project, she called him 'Anaconda'. She



said despite his involvement in corruption, the party was still pushing him forward. She remarked that BRS can never improve and it can never come back to power. She accused Harish Rao's company of supplying milk to Sri Chaitanya educational institutions.



Government's responsibility to protect the health of artists: Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

Amaravati, July 9: Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan stated that preserving traditional arts goes beyond merely promoting them; it is also the government's responsibility to safeguard the health and welfare of the artisans who rely on these arts for their livelihood. He noted that the occupational health issues faced by artisans and handloom weavers had come to his attention during his interactions with them at the Andhra Pradesh Handicrafts Festival. Responding via X, Pawan Kalyan stated that the handicrafts festival gave him

the opportunity to interact warmly with artisans and handloom weavers. He expressed admiration for their extraordinary skills, immense patience, and dedication to their craft. He noted that these artisans, who have been toiling for years, face various health issues such as back, neck, and joint pain, as well as eye problems and respiratory ailments. They stated that they firmly believe it is the responsibility of the alliance government to safeguard the health of the artists who uphold the state's culture and traditions. The Deputy CM stated that upon learning of the issues faced by artisans, he immediately directed the concerned officials to take measures to organize special medical camps in various handicraft and handloom artisan clusters across the state.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu distributed Pattadar passbooks to farmers in Banaganapalle, Nandyal District

Nandyal District, July 9 : Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu distributed Pattadar passbooks to farmers in Banaganapalle. Speaking at the meeting held on this occasion, he severely criticized the previous YCP government. CM Chandrababu stated that the public had faced immense hardships due to the decisions made by the previous administration. He criticized the Land Titling Act introduced by the YCP government, noting that it had created fear and anxiety among the people. He remarked that the lands of those who did not heed them were included in the '22-A' list. He stated that their government repealed the Land Titling Act immediately upon coming to power. The Chief Minister asserted that the people themselves should hold the rights to their property, stating that it was inappropriate for the previous government to print its own photos and names on land passbooks and boundary stones. He criticized this obsession with self-promotion, describing it as having reached an extreme level. He announced that the old pass-



books bearing Jagan's photograph have been cancelled and that new passbooks featuring the official state emblem are now being issued. CM Chandrababu stated that providing transparent services to farmers is his government's objective. He affirmed that the responsibility for resolving every issue lies with them. He mentioned that pattadar passbooks are being distributed directly during Gram Sabhas to eliminate the role of middlemen.



India, Australia agree to boost intelligence sharing on regional terror threats

Canberra, July 9 : India and Australia on Thursday agreed to enhance information sharing on regional terrorist threats, including terrorist entities and individuals, while exploring greater cooperation to combat violent extremism and terrorism across emerging technologies, terror financing, critical infrastructure, crowded spaces, the maritime domain, and online radicalisation. "We commit to increase information sharing on terrorist threats in

our region, including entities and individuals, and explore opportunities for enhanced collaboration to counter violent extremism and terrorism in sectors, including in new and emerging technology; financing of terrorism; critical infrastructure and crowded spaces.

Green signal for Musi revitalization works, Government approves Rs 7,345 crore project

Hyderabad, July 9: The Telangana government has given the green signal for the first phase of the Musi rejuvenation project. Official orders have been issued granting administrative approval of 7,345.12 crore for the Musi riverfront project. Development works will be undertaken in the priority corridors of Zone-1A and Zone-1B. Development works will be carried out over a distance of 9.20 km from Himayatsagar to Bapughat and 11.80 km from Osmansagar to Bapughat. Riverfront works will be undertaken along this priority stretch totaling 21 km. The government has granted approval for an expenditure of 7,345.12 crore, excluding land acquisition costs. Of this amount, 4,500 crore will be sourced as a loan from the ADB, while the government has authorized borrowing the remaining 2,845.12 crore from either the HMDA or TGIC. The Musi Riverfront works will be executed under the EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) model. The government has also approved the appointment of a Project Management Consultancy (PMC).





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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors								
1. Telu Sukanya, W/O Telu Mahender, Aged About 35 Years, Occ: Kirana & General Store Business, R/O.Hno : 1-62,Rajabollaram, Near Ramalayam, Medchal-Malkajigiri Dist, Pin: 501401. 2. Telu Mahender, S/O Telu Anjaiah, Aged About 37 Years, Occ: Kirana & General Store Business, R/O.Hno : 1-62, Rajabollaram,Near Ramalayam, Medchal-Malkajigiri Dist, Pin: 501401. 3. Duddu Nagaraju, S/O Duddu Sriramulu, Aged About 33 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O. Hno : 2-1, Rajabollaram, Near Anganwadi School, Medchal -Malkajigiri Dist, Pin : 501401.								
(Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)								
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PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KUTPLTF27060005- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the Part and Parcel of House No.1-62,admeasuring 56.0 Sq.Yards or 46.81 Sq.Mtrs,with a Plinth Area 400 Sq.Ft. of RCC,Situated at Rajabollaram Village & Gram Panchayat, Medchal Mandal,Medchal – Malkajigiri District, Telangana State and bounded by: North : 18'Wide Road, South: Open Place, East: House of G.Kistiah, West: House of Chandraiah								
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets. of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.								
Date : 27-06-2026, Place: Rajabollaram,Medchal –Malkajigiri(Dt). Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited								



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Borrower Name and Address
1) Vinoda Adulla W/O.Narsimha Reddy, Age:51 Years, Occ: Proprietor (M/S Sri Laxmi Saree Center)H.No:2-13, Machapur, Kodurkudr, Chinnna Kodur, Medak Pincode:502276.lInd Add H.No:10-2-895, Vidyanagar, Karl Mnagar,Pincode: 505001. 2) Adulla Rajeshwar Reddy S/O. Narsimha Reddy, Age:27 Years, Occ: Student, H.No:2-13, Machapur, Kodurkudr, ChinnnaKodur, Medak, Pincode:502276.lInd Add H.No:10-2-895, Vidyanagar, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505001. And Also At Adulla Rajeshwar Reddy S/O.Narsimha Reddy, Age:27 Years, Occ:Student, House Bearing No. 2-13, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 363 Sq. Yards Or 303.50 Sq. Mtrs, Situated At Machapur Village, Of Chinnakkodur Mandal, Siddipet District, Registration District & Sub-District: Siddipet. Of Ramagin Sunitha W/O.Mallesham, Age:52 Years, Occ: Business (M/S. Srirama Dresses)H.No:10-2-571, Vidyanagar, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505001.lInd Add H.No:2-6, Chaman Palli, Dharmaram, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505186. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.26,18,629/- (Twenty Six Lakh Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine Rupees Only)
Description of Property KMNGRTF1810090005- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is ADULLA RAJESHWAR REDDY Mortgage deed dated 11.10.2018 Registered as Document No.2920/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Siddipet. SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY House bearing No. 2-13, admeasuring to an extent of 363 Sq. Yards or 303.50 Sq. Mtrs, situated at Machapur Village, of Chinnakkodur Mandal, Siddipet District, Registration District & Sub-District: Siddipet having the following boundaries: East: House Of Adulla Srinivas Reddy, West: House Of Adulla Ram Reddy, North: G.P. Road, South : House Of Adulla Narsimha Reddy
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 08-07-2026, Place: Siddipet. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address
1) Srinivas Dasarapu, S/O Komuriah, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Swathi Cable Tv Network, Bhopalpally, R/O.H.No.8-285, Lbnagar, Bhopalpally-506169. 2) Laxmi Dasarapu, D/O Venkataiah, Age: 45 Years, R/O.H.No.8-285, Lbnagar, Bhopalpally-506169. And Also At Laxmi Dasarapu, D/O Venkataiah, Age: 45 Years, # House And Open Place No.8-285, 423.87 Sq. Yards, 354.39 Sq.Mtrs, Ward No.8, Bhopalpally Village And Mandal, Bhopalpally Municipality, Jayashankar Bhopalpally District. 3) Venkataramana Dunaiboina, S/O Sriramulu, Age: 56 Years, Occ: General Madobor, Ktk-6 Incline, No.2117277, Sc Co Ltd., R/O.H.No.5-128, Krishna Colony, Bhopalpally-506169. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 37,87,823/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three Only)
Description of Property House And Open Place Bearing No.8-285 To An Extent Of 423.87 Sq. Yards Or 354.39 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Ward No.8, Bhopalpally Village And Mandal Of Bhopalpally Municipality, Jayashankar Bhopalpally District Is Located Within The Following Boundaries: East: Plot Of Bandari Ramulu, West: House Of Madhunaiah, North: Municipality Road, South: Plot Of Brahmanandam.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 08-07-2026, Place: Bhopalpally. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

SDRF Crucial During Disasters

Must be ready to provide services at any time
District Collector Garima Agrawal
Exhibition of SDRF machinery and equipment at the 17th Battalion in Sardapur
District Collector Garima Agrawal and SP Mahesh B. Githe attended



Rajanna Sircilla, July 9 : District Collector Garima Agrawal stated that the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) plays a crucial role during disasters. An exhibition showcasing machinery and equipment used during disasters and floods was organized by the SDRF at the 17th Battalion in Sardapur (within Sircilla municipal limits) on Thursday; District Collector Garima Agrawal and SP Mahesh B. Githe attended as chief guests. Items displayed included a victim-detection camera, a remote-controlled life buoy (a life-saving floating device), a bore-inspection device, a high-mast lighting tower, a rotary cutting machine for rescue operations, a pneumatic lifting bag, PVC protective suits, and a hydraulic spider cutter (a tool for prying open and cutting metal). The District Collector and SP, accompanied by other officials, inspected the equipment and were briefed on the functionality and operation of each machine. Videos showcasing the services rendered by the SDRF team in Kamareddy, Warangal, and other areas during last year's floods were screened. District Collector Garima Agarwal stated that the district has four reservoirs: Upper Manair, Mid Manair, Annapurna, and Malkapeta. She noted the risk of heavy floods occurring during the monsoon season as well as in September and Octo-

ber. She emphasized that the skills acquired during SDRF training must be applied immediately when disasters strike, as every minute counts in such situations. She directed officials from the Revenue, Police, Fire, and SDRF departments to work as a unified team, ensuring seamless information sharing and coordinated service delivery during floods. She commended the SDRF team and other officials for their exemplary service during last year's floods and urged them to remain prepared to serve at any time. Superintendent of Police (SP) Mahesh B. Githe advised the personnel to be ready to provide services whenever it rains. He instructed officials to inspect areas that faced difficulties during last year's floods and to make any necessary additional arrangements. He ordered the conduct of mock drills using disaster-response equipment and machinery and suggested procuring any further required machinery or equipment in advance. He also appreciated the officials and staff for their excellent service. Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh and Commandant P.J.P.C. also participated in the program. Chatterjee, Additional Commandant M.I. Suresh, Assistant Commandant Suresh, Special Branch DSP Venkateswarlu, SDRF RI Bandi Srinivas, Tahsildar Mahesh, and others participated.

Telangana urges steel, Cement industries to partner in Indiramma housing scheme

Hyderabad, July 9 : The Telangana government has urged the steel and cement industries to partner in its flagship Indiramma housing scheme, aiming to secure affordable and uninterrupted supply of critical construction materials. Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, along with IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, held a high-level review meeting with top industry representatives at the Secretariat on Thursday. The discussions primarily centered on streamlining logistics, stabilizing market prices, and ensuring a dedicated supply chain of steel and cement to prevent project delays. The ambitious housing initiative, launched by the Congress govern-

ment under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, aims to provide financial assistance to lower-income families to fulfill their dream of owning a home. The Ministers stated that the 'Indiramma Houses' scheme, being implemented by the Telangana government, is not merely a housing construction programme; rather, it is a noble mission aimed at providing poor families with a dignified life, social security, and self-respect. Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that in the initial phase, the government has approved the construction of 4.50 lakh 'Indiramma' houses across the state, with the exception of Hyderabad. He reported that the slab work for a substantial 85% of these houses is complete.



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Borrower Name and Address
1) Gavvala Bhagyalaxmi W/O. Yellaiah, Age:42 Years, Occ: Business (Sri Pava Nasutha Kiranam, Bangle Store And Water Plant),H.No:3-22, Vanthadupula, Ellanthakunta, Karimnagar, Pincode:505402. And Also At Gavvala Bhagyalaxmi W/O.Yellaiah, Age:42 Years, Occ:Busi Ness(Sri Pava Nasutha Kiranam, Bangle Store And Water Plant), House Bearing No. 4-65/C/1, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 326.59 Sq. Yards Or 273.6 Sq. Mtrs., Situated At Vanthadupula Village Of Ellanthakunta Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District, Registration District: Karimnagar, Sub-District: Sircilla. 2) Gavvala Yellaiah S/O.Rajaiah, Age: 47 Years, Occ:Business&Agriculture, H.No:3-22, Vanthadupula, Ellantha Kunta, Karimnagar, Pin Code:505402. 3) Bonagiri Murali S/O.Anjaiah, Age:56 Years, Occ:Business, H.No:3-36, Ellan Thakunta, Karimnagar, Pincode:505402. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.20,26,687/- (Twenty Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven Rupees Only)
Description of Property SIDP2TF2303030012- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is GAVALLA BHAGYALAXMI Mortgage deed dated 08.03.2023 Registered as Document No.2009/ 2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Sircilla. House bearing No. 4-65/C/1, admeasuring to an extent of 326.59 sq. yards or 273.6 Sq. Mtrs., Situated at Vanthadupula Village of Ellanthakunta Mandal, Rajanna Sircilla District, Registration District: Karimnagar, Sub-District: Sircilla, bounded as under: East: 66 Feet Wide Road, West: 12 Feet Wide Road, North : House Of Sammeta Lachavva, South : Open Place Of Gavvala Galaiah
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 08-07-2026, Place: Sircilla. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aaurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic 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 06th day of July, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Tharuni Suddala W/O.Venkata Swamy, Age:41 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:14-129/1b, Choppadandi, Karimnagar,Pin Code:505415. And Also At Tharuni Suddala W/O.Venkata Swamy, Age:41 Years, Occ:House Wife, Open Land Admeasuring To An Extent Of 242 Sq. Yards Or 202.312 Sq. Mtrs., Out Of Sy. No. 301, Situated At Choppa Dandi Village & Mandal, Karim Nagar District, Registration District:Karimnagar & Sub-District: Gangadhara. 2) Suddala Venkata Swamy S/O. Durgaiiah, Age:45 Years, Occ: Business (Venkateshwara Xerox & Online Service),H.No:14-129/1b, Choppadandi, Karimnagar, Pincode:505415. 3) Peruka Raju S/O.Laxmahai, Age:45 Years, Occ:Business(Raju Timber Depot), H.No:16-11/A, Govt College Road, Choppadandi, Karimnagar, Pincode:505415. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 23,20,172/-(Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Rupees Only)
Description of Property KMNG2TF2001300006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is THARUNI SUDDALA Mortgage deed dated 03.02.2020 Registered as Document No.849/2020 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Gangadhara. SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open land admeasuring to an extent of 242 Sq. Yards or 202.312 Sq. Mtrs., out of Sy. No. 301, situated at Choppadandi Village & Mandal, Karimnagar District, Registration District: Karimnagar & Sub-District: Gangadhara having the following boundaries: East: 20 Feet Wide Road, West: 25 Feet Wide Road, North : Remaining Land Of Vendor, South: G.P Road From Library To Downside
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 08-07-2026, Place: Gangadhara. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** (Formerly known as Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited) We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. The borrower's 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors								
1. Laxminarayana Mandarapu, S/O Rajagopala Rao, Aged About 50 Years,Occ:Omega Technologies Business,R/O.H.No: 1-7-1046,1050,Plot No : 510, Garonda Angan Apartments, Rammagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad,Pin: 500020. 2. M.Harika,W/O M.Laxmi narayana, Aged About 40 Years ,Occ:House Wife, R/O.Hno : 1-7-1046,1050,Plot No : 510, Garonda Angan Apartments, Rammagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad, Pin: 500020. 3. E.Sai Kiran,S/O Brahmaiah, Aged About 33 Years, Occ:Private Employee, R/O. Hno : 19-400/3, Rammagar, Mancherla,Adilabad Dist, Pin: 504208. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)								
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PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: MIYPRTF2210280008- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the Piece and Parcel of Open Plot No.SS – 834(Part –A) &(Part –B),admeasuring area 180-180-360 Sq.Yds., Or 301.11 Sq.Mtrs., S-Phase,Sapphire Sector, Dream City –II(Sagar Block),in Survey No.200,Situated at Polkamppally Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, under the Gram Panchayath of Polkamppally, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded by : North: Plot No.SS – 835, South: Plot No.SS – 833, East: 50' Wide Road, West : Plot No.SD -16 & SD -17								
In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets. of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under. Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.								
Date : 15-06-2026, Place: Musheerabad,Hyderabad. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited								

Minister Kollu Ravindra expressed confidence that this would lead to significant industrial development in the Machilipatnam region and provide employment opportunities for local youth. Local alliance leaders, officials, and a large number of residents participated in the event.

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-1)						
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the secured assets mentioned herein below in pursuance of the said demand notice issued under the said Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property or any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFL HFL, for an amount as mentioned herein under interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act that if the borrower fails to pay the dues of the loan account as provided in the said demand notice, the lender may take any action for sale or transfer of the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IFL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IFL HFL" for the transfer or sale of the secured assets.						
Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand	Date of Possession		
Mr. Siviah Mrs Ragulu Shivamma (Prospect No IL10266377)	S.No.501, Dno.442-333, Ass.No.1007005718, Porata Colony, Tadipatri, Near By Sai Baba Temple, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, India, 515411 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 2936 Bounded By: North: Empty Place South: House Of Ramudu East: House Of Venkatesw Red: Rashtia	RS.278506.63-Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Sreenu Thapukula Mrs. Kumaramana Thapukula Mrs. Suma Thapukula (Prospect No IL10263050)	Nr S6 1639V1A, 1640, 1641-1642, 1650-P Chennuru, Ysr Jagannaga Colony, Chennur, Near Sachivalayam, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, 524406 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area. Addressing Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Empty Site South: I.Srishanama Estate Empty Site West: Street	RS.159595/-Rupees One Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Anusha Chemudutogun Mr. Narasasha Chemudutunga Anusha Chemudutunga Tallooring Works (Prospect IL10422033)	PLOT No. 98, Survey No. 85-5, 19, 20, 21, 22, At Kagitlapur Village, Marutholu Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: 99th Road West: 49th Road	RS.277103/-Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand One Hundred Three Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Panki Seethalamma Mr. Mallikarjun Panki Seethalamma Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10475963)	H.No-1129, Sy No. 62-1, Momidi, Chilakur, Spsr Nellore, A.P. 524412 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 1294 Bounded By: North: Empty Place South: N.Mallikarjuna House West: Street	RS.314213/-Rupees Three Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Nine Rupees Only	05-01-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Srinuvasulu Chintalapudi Mrs. Nandhan Srinuvasulu Centring Works (Prospect No IL10544681)	S.No. 170, Survey Nos.85/18, 19,20,22, Kagalapalavillage, Manubolu Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No.104 South: Plot No.106 East: Road West: Plot No.42	RS.265938/-Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Suresh Chithira Mr. Suresh Chithira Tallooring Works (Prospect No IL10459531)	PLOT No.170, Survey No.12,18,174,175,176,177,190,191,193,195, Bandralipi Taloor, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 171 South: Plot No. 169 East: Plot No. 195 West: Road	RS.312594/-Rupees Three Lakh Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Nine Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Mulyala Ramaneeswari Mrs. Mulyala Anusha Ramaneeswari Business (Prospect No IL10536317)	Door No-111, Assessment No.395, Survey No.4843, Champani village, Bhakarayasamsamundam Mandal, Anantapur District, AP. 515701 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 1225.00, 620.80 Bounded By: North: Road South: Daduluni Nagalakshi House East: Mullyala Gopal House West: P.Venkatesh House	RS.421157/-Rupees Four Lakh Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Mustoonu Jagadeesh Mrs. Mustoonu Siva Lakshmi Devi (Prospect No IL10566420)	Survey No.657, Plot No. 15, Patta No.CTR02045272, Madanahalli, Madanapale, Near Water Tank, Chittoor, AP India-517325 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Sy No. 716 South: Road East: Plot No. 15 West: Plot No. 14	RS.294348/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Rupees Only	09-01-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Shek Ajini Basaha Mrs. Shaik Shamim Ajini Basaha Painting Works (Prospect No IL10686942)	PLOT No.165, Survey No.781 To 785, 787, 788, Bukkarayasamsamundam Village, Bukkarayasamsamundam Mandal, Anantapur District, AP-515701 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: CC Road East: Plot No. 165 West: Plot No. 164	RS.338135/-Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Rupees Only	10-02-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Srinuvasulu Rayapu Mrs. Sukanya Rayapu Srinuvasulu Mansion Works (Prospect No IL10705878)	36-1, 4-144, Harjananagla Pulukom, Balreddypalem, Balreddypalem, Near Church, Nellore, AP, India, 524415 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 2116 Bounded By: North: Street South: E. Srinivasulu East: R. Subbanna West: E. Mastanaiah	RS.304245/-Rupees Three Lakh Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mrs. Konde Shyamala Mrs. Konde Chinrajeev Sarves Business Shyamala Sarves Business (Prospect No IL10713550)	PLOT No. 4372, Survey No. 495 To 507, At Alamuru Village, Ananthapuram Mandal And Dist. AP 515001 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 4371 South: Plot No. 4373 East: 6 Mtrs Road West: Plot No. 4399	RS.323438/-Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Eight Rupees Only	10-02-2026	07-07-2026		
Mrs. Yengistetty Danalakshmi, Mss. Thiruvairolu Anjalamma, Mr. Yengistetty Mani, Dharmadurai Daily Veggies (Prospect No IL10724742)	Sy.No: 20113, Chinnathayura Village, Nr Puram Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh, 517641 Area Measuring (In Sq.Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: Y.Govindha Raju East: Y.Subramanyam West: Y.Kuppiah	RS.373382/-Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Two Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Thalati Reddemma Mr. Thalati Chinnaya Kulaly Wamy Auto Dealer (Prospect No IL10754589)	Rs.No-32, Plot No.08, Kulikalu, Peddathipala Samundram, Pulikalai, Near Water Tank, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, India, 517391 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: CC Road East: Plot No. 8 West: Plot No. 10	RS.308466/-Rupees Three Lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Rupees Only	09-01-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Gujjara Lillima Mr. Sreenivasulu Gujjara Lillima Fancy Shop (Prospect No IL10760407)	S. No. 1, Plot No. 1, Pathanalapadu, Dakkini, Nellore, Near Hanuman Temple, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, 524001 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 871 Bounded By: North: Street South: Street East: Gujjara Bisod West: Dabba Hsa	RS.163455/-Rupees One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Shaik Chand Basaha Mrs. Shaik Farhat Basaha Labour Works (Prospect No IL10915232)	PLOT No. 3408, Sy.No. 493 To 507, Alamuru Village, Ananthapuram Mandal, Anantapur District, Andhra Pradesh, (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 439 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 3407 South: Plot No. 3409 East: Road West: Plot No. 3427	RS.30061/-Rupees Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand Sixty One Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mrs.Domatthi Sureesh,Miss. Domatthi Mathuramamma (Prospect No IL10296068)	H.No. 6-43c, Assessment No. 349, Sajapuram, Kopparram, Santhanagouda Mandal, Prakasham, AP-5253302 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 2520 Bounded By: North: Road South: Katti Pedda Radhakrishna East: Road West: Konduru Chitti	RS.378717/-Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventeen Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Mekra Ramu, Mrs. Dhadrata Reddy, Ramu Kirana Shop (Prospect No IL10296673)	H.No. 3-7/2, Assessment No.448, Sy.No. 189/1, Chamravu, Tuni Mandal And Sro. Kakinaada, AP. 533401 Area Measuring (In Sq.ft.). Property Type: Land, Area Property Area: 2520 Bounded By: North: 42.00 Feet Road South: CC Road East: Plot No. 123 West: Plot No. 109 60.00 Fts Road West of Y.Naganamma West: 60.00 Fts Road of De Pentayya	RS.384591/-Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Matturi Devi Mrs. Matturi Maniraju Mrs. Matturi Satyanarayana (Prospect No IL10357141)	S					
Mrs. Chilikapati Sangavi Mr. Raju Chilikapati Raju Travels Sangavi Tallooring Works (Prospect No IL10366137)	R S No : 39/2, Plot No. 25, Yanamadhala, Ramachandrapuram Mandalam, Yanamadhala, Near Kils College, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, 533260 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Plot No.30 East: Plot No. 31 West: Plot No. 26 South: Plot No.30 East: Plot No.38 West: Road	RS.163998/-Rupees One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Shaik Kajavali Mrs. Aanrinisha Shaik Kajavali Carpenter Works (Prospect No IL10355237)	43-41, Plot No.124, Jampani G.P. Vemuru Mandal, Jampani, Ysr Jagan Anna Colony, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, 522261 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 654 Bounded By: North: Plot No.123 East: Plot No.125 West: Plot No.126	RS.298172/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Kota Veera Raghavulu Mrs. Kota Veeramma (Prospect No IL10395855)	144-1a, D No 109, 109, Jaripeta, Neelapalli, Near Church, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, 533464 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Plot No.84 South: Road East: Plot No.108 West: Plot No.110	RS.208765/-Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Subhan Bi Shaik Matabook Subhan Bi Tallooring Works (Prospect No IL10487555)	Gero 226-17,229-1a, Plot No 154, Vadamulu, Vadamulu, Vadamulu, Near Church, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, 533213 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Govt Land South: Plot No. 153 East: 226-17a West: Road	RS.259445/-Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Durgarao Seelam Mrs. Seelam Manoj Kumar Works (Prospect No IL10502544)	PLOT No.22, Sy.No.15-1, 16-8, Inapuram Village, Mummidivaram Mandal, East Godavari District, AP 533216 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 654 Bounded By: North: C.P South: Plot No.21 East: Road West: Plot No.23	RS.322934/-Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Siru Burra, Mrs. Burra Vasantakumari Auto Dealer (Prospect No IL10526082)	RS No.136/1,23-6,191/1a,6P, Plot No.181, Pathlam, Mallam, Pathlam, Near Church, East Godavari, AP, India-533460 Area Measuring (In Sq.Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No.181 East: Plot No.182 West: Plot No.183	RS.317807/-Rupees Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Two Rupees Only	09-01-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Anil Kumar Ramavarru Mrs. Ramavarru Shantha Kumen Anil Dairyfarm (Prospect No IL10533038)	D.No-118, Sy.No.50/1, Chodavaram Village, Ramachandrapuram Mandal, Ambedkar Konaaseema, East Godavari District-533201, AP Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Area, Built Up Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 530.80, 532.80, 52.20 Bounded By: North: 31.70 Pallevis Pallevis East: 31.70 Pallevis Pallevis West: 31.70 Pallevis Pallevis	RS.360183/-Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Three Rupees Only	18-09-2024	06-07-2026		
Mr. Kakani Ramesh, Mrs. Ramesh Ramesh Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10538570)	Sy No 682/A, D.No-31/3, Assessment No.371, Konakanchavaram Mandal, Konakanchavaram, Near MPP School, Narsaraopet Di, Guntur, AP, India, 526217 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 485 Bounded By: North: Place of M.Chinnakshaiah Place of A. Laxmi East: Place of K. Yesappa	RS.359581/-Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Eighty One Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mr. Chanti Koppula, Mrs. Dheena Koppula, Chanti Construction Works (Prospect No IL10550591)	188, Plot No.1490, 16ward, Tenali, Tenali, Near Jagannaga Colony, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India, 522201 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 438 Bounded By: North: Plot No.4189 South: Plot No.4191 East: Road West: Plot No.4364	RS.296055/-Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five Rupees Only	09-03-2026	07-07-2026		
Mrs. Papayakata Annampada Prasad Dasari Mrs. Dasari Veera Venkata Durga Surya Bhavani Annampada Prasad Dasari (Prospect No IL10579640)	R S No : 38/11, Plot No : 483, Panduru, East Godavari, Kakinaada, Near Sathannagudi, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, India, 533001 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 654 Bounded By: North: Plot No.483 East: Plot No.484 South: Plot No.482 East: Road West: Plot No.478	RS.262551/-Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Eleven Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mr. Ramakrishna Lenka Mrs. Lenka Venkata Ramana Manasa Works (Prospect No IL10614296)	S. No : 144-1a, Plot No : 4, Neelapalli, Neelapalle, Near Ramalayam, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, India, 533464 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Area Measuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Plot No.144-1a East: Plot No.144-1a West: Plot No.144-1a	RS.317597/-Rupees Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven Rupees Only	09-03-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Gaurav Lokumkaru Mr. Lokumkaru Tallooring Works (Prospect No IL10727290)	PLOT No. 189, Sy.No. 20111, Nemam Village, Kakinaada Rural Mandal, East Godavari District, AP 533001 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No. 1894 South: Plot No. 1896 East: Plot No. 1928 West: Road	RS.141564/-Rupees One Lakh Forty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Gudala Nagamani, Mr. Gudala Nagamani Daily Labour (Prospect No IL10725460)	PLOT No.1508 Sy.No.20111, Ecti Nemam Village, Kakinaada Rural Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Built Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No.1507 South: Plot No.1509 East: Road West: Plot No.1502	RS.144606.63-Rupees One Lakh Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Rupees Only	10-02-2026	06-07-2026		
Mrs. Maryiyamma Battu Mr. Battu Maryiyamma Kirana Store (Prospect No IL10752636)	H.No. 1-134, Assessment No. 134, Sy. No. 494, Polokota, Sankarampeta Village, Nandavada Mandal, Krishna, AP. 521327 Area Measuring (In Sq. Ft.). Property Type: Land, Built Up Area Property Area: 1755.00, 500.00 Bounded By: North: Panchayathi Road South: Property of Pulli Santhosham And Pulli Saramma East: Property of Battu Thambithi West: Property of Chinnam Joseph Thambithi	RS.405379/-Rupees Four Lakh Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine Rupees Only	10-02-2026	07-07-2026		
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India-UK trade agreement set to come into force on July 15, rules notified

The India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), set to come into force on July 15, provides duty-free access for 99 per cent of India's exports to the UK. According to the latest notification from Finance Ministry that set out the rules, a product will qualify as originating in India or the UK if it is wholly obtained in either country, produced entirely from originating materials, or manufactured using non-originating inputs while meeting the product-specific origin requirements prescribed under the agreement. The rules, issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), establish the framework for determining whether goods qualify for preferential tariff treatment under the agreement and lay down compliance requirements for exporters and importers. According to the notification, "these rules may be called the Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between India and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) Rules, 2026. They shall come into force on the 15th July, 2026". The framework allows cumulative treatment of originating materials, enabling inputs originating in one partner country to be treated as originating in the other when used in further production. It also specifies that activities such as simple repackaging, relabelling, washing, sorting, polishing, simple assembly and other minor operations will not be sufficient to confer originating status on a product. Customs authorities will have powers to verify origin claims and deny preferential treatment where products fail to meet the prescribed conditions. The rules also provide flexibility for importers who fail to claim tariff benefits at the time of import. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said recently that the India-UK CETA will further deepen collaboration across trade, investment, and innovation, contributing to shared prosperity for both nations. The CETA will create new avenues for professionals. In London, Goyal urged Indian companies to deepen engagement with their UK counterparts and translate opportunities under the CETA into sustained business growth. Addressing the 'India-UK: Partners in Progress Business Plenary' in London, Goyal said the landmark trade pact offers significant opportunities to strengthen bilateral trade, investment, technology partnerships, innovation and resilient supply chains.

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US Congressional hearing examines CIA's use of universities, hospitals, prisons

Washington, July 9 : A congressional hearing this week renewed scrutiny of the CIA's Cold War-era MKULTRA programme, with lawmakers and expert witnesses alleging that the agency secretly used universities, hospitals, prisons and other institutions across the United States to conduct mind-control experiments on unwitting human subjects while concealing the full extent of the programme for decades. The House Oversight and Accountability Committee's Task Force on the Declassification of Federal Secrets heard testimony from historian Stephen Kinzer and investigative journalist Tom O'Neill, who argued that key aspects of the CIA's programme remain hidden because many records were deliberately destroyed or remain heavily redacted. Opening the hearing, Task Force

Chair Anna Paulina Luna said Project MKULTRA "was not a policy failure or an overzealous programme that got out of hand." "It was a deliberate, systematic governmental operation that subjected American citizens, prisoners, hospital patients, veterans, ordinary people to LSD, electroshock, hypnosis, sensory deprivation, psychological torture without their knowledge or consent," she said. Luna alleged that then-CIA Director Richard Helms ordered the destruction of MKULTRA files before leaving office in 1973, calling it "obstruction of justice" and "criminal destruction of federal records." She also disclosed that she and Representative Eric Burlison had recently visited CIA headquarters after learning that additional MKULTRA records had been discovered. "The CIA is currently in the pro-



cess of declassifying newly found documentation," Luna said, adding that the records relate to "a forgery programme that was being housed under MKULTRA." Kinzer, author of Poisoner in Chief, testified that the programme extended across prisons, clinics and safe houses in the United States and overseas. "In its search for ways to destroy a human mind and body, MKULTRA conducted the most extreme experiments on human beings that have ever been carried out by a US government agency," he said. "By any standard, they qualify as medical torture." He said surviving records show that MKULTRA "comprised at least 149 subprojects" involving "more than 80 institutions" and

"185 non-government researchers." Kinzer urged Congress to seek the removal of remaining redactions from declassified files. "Now 70 years have passed. That argument can no longer be valid," he said. "I would urge this committee to try to fill out all the blank spaces in the documents that we have." O'Neill, author of Chaos, told lawmakers he believed previous congressional investigations had not been given a complete account of the programme. "I believe Congress was never told the truth about what this programme actually achieved," he said. "I believe the agency misled Congress in 1977 when it characterised MKULTRA as a failure." He testified that his research uncovered correspondence between psychiatrist Louis Jolyon West and Sidney Gottlieb, the CIA scientist who led MKULTRA, discussing experiments involving LSD, hypnosis and unwitting human subjects.

Crypto dispute emerges in foreign women gangrape case involving Pakistan Dy PM Ishaq Dar's relative



Islamabad, July 9 : Investigators in Pakistan probing the abduction and gangrape of two foreign women have begun examining a fresh line of investigation, as the suspicion is now centring on a possible cryptocurrency-related dispute behind the high-profile case, according to local media reports. Muhammad Raza Dar, one of the principal accused, is a relative of Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. Some reports also suggest that Raza Dar is a grandson of Ishaq Dar. The new development came after one of the survivors recorded her statement before a judicial magistrate as part of the ongoing investigation. In her testimony, she alleged that Muhammad Raza Dar received \$100,000 in exchange for securing her release. According to a copy of the survivor's statement obtained by Pakistan-based ARY News, she told the magistrate that a group of armed men entered the house where she and her friend had been staying.



Nepal to build first-ever tiger sanctuary to promote eco-tourism

Kathmandu, July 9 : Nepal is moving ahead with plans to establish its first-ever Tiger Sanctuary in Chitwan National Park in the southern district of Chitwan to provide a natural habitat for rescued and 'problematic tigers' while promoting eco-tourism. 'Problematic tigers' are those that pose a direct threat to human safety -- often older or injured animals that are unable to hunt natural prey. Nepal's tiger population nearly tripled to 355 individuals in 2022 from a baseline of 121 in 2009, due to sustained conservation efforts. However, the growing tiger population has also led to a sharp rise in human-tiger conflicts and increasing pressure on tiger rescue centres. To address these challenges, the Nepali government is planning to establish the Tiger Sanctuary to house the growing number of 'problematic tigers' while developing the facility as a major eco-tourism destination. "The proposed sanctuary will be developed

on around 52 hectares of land at Devnagar in Chitwan and is designed to accommodate 18 to 20 tigers," Hari Bhadra Acharya, senior ecologist at the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, told IANS. "Currently, rescued and problematic tigers are being kept in small cages at different locations. The main objective is to provide them with a much larger enclosed area where they can roam more naturally while ensuring public safety," Acharya said. According to the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, the government has already allocated NPR 30 million for the project in the upcoming fiscal year 2026-27.



Acharya Prashant in dialogue with PETA Foundation President Mimi Bekhechi in London, says 'one who is violent towards animals will be violent towards all'

London, July 9 : PETA, the world's largest animal rights organisation, invited noted philosopher and author Acharya Prashant for a special dialogue at PETA's London office on Thursday. The fireside conversation with PETA Foundation President Mimi Bekhechi, held before a packed audience, explored the

philosophical foundations of animal consciousness, veganism, and non-violence. Acharya Prashant said that compassion is not a virtue to be taught, but the very nature of the human being, and the real question is who taught us violence. This was Acharya Prashant's fourth dialogue with PETA's senior leadership. He has

earlier been in conversation with PETA co-founder Ingrid Newkirk and PETA's international president Poorva Joshipura, and held another extensive dialogue with Joshipura in London during this UK tour itself. Notably, PETA had honoured Acharya Prashant with its Most Influential Vegan of the Year award in 2022.

Opening the conversation, Bekhechi praised Acharya Prashant's book 'Is She Just Food to You', saying it addresses the central challenge of the animal rights movement: helping people see animals not as objects of consumption but as thinking, feeling beings. Acharya Prashant said that a small child, on seeing a rabbit or a lamb, wants to play with it, not kill it. He asked, "Does the human being have to be taught compassion."

e-Jagruti platform digitises entire lifecycle of consumer complaint: PM Modi

New Delhi, July 9 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the e-Jagruti platform addresses multiple challenges by digitising the entire lifecycle of a consumer complaint. In a post on X, PM

Modi shared an article written by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on the e-Jagruti platform of the Department of Consumer Affairs. "He notes that, following extensive consultations with stakeholders, e-Jagruti has been refined,

placing consumer justice among the sectors undergoing structural digital reform," PM Modi remarked. Joshi writes in his article that "consumers transact across e-commerce platforms, digital payment systems and online market-

places at an unprecedented scale. The traditional consumer justice ecosystem—physical filings, manual scrutiny, fragmented software platforms and in-person hearings—was increasingly becoming inadequate".





UN experts explore pathways to overcome Africa's challenges amid global uncertainties

Addis Ababa, July 9 : United Nations (UN) experts and officials have called for new policy approaches that place social inclusion, resilience and regional integration at the heart of Africa's development strategies to overcome inequalities, youth unemployment and accelerating climate threats. They made the call at a high-level global policy dialogue, themed "Africa's Development Pathways in a Fragmenting World," which was convened by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) on Thursday in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. Experts at the policy dialogue, among other things, explored pathways to advance social inclusion, expand opportunities for youth employment and strengthen regional integration to support Africa's path to inclusive and sustainable growth. Addressing the gathering, UNECA Executive Secretary

Claver Gatete said that global shocks continue to expose Africa's vulnerabilities, from fuel and fertiliser disruptions to inflationary pressures and constrained fiscal space, Xinhua news agency reported. He emphasised the need to address immediate shocks and long-term challenges through strategic infrastructure corridors, deeper regional integration and accelerated industrialisation. Gatete highlighted the African Continental Free Trade Area and UNECA's work across 94 regional value chains as concrete pathways to boost intra-African trade, investment and manufacturing. With the world's youngest and fastest-growing population, abundant natural resources and growing regional cooperation, participants of the dialogue said that the continent holds significant potential for inclusive and sustainable economic transformation.

Moscow has no intention of going to war with Nato: Russia

Berlin, July 9 : Russian Ambassador to Germany Sergey Nechayev said that Russia does not want to fight Germany or Nato, but "Nuclear Umbrella" discussions could change strategic situations on the continent, a media outlet reported on Thursday. Ambassador Nechayev, while speaking at the panel discussion "Peace through Dialogue" in Berlin, added that there has been much talk about a so-called joint "nuclear shield", and this could change the strategic situation on the continent. He said, "We don't want a war with Nato, let alone a war with Germany." At the same time, he noted that there has been frequent talk of a so-called joint "nuclear shield"

lately. "This is no joke," the diplomat stressed, reported Russia's state-owned news agency Tass. Nechayev said that "if we're talking about expanding the nuclear threat, then a completely different strategic situation arises in Europe." In that case, Russia would have to remind everyone of its nuclear doctrine, he emphasised. The Ambassador warned that "If we have to face such military attempts, then we will not be able to guarantee anything". "Imagine an ordinary individual on the street. What is this person hearing, which signals is he receiving from Europe? That Russia is an enemy and an existential threat. That a war with Russia is inevitable. That a strategic defeat should be inflicted on Russia. That



Ukraine should be 'flooded' with weapons -- drones and long-range missile systems," he said on Friday in an interview with the Berliner Zeitung newspaper, Tass reported. On Saturday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that the country's soldiers are currently fighting an "aggressive force" backed by all of Nato in Ukraine. Putin made the remarks during the annual Victory Day parade on Red

Square in Moscow, marking the 81st anniversary of the victory in the Soviet Union's Great Patriotic War. "The great feat of the victorious generation inspires the soldiers carrying out special military operations today. They are confronting an aggressive force armed and supported by the entire Nato bloc. And yet, our heroes continue to move forward," the Russian President said during his speech.



Nepal: Construction of school building begins with Indian assistance

Kathmandu, July 9 : The construction of a school building in Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City in Kailali district of Nepal's Sudurpaschim Province has begun with financial assistance from the Indian government, the Indian Embassy said on Thursday. Narayan Singh, First Secretary at the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, laid the foundation stone for the construction of Siddhanath Secondary School on Monday during a function attended by local representatives and stakeholders. The school building is being constructed with financial assistance of approximately NPR 36 million from the Government of India under the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) scheme, the Embassy said in a statement. The project will be implemented through Dhangadhi Sub-Metropolitan City, Kailali.



Japan must act with its allies against China's pressure campaign: Report

Beijing, July 9 : The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been carrying out a pressure campaign against Japan through espionage, maritime aggression, and economic coercion, and the nation and its allies must act decisively, as China is testing Tokyo's resilience and the credibility of its alliance with the US, as per a report. Japan's most advanced industries, including semiconductors and robotics, have faced attacks from Chinese intelligence networks. Cyber intrusions and insider recruitment threaten to remove its competitive advantage, and Japan should enhance counter-intelligence resources,

tighten monitoring of academic exchanges, and create a joint Japan-US-EU task force to monitor and disrupt technology theft, according to a report in the European Times. Chinese coast guard and fishing vessels regularly enter waters around the Senkaku Islands. These incursions are not just provocations but aimed to undermine Japan's sovereignty. Japan must increase patrols, conduct maritime domain awareness and carry out joint exercises in cooperation with allies to give a message that its territorial waters are non-negotiable, the report said. "The CCP's tactics are integrated; the response must be equally coordinated. Japan cannot

stand alone. Its allies must recognise that defending Japan also means defending the rules-based order. China's pressure campaign should therefore be treated as a collective security challenge requiring coordinated diplomatic, economic, and military measures," Khedroob Thondup, nephew of Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama, wrote in the European Times report. "Japan is facing a sustained campaign designed to weaken its strategic autonomy and test the durability of its alliances. The choice is stark: respond piecemeal and watch sovereignty gradually erode, or act decisively with allies to preserve stability.

NATO faces deepening fault lines ahead of Ankara summit

Ankara, July 9 : As leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) prepare to meet in Ankara this week, the alliance is seeking to project unity at a time when disagreements over strategic priorities, defence spending, and its long-term purpose have become increasingly difficult to conceal. The summit, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, comes against a backdrop of diverging approaches to the recent US military operation against Iran, continued debate over ambitious defense spending targets, and growing public criticism of NATO across parts of Europe. The latest signs of discord emerged after the United States and Israel carried out military strikes against Iran starting in late February. While several NATO allies expressed political

support for Washington's stated objective of preventing Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, none agreed to take a direct role in the operation. The reluctance of NATO allies to send warships to support US efforts to "reopen" the Strait of Hormuz prompted criticism from US President Donald Trump, who harshly accused European allies of benefiting from US security guarantees while avoiding the risks associated with military action, Xinhua news agency reported. Oytun Orhan, a senior researcher at Ankara's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, said many European members viewed the US strikes on Iran primarily through the prism of regional stability rather than solidarity with Washington. "A direct military role could have exposed them to retaliation, disrupted energy supplies, and increased migration pressures



at a time when many countries are already facing significant domestic challenges," Orhan said. Serkan Demirtas, an Ankara-based foreign policy analyst and journalist specializing in NATO affairs, believes the European response reflects lessons learned from previous conflicts. "Experiences in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya have made many European governments much more reluctant to participate in military operations without broad international legitimacy and clearly defined objectives," he said. A major issue expected to dominate the summit is the implementation of the agreement reached at

last year's NATO Summit in The Hague, where allies committed to increasing defense-related expenditure to 5 per cent of gross domestic product by 2035. The target is widely seen as a key part of the Trump administration's push for what it has called "NATO 3.0," which aims to shift the primary responsibility for Europe's conventional defense from Washington to European member states. Trump has long threatened to reconsider US security guarantees for NATO allies if they do not increase defense spending.

Uganda says Ebola outbreak contained, seeks lifting of travel restrictions

Kampala, July 9 : Uganda has contained the spread of Ebola nearly two months after the outbreak was declared following the importation of cases from the neighbouring Congo, a senior health official said. Diana Atwine, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health, said on Sunday in a post on social media platform X that the outbreak had been contained through the treatment of all imported confirmed cases and those

they infected, the tracing and quarantine of contacts, and the provision of the required supportive care, Xinhua news agency reported. The Ministry has also implemented preventive measures to curb the spread of the disease from eastern Congo, the epicentre of the ongoing outbreak, Atwine said. She added that Uganda had begun engaging countries that imposed Ebola-related travel restrictions to have the measures lifted.



Trust treasurer Govind Dev Giri 'hurt and saddened' over donation theft row but denies role in counting

Ayodhya, July 9 : Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust treasurer Govind Dev Giri, facing flak over the donation theft controversy, clarified on Thursday that he was hurt, saddened and ashamed over the incident and was never involved in the cash counting process.

Breaking his silence on the controversy getting murkier by each day, the Temple Treasurer said that he resides in Pune, remains on the move for religious discourses and visits Ayodhya only once a month.

"I did not take a single rupee from the Trust," claimed Govind Dev Giri in a detailed two-page statement, even as calls to bring his role under scrutiny only get louder and shriller than before. He supported calls for a thorough and impartial investigation into the matter.



RJD foundation day: Lalu Yadav calls for a united fight against inequality, authoritarianism

Patna, July 9 : The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) was observing its 30th foundation day on Thursday, commemorating three decades since its formation by Lalu Prasad Yadav. Although the party formally celebrated its foundation day on July 1 this year, Lalu Prasad issued a special message to the people of Bihar on the occasion, recalling the party's journey and outlining its political vision.

In a message shared on social media, Lalu Prasad Yadav said that July 5 holds special significance because it marks the beginning of a movement launched, along with senior colleagues, to fight for the rights of the poor, the exploited, the marginalised, and minority communities. He said the RJD was founded

with the objective of challenging social and economic inequalities and ensuring justice for those left behind.

Paying tribute to party workers, Lalu said countless RJD members have demonstrated extraordinary sacrifice and dedication in the struggle to eliminate inequality in Bihar.

He credited the party's growth over the past three decades to the hard work and commitment of grassroots workers, stating that the organisation has expanded through their blood and sweat. He expressed gratitude and respect for every dedicated leader and worker associated with the party. Highlighting the RJD's ideological commitment, Lalu asserted that the party's politics has always stood against socioeconomic inequality.

Tripura govt team heads to Arunachal to bring back 24 rescued child labourers



Agartala, July 9 : A three-member official team of the Tripura government on Thursday left for Arunachal Pradesh to bring back 24 child labourers, along with a few adult workers, who were allegedly trafficked to the state (Arunachal) for unauthorised work, a minister said. Tripura Labour, Social Welfare and Social Education Minister Tinku Roy said that the official team comprising officials of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the Labour Department and the Tripura Police has already left Unakoti district headquarters Kailashahar, and the rescued children, along with a few adults, are expected to be brought back to Tripura within the next two to three days.

Acting on a request from the Tripura Police, the Arunachal Pradesh Police on Wednesday rescued 24 child labourers along with a few adult workers who were allegedly trafficked to the state for unauthorised work.



PMK chief urges all-party meet on Mekedatu project, says farmers reject new tribunal proposal

Chennai, July 9 : Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) President Anbumani Ramadoss on Thursday urged the Tamil Nadu government to convene an all-party meeting to evolve a united strategy against Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu dam project, claiming that farmers across the Cauvery basin have overwhelmingly rejected the state's proposal to seek the constitution of a new tribunal to address the dispute. Alleging that Karnataka is moving ahead aggressively with its plans while Tamil Nadu has failed to mount an equally strong response, the PMK President said the situation has created deep concern among farmers, particularly in the Cauvery delta. He added that the farming community fears the state could lose its water rights if immediate and decisive action is not taken. The PMK leader said he recently

completed a four-day awareness campaign across the Cauvery basin, travelling from Biligundlu to Poompuhar between July 1 and July 4 to interact with farmers and highlight what he described as the serious consequences of the proposed Mekedatu dam.

According to Anbumani Ramadoss, feedback received during the campaign indicated that farmers have little faith in Karnataka's assurances that Tamil Nadu's share of Cauvery water would remain unaffected even if the dam is constructed.

He alleged that Karnataka had failed to honour earlier water-sharing commitments, making the farming community deeply sceptical of its latest assurances.

Referring to the Tamil Nadu Assembly's recent resolution seeking the establishment of a new tribunal to deal with the Mekedatu issue.



Cong wants delegations to criticise India internationally: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

New Delhi, July 9 : Amid criticism from senior Congress leaders including Udit Raj, Pawan Khera, and Jairam Ramesh directed at party MP Shashi Tharoor for his recent remarks in Panama — where he praised the Narendra Modi government's handling of terrorism — senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday claimed that the Congress wants delegations to speak against the country while abroad. Naqvi stated that parliamentary delegations represent the country, not individual political parties, and any attempt to politicise such platforms was deeply harmful to national interests.

Speaking to IANS, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi professed, "I can un-

derstand their obstinacy toward PM Modi's success. But what we're seeing now is a phase where the Congress has turned its prejudice against Modi Ji into propaganda against national security. If their hatred for Modi transforms into hostility towards the nation's interests, no good can come to the Congress party." Naqvi further slammed the Congress for questioning India's military actions and criticised its reaction to key security operations. He mentioned significant milestones like the Kargil war, the Balakot airstrikes, and 'Operation Sindoor', asserting that the Congress had consistently failed to stand by the armed forces.

Northeast's first MEMU electric train to begin service linking Tripura and Assam

Agartala/Guwahati, July 9 : The commercial operation of the Northeast's first-ever Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) train service, connecting Tripura with southern Assam, will commence on Thursday, marking a major milestone in railway modernisation and sustainable transportation in the region, officials said on Thursday. A senior Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) official said on Sunday night that the Agartala-Karimganj MEMU

train would operate six days a week, except Sundays, providing faster, cleaner and more efficient rail connectivity between the two neighbouring states. Marking a new chapter in Tripura's railway history, Chief Minister Manik Saha on Saturday flagged off the MEMU electric train service from Agartala Railway Station and described it as a significant step towards strengthening rail infrastructure in the state. He attributed the rapid expansion of rail connectivity and infrastructure development in the

Northeast to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East Policy. The Chief Minister also said that the state government is planning to develop a double railway track network over the next few years, with preliminary work already underway. He further revealed that efforts are being made to introduce the high-speed Vande Bharat Express in Tripura to further enhance rail connectivity. Recalling the state's railway journey, Saha said that although railway services were introduced in Tripura in 1964, substantial ex-



pansion did not take place for several decades. He noted that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had declared railway expansion in the Northeast a national project, which paved the way for the extension of rail connectivity from Dharmanagar to Kumarghat in 1990 and later up to Agartala in 2008.

Jharkhand: Looted jewellery unearthed from mastermind's house, kin arrested

Ramgarh (Jharkhand), July 9 : In a major breakthrough in the investigation into the sensational robbery at a jewellery shop in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district, police have arrested the wife and son-in-law of the alleged mastermind and recovered a huge cache of looted jewellery buried underground, officials said on Thursday.

The arrests were made by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the April 21 daylight robbery at Shiv Shankar Jewellers, located near Chitarpur Rajrappa More under Rajrappa police station limits.

Those arrested have been identified as Nazma Khatun, 40, wife of the main accused, Subhani Ansari alias Lalka, and her son-in-law, Shehnawaz Hussain, 24. Ramgarh Superintendent of Police Mukesh Kumar Lunayat said

that acting on a specific tip-off received on May 10, the SIT intensified surveillance and interrogation of the relatives and close associates of the robbery kingpin.

"During questioning, it came to light that a portion of the looted jewellery had been hidden underground at Nazma Khatun's residence. Based on the information provided by the accused, police conducted an excavation and recovered a large quantity of gold and silver ornaments," the SP said.

The recovered items include a gold-like necklace, two earrings, and several silver ornaments such as bangles, bracelets, and rings. According to police, the yellow metal ornaments weighed approximately 49 grams, while the silver jewellery weighed around 1,350 grams.



BJP chief launches attack at Rahul, Akhilesh and Kejriwal; warns against 'underestimating' Hinduism

Lucknow, July 9 : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) national president Nitin Nabin on Thursday launched a blistering attack at the "tallest" Opposition leaders including Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal, objecting to their distasteful comments over the donation theft controversy at the Ram Temple. The BJP chief cautioned them against underestimating and undermin-



ing the Hindu religion, stating that the followers of Sanatan Dharma won't accept this insult. "Today, I want to tell Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav.



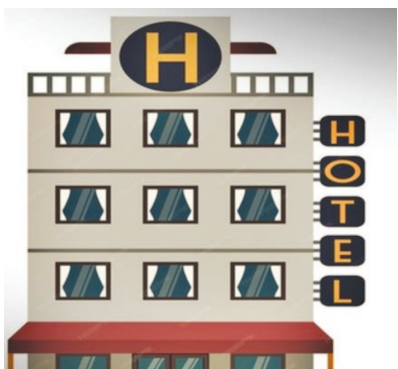
Adani to set up 2,000-bed hospital in New Town area near Kolkata, 1,000 beds reserved for poor patients

Kolkata, July 9 : The Adani Group would set up a 2,000-bed hospital in the New Town area near Kolkata, with 1,000 beds to be reserved for free treatment of poor patients, West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has said. The Adani Group has given a written commitment to build a 2,000-bed modern hospital in New Town. Of these, 1,000 beds will be for the poor and another 1,000 will be used for commercial operation, the chief minister announcement on Thursday while outlining the initiatives undertaken by his government in the state over the past two months.

He was interacting with members of the civil society in his Bhabanipur assembly constituency. The interaction was organised by the Alipore Citizens' Association. In May, the Adani Group Bihar announced the launch of 'ACE-Adani Centre for Eye Diseases' in collaboration with Akhand Jyoti Hospital and the Adani Foundation, saying the initiative aims to provide accessible and affordable eye treatment to people in need. The "ATOM-Adani Training Centre for Ophthalmic Medicine" will help prepare a new generation of eye specialists and women healthcare workers. According to Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani, the initiative is aimed at expanding quality eye care services across the country in the coming years.

Smartphone exports rise 39 pc in August despite claims of decline: ICEA

New Delhi, July 9 : Smartphone exports from India grew strongly in August, rising 39 per cent to about \$1.53 billion compared to \$1.09 billion in August 2026, according to new data from the India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) on Thursday. The industry body clarified that contrary to recent claims of a slowdown, exports have in fact surged, especially to the United States. ICEA highlighted that shipments to the US more than doubled in August, jumping 148 per cent from \$388 million last year to \$965 million this year. For the first five months of FY26, exports to the US reached \$8.43 billion, a sharp rise of 193 per cent over the \$2.88 billion recorded in the same period last fiscal.



Indian hospitality sector's revenue per available room surges 16.3 pc in Q1

Mumbai, July 9 : India's hospitality industry demonstrated remarkable momentum in Q1 2026, with RevPAR (revenue per available room) surging 16.3 per cent compared to the same period last year, a report showed on Thursday. The hospitality sector's strong performance continued sequentially, with an 8 per cent RevPAR increase from Q4 2026 across pan-India markets. Investor confidence remains high, evidenced by 79 new hotel signings totalling 9,478 keys during this three-month period, signalling sustained expansion in India's accommodation landscape, according to the JLL report.

Meta says it has zero tolerance policy against CSAM, uses AI to proactively detect violating content

New Delhi, July 9 : Meta on Thursday said it maintains a zero tolerance policy towards the solicitation or sharing of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), including through advertisements, asserting that it uses advanced artificial intel-



International Recognition for Dr. Srinivas Rao Kaveti's Leadership in Legal Services

Hyderabad, July 9 : Dr. Srinivas Rao Kaveti, Founder and Managing Attorney of Kaveti Law Firm and Vice President at Ramsayer & Associates P.C., has been honored with the *Canada Legacy Humanitarian Award for Global Advocacy*. He has received several international awards and recognitions for his distinguished contributions to the legal profession, human rights protection, humanitarian service, and international legal leadership.

Among these honors, one of the most notable is the *Nelson Mandela Award*, presented in Oxford, United Kingdom. The award was conferred in recognition of his contributions to the protection of human rights, legal reforms, and making justice accessible to all sections of society. It also acknowledges his commitment to promoting equality, constitutional values, and the rule of law through his legal services. Dr. Kaveti has also received the *International Counsel Leadership Award* for his leadership in the international legal arena and for providing solutions to complex international legal issues faced by individuals, businesses, and institutions. In recognition of his efforts to promote human rights, legal education, and international cooperation, he was honored with the *Global Human Rights Leadership Award*. These awards recognize his continued efforts to make legal services more accessible and to support underprivileged communities through international platforms. In recognition of his



outstanding achievements in the legal profession, he was also included in the globally renowned *Marquis Who's Who* directory. This distinction honors his exceptional professional accomplishments and contributions to the legal field. Dr. Kaveti's work has also attracted international media attention. Recently, *MSN* highlighted his leadership in handling legal matters that transcend international borders and praised his growing influence within the global legal community. Similarly, *USA News* published a special feature recognizing his professional achievements and dedication to providing legal services at an international level. Further adding to these honors, Dr. Kaveti was granted membership in the *International Council of Jurists* in London.



Korean won falls nearly 6 pc against US dollar this year

Seoul, July 9 : The South Korean won has fallen nearly 6 per cent against the US dollar this year, central bank data showed on Thursday, as foreign investors sold off more than 156 trillion won (\$102.3 billion) worth of domestic stocks. The average exchange rate stood at 1,484.56 won per dollar during the first half of the year, according to the Bank of Korea's Economic Statistics System. It marked the second-highest first-half average on record, behind 1,493.08 won in the first half of 1998 during the Asian financial crisis, reports Yonhap news agency. The exchange rate climbed above the 1,500-won level in March for the first time since the global financial crisis, following the outbreak of conflict in the Middle East. Although it briefly retreated to the low 1,400-won range, it rebounded above 1,500 won in mid-May and has remained above this level ever since. The broad weakness of the won this year has made it one of the worst-performing major currencies.

SEBI introduces new rules for equity F&O segment to boost transparency, stability

Mumbai, July 9 : The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Thursday announced a new set of rules for the equity Futures and Options (F&O) segment. These changes aim to improve transparency, control excessive speculation, and bring more stability to the market. One of the major changes introduced by the SEBI is a new method for measuring open interest (OI) in the equity F&O segment. Open interest refers to the total number of outstanding contracts

in futures or options. The SEBI said it will now closely monitor the open interest levels during the day, especially for single stock futures and options, instead of waiting until the end of the day. The capital market regulator has also decided to link the market-wide position limit (MWPL) to the cash market volume and the free float of the stock. MWPL is the maximum number of contracts that can be open in F&O trading for a particular stock.



Century Plyboards' Q4 net profit falls 34 pc, expenses climb

Mumbai, July 9 : Century Plyboards (India) Limited on Thursday reported a 34 per cent year-on-year (YoY) drop in its net profit to Rs 52.50 crore for the fourth quarter (Q4), down from Rs 79.50 crore in the same quarter previous fiscal (Q4 FY24). Revenue from operations rose 13 per cent to Rs 1,198 crore in the quarter, compared to Rs 1,060.7 crore in Q4 FY26, according to its stock exchange filing. However, rising costs impacted the company's bottom line. Total expenses climbed to Rs 1,118.68 crore, up 16.65 per cent from Rs 959.02 crore a year ago. The cost of materials consumed during the quarter increased by 19.04 per cent to Rs 582.75 crore. Finance costs nearly doubled, rising 85.63 per cent to Rs 18.95 crore from Rs 10.21 crore in the same period previous financial year. Other expenses also rose by 18.55 per cent to Rs 244.35 crore, as per the company's regulatory filing. Century Plyboards' EBITDA dropped slightly by 1.8 per cent to Rs 134.6 crore from Rs 137 crore in Q4 previous year. The EBITDA margin shrank to 11.23 per cent from 12.93 per cent,



a contraction of 170 basis points. Despite the dip in profits, the board of directors has recommended a dividend of Re 1 per equity share for the financial year ended March 31 (FY25). Century Plyboards is the homegrown manufacturer of ply-

wood, laminates, veneers, and other wood-based products. The company, established in 1986, serves both residential and commercial markets and is known for its innovation and product range.

Six of top-10 most-valued firms add over Rs 1 lakh crore in market value last week

Mumbai, July 9 : The combined market valuation of six of India's 10 most-valued companies rose by more than Rs 1 lakh crore last week, led by a sharp gain in Bharti Airtel, as

benchmark equity indices extended their winning streak amid sustained investor optimism. The rally came as the Sensex advanced 663.44 points, or 0.86 per cent, during the week, while the

Nifty gained 214.85 points, or 0.89 per cent. Among the top gainers, Bharti Airtel recorded the biggest increase in market valuation, with its market capitalisation rising by Rs 36,529.21

crore to Rs 11,63,877.30 crore. Bajaj Finance followed with an addition of Rs 33,059.83 crore, taking its valuation to Rs 6,43,141.36 crore. ICICI Bank also posted a strong performance, with

its market capitalisation increasing by Rs 16,084.29 crore to Rs 10,11,695.03 crore.



Punjab BJP rebukes Harsimrat's assertion on 'Veer Bal Diwas'

Chandigarh, July 9 : The Punjab BJP on Thursday rebuked to Shiromani Akali Dal and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal's assertion on the controversy surrounding the observance of "Veer Bal Diwas". Citing an earlier tweet by Kaur, BJP spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliawal pointed out that it was she herself who in 2019 advocated commemorating the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas under the title "Bal Diwas". He questioned why a term that was considered entirely appropriate by the Akali Dal un-

til 2019 has suddenly become objectionable after the breakdown of the BJP-SAD alliance. Baliawal highlighted that even in 2018, during an event organised at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi by the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), Akali Dal President Sukhbir Badal had expressed concurrence with the name "Bal Diwas". He remarked that the present Opposition by the Akali Dal reflected a clear contradiction of its own earlier stand. Stating that during the period of alliance with the BJP, all sensitive issues related to religion, agriculture, and Punjab were discussed

and resolved through mutual consultation, Baliawal said the Akali Dal leadership repeatedly breached this trust. He said such issues were later used for political posturing and to falsely portray the BJP as anti-Punjab, solely to safeguard the Akali Dal's shrinking political space and to hinder the BJP's growth in the state. Baliawal emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has consistently demonstrated the highest respect for Sikh history, traditions, and the supreme sacrifices of the Sahibzadas. The declaration of "Veer Bal Diwas", he

said, is a global acknowledgement of their unparalleled martyrdom and courage. Appealing to the Akali Dal and its leadership, Baliawal urged them not to exploit religious sentiments for political gains and to accept the reality of the stand they themselves had earlier taken. He asserted that political differences must not be imposed upon the sacred martyrdom days of the Sahibzadas. Former Union Minister Kaur has slammed an advertisement issued by the Central government on Veer Bal Diwas and termed it as a direct attack on Sikh Principles. In a social media



post, she said first the Centre named martyrdom day of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh as 'Veer Bal Diwas', ignoring Sikh senti-

ments, and now these advertisements are being issued totally ignoring Sikh principles, and it is a direct attack on Sikh traditions and principles.

Gujarat raises Divyang marriage aid to Rs 75,000; 79 Surat couples get Rs 41.75 lakh

Gandhinagar, July 9 : The Gujarat government has increased the financial assistance provided under the 'Divyang Marriage Assistance Scheme' from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, with the revised amount coming into effect from June 2025, State Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Manisha Vakil told the Legislative Assembly. Replying to a question in the House, Vakil said the state government "is continuously striving to ensure that persons with disabilities can live with self-respect in society," outlining both financial and administrative changes made to the scheme. She informed the Assembly that in the Surat district, 79 applications were approved under the scheme over the past one year.



J&K L-G reviews Amarnath Yatra arrangements at Nunwan base camp

Srinagar, July 9 : Jammu and Kashmir Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday visited the South Kashmir Nunwan base camp of the ongoing Amarnath Yatra, SANJY-2026, to review arrangements with senior officials. L-G Sinha said on X, "Today, I visited the Nunwan Base Camp in Pahalgam to review the management of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra with senior officials. The discussions focused on key aspects including movement of pilgrims, security measures, accommodation facilities, registration progress, and other logistical requirements essential for hassle-free holy Yatra." The L-G said he has directed officials to prioritise the safety, security, and convenience of all pilgrims, while ensuring that every devotee of Baba Barfani is made aware of the importance of valid registration with designated dates to minimise waiting times. "During the visit, I interacted with pilgrims and assured them that Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and all yatra management departments are working tirelessly to ensure a safe, smooth, and hassle-free spiritual journey," he wrote on X.

TN govt working to raise women's monthly entitlement to Rs 2,500, says Minister Jagatheeswari

Chennai, July 9 : Tamil Nadu Social Welfare and Women's Rights Minister Jagatheeswari on Thursday said the state government is working to increase the monthly women's entitlement assistance from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,500, while assuring that the revised benefit would be extended to all eligible beneficiaries across the state. In remarks at an eye screening camp organised in Rajapalayam to mark Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay's birthday, the minister said the government remained committed to fulfilling its promises and ensuring that welfare schemes reached every deserving woman in Tamil Nadu. Jagatheeswari said the Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government was functioning solely for the welfare of the

people and reiterated the Chief Minister's commitment to running a corruption-free administration. "There will not be even one per cent corruption in the TVK government," she said, appealing to the public to report any instance in which government officials demand money for providing public services.



"If any official seeks a bribe from the public, inform us immediately. If the complaint is found to be genuine, strict action will be taken without delay," she said, adding that public cooperation was essential to realise the Chief Minister's vision of establishing a completely corruption-free government.



Centre absorbed 65,000 former Ordnance Factory staff in regular govt jobs: Dr Jitendra Singh

New Delhi, July 9 : Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, Dr Jitendra Singh, on Thursday highlighted the Central government's employee-centric initiatives, particularly the decision to re-deploy nearly 65,000 erstwhile Ordnance Factory employees into regular government service, following the restructuring of the Ordnance Factory Board. Addressing a delegation representing Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS).

Bihar: Inter-district truck robbery gang busted, driver rescued

Patna, July 9 : Police in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district have achieved a major breakthrough by busting a truck robbery involving medicines and arresting a member of an inter-district criminal gang on Thursday. The operation was carried out in the Fakuli police station area, leading to the recovery of the stolen truck, medicines worth lakhs of rupees, and the safe rescue of the driver and cleaner. According to Muzaffarpur SSP Sushil Kumar, around 10 armed criminals intercepted a courier truck carrying medicines on the Hajipur-Jandaha main road. "The criminals took the driver and cleaner hostage at gunpoint.

While the stolen truck was driven away by the gang, the driver was escorted in a luxury car, and the cleaner was held captive inside the truck," Kumar said. After the incident, the criminals left the main road and attempted to flee towards Muzaffarpur



INLD rally: Akali Dal chief bats for regional parties

Rohtak, July 9 : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal on Thursday appealed to the people to bring regional parties back to power while asserting that they alone were capable of looking after the interests of the farmers and the poor. Addressing a public gathering named Samman Rally here on the occasion of the 112th birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal, the Akali Dal President said national parties do not think about the welfare of the farmers or the poor.

Experts gather in Bhagalpur to chart roadmap for horticulture-led livelihood growth

Bhagalpur (Bihar), July 9 : A national conference on 'Accelerated Horticultural Development for Livelihood Improvement in Amrit Kaal' is being held, at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, in Bhagalpur district, Bihar. The conference has brought together promi-

nent scientists, policymakers, and academicians from across the country. The primary objective of the event is to deliberate and formulate new strategies and action plans to drive growth in India's horticulture sector.



'Santa Se Seekh': Delhi Police educates people against cyber crimes, frauds

New Delhi, July 9 : In a novel awareness campaign named 'Santa Se Seekh', the Delhi Police held street plays and other activities across all its 15 districts to educate the public against cybercrimes and online frauds. Additional CP and PRO Sanjay Tyagi said, "The Delhi Police has

an ongoing campaign to curb the rising incidents of cybercrime by creating public awareness. Taking advantage of the occasion of Christmas today, we organised this programme under the name 'Santa Se Seekh'. Across every district, people were made aware through street plays, video films, and other

methods about how to take precautions against cybercrime." The campaign was conducted across all 15 police districts of Delhi at one prominent location each having high public footfall, such as markets and malls, to effectively reach a large and diverse audience.



Pakistan echoes the claims of grooming gang leader on citizenship

Islamabad, July 9 : The Pakistani government is maintaining the same claim as the ringleader of the grooming gang in the UK's Rochdale by saying he is no longer a Pakistani citizen, a media report said. "Pakistan is refusing to take back a ringleader of the Rochdale grooming gang on the grounds that he is no longer a citizen of the country after ripping up his passport. Shabir Ahmed, who was freed this week after serving 14 years in prison for 30 child rape offences, claims that he renounced his Pakistani citizenship, The Telegraph reported. Britain is disputing the claims of the grooming gang leader, but Pakistani officials and ministers are saying that he is no longer a Pakistani citizen, which stops the return of the offender to the country of his birth. "Pakistan's refusal to take Ahmed back is seen within the UK Government as a bigger hurdle to his deportation than closing a loophole in the 1971 Immigration Act that bars his removal from the UK

as a Commonwealth Citizen," noted the report. "There is probably a way of solving the problem over the 1971 Immigration Act. That is more solvable than the Pakistan side of the equation," a government source said, as reported by The Telegraph. Ahmed left Pakistan in the late 1960s and had dual citizenship. He was jailed for 22 years in 2012 and stripped of his UK passport in 2016 to facilitate his deportation when he was released from prison. His victims were promised that he would be deported. At least 250,000 girls and likely more were subjected to gang rape, trafficking, torture, and coerced pregnancy over several decades, with the perpetrators overwhelmingly being of Pakistani Muslim heritage and the enabling institutions overwhelmingly of the British state, according to a 219-page report released by a privately funded parliamentary inquiry into organised child sexual exploitation in the UK.

South Korea's main Oppn slams govt for not identifying Iran behind attack on cargo vessel

Seoul, July 9 : South Korea's main opposition People Power Party (PPP) on Thursday criticised the government for downplaying a strike on a South Korean-operated cargo vessel in the Strait of Hormuz and refraining from describing it as an Iranian attack. A South Korean investigation team has concluded that two "unidentified airborne objects" caused an explosion and fire aboard the Panama-

flagged cargo vessel Namu, operated by South Korean shipping firm HMM Co., in the conflict-hit strait last week, reports Yonhap news agency.

"Our government earlier insisted there were low chances that the vessel had come under attack," PPP leader Jang Dong-hyeok said during a meeting of the party's supreme council. "Now that the strike has been confirmed, it is saying it will not prejudice who was behind the attack. "(The gov-



ernment) has no willingness whatsoever to protect the safety and property of the people," he added. Jang also argued that the Iranian state media has already acknowledged the attacks. "It's like the attacker is making a confession, and

the person who got hit is denying it," he said. Last week, Iran's state-run Press TV published a commentary piece implying that targeting a South Korean vessel that violated maritime rules.



Brazil's supreme court suspends law that could shorten Bolsonaro's prison sentence

Sao Paulo, July 9 : Brazil's Supreme Federal Court has temporarily suspended a law that could shorten prison terms for individuals convicted over the January 8, 2023, attacks on government buildings, including former President Jair Bolsonaro. Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who was assigned to review the law's constitutionality, issued the decision on Thursday (local time), reports Xinhua news agency. In his ruling, Moraes said the suspension was necessary to ensure legal certainty while the court determines whether the law is compatible with Brazil's constitution. The full court is expected to

review legal challenges to the legislation, which was promulgated on Thursday by Congress President Davi Alcolumbre after lawmakers overturned a veto by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Bolsonaro was sentenced by the Supreme Federal Court in September last year to 27 years and three months in prison for leading an attempted coup. Earlier in March, the First Chamber of Brazil's Supreme Federal Court had rejected a request for humanitarian house arrest for former President Jair Bolsonaro. The court's decision confirmed a preliminary ruling by Justice Alexandre de Moraes, who determined that the detention facility guarantees necessary healthcare. Moraes noted that while the defence cited a medical report, the report itself ruled out the need for hospitalisation. The justice also emphasised that Bolsonaro's frequent meetings with allies demonstrate that his physical and mental health were compatible with his current regime of imprisonment.

Italian Defence Minister expresses optimism ahead of NATO summit in Ankara

Rome, July 9 : Italy's Defence Minister Guido Crosetto on Thursday expressed optimism regarding the upcoming North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Summit in Ankara. "Ankara (Summit) has been built so that everything works, commitments will be respected and each country presents itself having done its part," Crosetto said, via video, at the 'Pantelleria Mediterraneo d'Autore', emphasising that he sees no critical issues compared to the previous summit. "Then we will see what (US President Donald) Trump will do; it will be a very short summit," he added. On transatlantic relations, Crosetto reiterated that "real relations with the US are excellent, like those a year ago, or 5 years ago", noting that dialogue with Washington takes place steadily at an institutional level. "Trump has his way of doing politics, of pressing allies," he said, adding "it's his way of acting so that allies react," Italian news agency Adnkronos reported. On the topic of defence, Crosetto ruled out conflicts with social spending. "I have never thought that defence spending should be an alternative to healthcare, culture, and welfare. Without defence, there is no security and no social spending," he stated, emphasising the importance of alliances.



Pakistani journalist flags constitutional, rights violations in enforced disappearances across Balochistan

Quetta, July 9 : As Pakistani forces continue to escalate the enforced disappearance of civilians across Balochistan, journalist Munizae Jahangir described the incidents as violations of the country's Constitution and international human rights norms. In a video shared by human rights organisation Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) on the social media platform X, Jahangir said, "When someone becomes a victim of enforced disappearance, it not only

places their family under immense distress but also creates resentment and mistrust among the people of Balochistan towards the state."

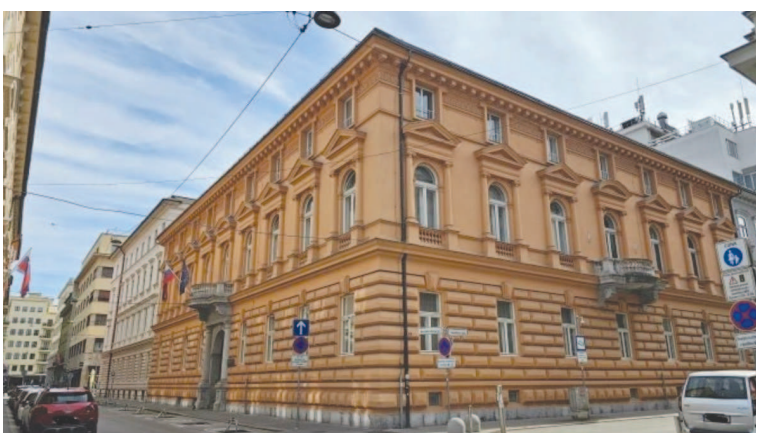


Slovenian court strikes down part of government health reform

Ljubljana, July 9 : Slovenia's Constitutional Court has ruled that doctors employed in public medical institutions must be allowed to work in private practices during their free time, striking down a key provision of the government's health reform. The provision, adopted by parliament in April, barred most publicly employed doctors from engaging in private practice. The government argued that the ban was necessary to improve efficiency in the national health-care system, reports Xinhua news agency. Slovenia's public health sector has been under pressure, with many patients facing waiting times of one year or longer for certain medical procedures. The Trade Union of Doctors and Dentists Fides challenged the ban before the Constitutional Court, arguing that it would further weaken the public health system by prompting doctors to leave public in-

stitutions in order to continue private practice. In its ruling, the court said the prohibition violated the constitutional right to free economic initiative and ordered parliament to amend the law within one year. Bojana Beovic, president of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia, welcomed the ruling, saying it was "in the interest of Slovenia's citizens and patients". The decision deals a blow to the government led by Prime Minister Robert Golob ahead of the general election scheduled for March 22, as health reform has been a

central element of its political agenda. In a separate development, Slovenia's economic sentiment indicator rose to 0.6 points in December, the highest level since June 2022, the Statistical Office said on Wednesday. December also marked the first time since December 2022 that the indicator turned positive, according to official data. In recent years, economic sentiment in Slovenia has remained negative amid weak external demand for Slovenian products.



Govt launches water security initiative in stressed rural blocks

New Delhi, July 9 : The Union government on Thursday launched the 'National Initiative on Water Security' to give precedence to water-related works in water-stressed rural blocks, an official said. The initiative makes a minimum expenditure on water conservation and harvesting activities mandatory in rural blocks, said an official of the Jal Shakti Ministry in a statement. The policy was launched jointly by Union Minister for Rural Development, and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil.

Chouhan said that groundwater levels are continuously depleting and water has become one of the biggest global challenges. He noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been committed to water conservation since his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat and has led numerous initiatives to underline its importance. The Prime Minister has given the nation direction through campaigns like 'Catch the Rain', rainwater harvesting, and the construction of 'Amrit Sarovars', he said. He added that the Prime Minister had instructed in a meeting of the Council of Ministers that a

fixed portion of MGNREGA funds must be earmarked for water conservation. He said now in 'over-exploited' blocks, 65 per cent of MGNREGA funds will be used for water-related works; in 'semi-critical' blocks 40 per cent of MGNREGA funds will be spent on water conservation and in blocks without water scarcity at least 30 per cent of funds will go towards water-related works. He said MGNREGA resources will now be channelled with priority into water conservation, boosting groundwater recharge and accelerating conservation drives.

Meghalaya CM urges HM Amit Shah to consider state's concerns over FCRA provisions

New Delhi, July 9 : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Thursday met the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi and urged the Centre to take into account the unique circumstances of the hill state while dealing with issues relating to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA). Chief Minister Sangma was accompanied by a delegation of senior church and commu-

nity leaders representing major Christian denominations in Meghalaya, who raised concerns over certain provisions of the FCRA and the proposed amendments to the legislation. During the meeting, the delegation highlighted that religious, educational, charitable and social welfare institutions in the state depend on foreign contributions for carrying out a wide range of public service activities. They said these institutions oper-

ate numerous schools, colleges, hospitals and community welfare programmes that cater to people across Meghalaya, particularly in remote and rural areas. The Chief Minister stressed the critical role played by these institutions in the state's social and educational landscape and urged the Union government to ensure that genuine organisations engaged in public service are not adversely affected by regulatory changes.



According to an official statement, Chief Minister Sangma requested the Centre to consider Meghalaya's unique socio-cultural and geographical context while framing or implementing provisions related to the FCRA, so that essential services delivered by faith-based and charitable institutions continue without disruption. The delegation included Reverend H.L. Myrsing, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of India; Reverend S. C. Diengngan, Chairman of the FCRA Sub-Committee of the Presbyterian Church of India; Reverend Meyu Changkiri, General Secretary of the North East India Christian Council.

Bihar CM reaffirms commitment to good governance, crime-free state

Patna, July 9 : Bihar Chief Minister, Samrat Choudhary, on Thursday asserted that his government is fully committed to ensuring good governance, strong law and order, and rapid development across the state. Addressing an event during the inauguration of Nabin Kishore Prasad Sinha Path in Patna, the Chief Minister emphasised that a robust law and order system is the foundation for industrial growth and investment in Bihar. He stated that without a secure environment, attracting industries would not be possible, and therefore, governance must be further strengthened. The Chief Minister delivered a strong message on crime control, saying anyone challenging the police will face action within 48 hours. "No criminal will be spared, regardless of identity, caste or religion, and this will not influence law enforcement," he said. He reiterated that the

government's primary goal is to build a crime-free Bihar, adding that there will be zero compromise on maintaining law and order. According to Samrat Choudhary, ensuring peace and security is essential for attracting industries, generating employment and encouraging investment. He noted that administrative officials and police personnel have been instructed to remain constantly alert and proactive to maintain stability and public safety. The Chief Minister also highlighted ongoing infrastructure development in Patna, particularly projects aimed at tackling waterlogging and improving urban fa-



cilities. He highlighted the ongoing and completed projects, including the Mandiri Drain Project (now inaugurated), Saidpur Drain Project, the Rajiv Nagar Drain Project, the expansion of road networks, and the construction of modern stormwater drainage systems. These projects are expected to significantly reduce waterlogging issues in the capital city. Recalling his tenure as Urban Development Minister in 2014, Samrat Choudhary mentioned a pilot project launched in the Digha area focussed on modern drainage and road construction. At the time, concerns were raised about the maintenance and cleaning of the drainage systems.



Minister Nath urges unity for 'Viksit Tripura', backs Guv's development vision

Agartala, July 9 : Tripura Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Thursday said that the Governor's address in the Assembly reflects a strong commitment to democratic governance, development, and people-centric policies, while calling for collective efforts to build a "Viksit Tripura." Speaking during the discussion on the Governor's address in the ongoing session of the Tripura Legislative Assembly, Nath described the speech delivered by Governor Indrasena Reddy as a constitutional reflection of governance and a comprehensive blueprint for the state's progress. "The Governor's speech is not just a formal address but a roadmap of development, progress, and welfare-oriented initiatives. It clearly highlights the work being carried out under the leadership of Chief Minister Manik Saha," Nath said. He also appreciated the Governor for delivering the speech in Bengali and the tribal Kokborok language, calling it a significant and inclusive gesture.

Finland launches campaign to lure global deep-tech talent

Helsinki, July 9 : Finland has launched a new campaign to attract international top experts and advanced researchers in deep technology sectors, highlighting both career opportunities and quality of life in the Nordic country. The initiative, coordinated by Work in Finland, the national body for international recruitment, will target professionals from India, Brazil, the United States and several European countries. It aims to strengthen Finland's innovation capacity and boost employment.



Indian envoy inaugurates Ayurveda camp in Sri Lanka, hundreds of locals benefit

Colombo, July 9 : Reaffirming India's commitment to support community well-being and shared cultural heritage with Sri Lanka, India's High Commissioner to the island nation, Santosh Jha, on Thursday inaugurated an Ayurveda camp at the Buddhist temple of Sri Vijayarama Purana Viharaya in the coastal town of Ambalangoda. According to the Indian High Commission in Colombo, the camp, organised by the Consulate General of India in Hambantota jointly with the Southern Provincial Council of Sri Lanka, is expected to benefit hundreds of local people through free check-ups, consultations and medicines. On the special occasion, the High Commissioner also handed over financial assistance for the temple's development.



SC allows bail plea of ex-Jharkhand Minister Alamgir Alam in tender 'scam' case

New Delhi, July 9 : The Supreme Court on Thursday granted bail to former Jharkhand Rural Development Minister and Congress leader Alamgir Alam and his private secretary Sanjeev Lal in a money laundering case linked to the alleged tender commission scam being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and N. Kotiswar Singh ordered their conditional release after hearing special leave petitions (SLPs) challenging the Jharkhand High Court's order refusing bail. The apex court had earlier, on April 2, directed expeditious examination of four key witnesses in the case and declined interim relief at that stage.

India and Myanmar hold Annual Defence Dialogue, discuss capacity building and training

Naypyitaw, July 9 : India and Myanmar held the Second Annual Defence Dialogue in Naypyitaw on Thursday, with discussions focused on training, capacity building, post-earthquake assistance and cultural goodwill visits. Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Myanmar's Chief of Armed Forces (Training), Major General Kyaw Ko Htike chaired the meeting. "The Second Annual Defence Dialogue between India and Myanmar, chaired by Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh and Chief of Armed Forces Training, Maj Gen Kyaw Ko Htike was held in Naypyitaw today. The discussions focused on training, capacity building, post-earthquake assistance and cultural goodwill visits," Directorate of Public Relations at India's Minis-

try of Defence posted on X. Last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Myanmar's State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in China's Tianjin as both leaders reviewed bilateral ties. PM Modi reiterated India's readiness to support Myanmar's developmental needs. "PM Narendra Modi met with Senior General Mr. Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Security and Peace Commission of Myanmar, on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tianjin, China. The leaders reviewed India-Myanmar ties and discussed the way forward on several aspects of bilateral cooperation.



AAP's promise of eliminating drugs hollow, says Punjab BJP chief

Jalandhar, July 9 : Punjab BJP President Kewal Singh Dhillon on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Aam Aadmi Party government and said despite four and a half years having passed, the promise of eliminating drugs from Punjab has proven completely hollow. Instead, the flow of drugs has increased manifold compared to earlier, he added. Dhillon told the media here that before the elections, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal had promised the people of the state that drugs would be eradicated from the state within just three months. He said even after four and a half years, far from eliminating drugs, a large number of youth are falling prey to drug abuse, and the government's "War Against Drugs" campaign has completely failed. Referring to the arrest of the Deputy Superintendent of Hoshiarpur (Jail), he said the open sale of drugs inside prisons reflected the government's failure. "The viral video from the same jail is also evidence that mobile phones are being used openly inside prisons. Despite being



aware of everything, the government remains busy in jokes and theatrics." He said Punjab is currently battling gangsters, drug abuse, unemployment, and deteriorating law and order, while the Chief Minister is vacationing in Bengaluru. Taking a dig at the government, Dhillon said Punjab has become leaderless and is being run by tainted leaders rejected by Delhi, whereas states governed by the BJP are witnessing rapid development. Citing statistics, he said Punjab, which once ranked first in the country in terms of development, has now slipped to 18th position, while Uttar Pradesh, which was once ranked 17th, has now reached second position. He said industries are continuously being established in BJP-ruled states, law and order is better, and only a BJP government can restore prosperity in Punjab. Referring to the Rs 1,000 per month scheme promised to women, he said instead of paying the full Rs 51,000 due for 51 months, the government has released only the amount for three months, which amounts to mere political theatrics and a large-scale betrayal of Punjab's women. Targeting the Congress party, Dhillon said the party is entangled in internal conflicts and leadership battles and has no real concern for the people of Punjab. Expressing confidence, the state BJP chief said the party would form the government in Punjab in 2027, carrying forward the vision of Maharaja Ranjit Singh's "Sarkar-e-Khalsa".

Anti-Taliban leaders worry about their safety after killing of former Afghan General in Tehran

Kabul, July 9 : Several Afghan leaders have severely condemned the killing of former Afghanistan police commander General Ikramuddin Saree who was shot dead near his residence in Tehran, the capital of Iran, on Thursday evening. Afghan media on Thursday reported that no individual or group has claimed responsibility for the killing so far and the Iranian authorities too have not yet released details of any investigation. "Relatives said Saree was critically wounded in the shooting and died while being transferred to hospital. The reports indicated that the incident occurred in the Valiasr district, one of Tehran's busiest neighbourhoods," reported leading Afghan news agency Khaama Press. "General Saree previously served as police chief in Afghanistan's Baghlan and Takhar provinces and was known as a senior security official during the former government. Like many ex-Afghanistan military personnel, he sought refuge in Iran after the Taliban returned to power in August 2021," it added. Afghanistan's opposition movement leaders have described the killing as an "act of terror", highlighting that it has heightened fears among former security officials living abroad. Calling him as one of the honest commanders committed to the people and the homeland, Jamiat-e



Islami, the National Resistance Front and Freedom Front released statements saying that the killing of Saree underscored growing risks faced by former Afghan military and security figures in exile. "Not long ago, the late Maruf Gholami, a former commander of the Islamic Jamiat, was martyred in Mashhad. Such murders, especially in cities where Afghan political and consular representations are under the control of the Taliban, are a cause for serious concern. It is expected that the relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran will take action to identify the perpetrators of such murders and bring them to justice."

Indonesia committed to boost global Islamic cooperation for harmony: Dy Speaker Soeparno

Jakarta, July 9 : Indonesia's People's Consultative Assembly's (MPR) Deputy Speaker and National Mandate Party (PAN) Vice Chairman, Eddy Soeparno, on Thursday, emphasised Indonesia's commitment to strengthening global co-operation among Islamic countries to promote harmony with the wider international community. His remarks came following an interaction between an Indian all-party parliamentary delegation, led by Janata Dal-United MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, and Indonesian scholars and researchers from leading think tanks and academic institutions. Speaking to IANS, Soeparno said: "We had a very constructive discussion with the Indian MPs. We talked about a range of topics, especially concerning the prevention and fight against terrorism. There was also a strong emphasis on deepening cooperation between India and Indonesia in tackling terrorist activities."



Lee calls for prompt execution of chip cluster, AI investment projects

Seoul, July 9 : President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday called for the prompt execution of the government-led large-scale chip cluster and AI investment projects by expediting administrative procedures, including streamlining environmental impact reviews. The president made the call at a meeting with senior government officials and top executives of leading chipmakers -- Samsung Electronics Co. and SK hynix Inc. -- to discuss follow-up measures for the investment projects, reports Yonhap news agency. Last week, the government unveiled the "three mega projects" initiative, centred on large-scale investments in semiconductors, physical artificial intelligence (AI) and AI data centers, as the country bets big on those advanced industries for its future. In particular, the government plans to establish a semiconduc-

tor production cluster in the southwestern Honam area, with Samsung and SK pledging to invest a combined 800 trillion won (US\$522 billion). "The world is witnessing very intense competition, while an entirely new future is being shaped around AI," Lee said in his opening remarks. "At a time when all-out competition that will determine the nation's fate is under way, who moves first and who moves faster will be the deciding factor," he added. The president called on the government to preemptively identify and tackle potential obstacles to implementing the projects so that companies can focus solely on investment and operations. "Investments should never be delayed because of delays in administrative procedures," he said, calling for streamlining mandatory environmental impact reviews for the chip cluster plan.



Chinese mediation efforts between Pakistan and Afghanistan reap no peace

Islamabad, July 9 : China's attempts to mediate between Pakistan and Afghanistan have yet to see any success, as the hostilities between the two neighbours seem to continue intensely, according to a report. "Despite several mediation attempts by Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, and China, the tensions have not faded away," said a report by The Diplomat. Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed not to escalate the situation after the Urumqi talks mediated.

Immigrant lawmakers celebrate America's promise

Washington, July 9 : As the United States marked the 250th anniversary of its independence, two immigrant members of Congress — one Republican and one Democrat — reflected on their journeys to America and delivered a bipartisan message that legal immigration remains central to the country's identity and future. Republican Congressman Carlos Gimenez of Florida and Democratic Congressman Adriano Espaillat of New York, both naturalised American citizens who arrived in the United States as children, shared their experiences during a special Independence Day edition of CBS's Face the Nation. Gimenez recalled leaving Cuba with his family when he was nearly seven years old after the rise of Fidel Castro's communist regime. "My parents were seeking freedom, not only for themselves, but for us, his children, my sister and I, to give us the opportunity to live in a land of freedom," he said. He remembered arriving in Florida, living with relatives in a crowded home and attending school without speaking English. "I remember vividly my first day going to school... That was my first word in English. Until then, I only spoke Spanish," Gimenez



said. Espaillat, who emigrated from the Dominican Republic at the age of nine, recalled adapting to a new life in New York City after arriving in the middle of winter. "We lived with our grandparents... We got there in December. And, of course, we went to school. Remember sitting in the back of the classroom and... not knowing really a word of English. But, surely and slowly, we acclimated, and here we are," he said. Both lawmakers credited their families' belief in America for shaping their lives. Espaillat said his grandmother, the first in the family to become a US citizen, "was so proud of it" and often spoke about "how great this nation is and how it gave us a new opportunity of moving forward." Despite representing opposing political parties, the two lawmakers found common ground on the need for immigration reform af-

ter securing the nation's borders. Gimenez argued that migrants who have built lives in the United States should not continue living in uncertainty. "Those that have been here for years that have been working, are part of the community, that are part of the economy, we need to find a way to normalize them," he said. "They can come out of the shadows, pay taxes, and then live their life without having fear." Espaillat called for bipartisan action on issues including Dreamers, farm workers and keeping immigrant families together. "A family that's divided, that's fractured is a weak family, and many weak families make up a weak nation," he said. Asked what message they would send to aspiring immigrants, both lawmakers emphasised following legal pathways while celebrating immigration's contribution to America.

Indian envoy holds talks with American counterpart Sergio Gor in Mar-a-Lago

Washington, July 9 : India's Ambassador to the United States Vinay Mohan Kwatra travelled to Mar-a-Lago in Florida, where President Donald Trump is spending Christmas and the New Year, and held talks with his American counterpart, Sergio Gor, to strengthen bilateral ties. "It's always a pleasure to meet with India's Ambassador to the US Vinay Mohan Kwatra. This was his first visit to Mar-a-Lago!" Gor said in a post on X. Kwatra said the two held wide-ranging discussions as

Gor prepares to assume charge as Washington's top envoy in New Delhi. "Happy to connect with US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor in Mar-a-Lago. Extensive discussions on our shared goal to strengthen trade ties, as also his plans and priorities for our bilateral partnership as he prepares to assume his responsibility as the US Ambassador to India!" Kwatra said. Trade and economic cooperation featured prominently in the talks.



US historians urge citizens to defend democracy

Washington, July 9 : As the United States marked the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, two of the country's foremost historians urged Americans to draw strength from their past and take personal responsibility for safeguarding democracy, arguing that the nation's deepest divisions have always been overcome through civic engagement and resilient leadership. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin during an interview on NBC's Meet the Press reflected upon America's democratic journey as the nation celebrated its milestone anniversary. Burns said history offers perspective at a time when many Americans are anxious about the country's future.

US last year cleared \$330 billion in arms sales, pushing for faster system

Washington, July 9 : The United States authorised more than \$330 billion in arms exports last fiscal year, a senior State Department official said, as the Trump administration moved to overhaul a slow and complex defence sales system to speed up deliveries to allies. Stanley L. Brown, Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, told lawmakers the scale of approvals reflects strong global demand for US weapons systems. "That demand reflects the trust our allies and partners place in American defense technology and in the United States as the security partner of choice," Brown said during a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing here. He acknowledged, however, that the current system is struggling to keep pace.

"Our system has not always operated at the speed or scale required to meet urgent operational demands," he said. In his testimony, the State Department official highlighted a series of executive orders, including the "America First Arms Transfer Strategy," aimed at accelerating approvals, strengthening the defence industrial base, and aligning arms sales with national security priorities. However, he told the lawmakers that outdated Congressional notification thresholds and procedural delays risk pushing partners towards alternative suppliers, with "long-term interoperability and



geopolitical consequences." Pentagon acquisition chief Mike Duffey echoed the push for reform, linking arms transfers directly to US military readiness and industrial capacity. "Our national security is inextricably linked to the strength of both our defense industrial base and

our international partners," Duffey said. He added that the administration is restructuring the system to remove regulatory bottlenecks and speed up delivery timelines. "America First does not mean America alone," he said. Duffey said new arrangements with defence contractors are aimed at expanding production, enabling companies to invest more capital while increasing output of key munitions and systems. The Defence Security Cooperation Agency processes more than \$100 billion annually in arms transfers and supports security cooperation across 136 US embassies, officials said. Lawmakers sharply differed over the reforms and their broader implications.



FIFA WC: 'Heroes are made in the knockout rounds,' says Robbie Fowler

New Delhi, July 9 : Former England striker Robbie Fowler believes the FIFA World Cup has entered its most compelling phase, saying the knockout rounds are where 'heroes are made' and even the smallest moments can shape football history. With the tournament reaching the business end, Fowler said the intensity rises significantly once the group stage is over, making every contest feel like a final. "The FIFA World Cup is football at its absolute best. Once you get to the knockout rounds, every match feels like

a final, and the pressure goes up another level. This is where heroes are made and where the smallest moments can define history. We've already seen some incredible stories in this tournament, and I think there are still plenty of twists to come," said Fowler, who is part of Zee5 FIFA World Cup 2026 expert panel. The Liverpool legend also highlighted how the balance of power in international football has shifted, pointing to Norway's shock victory over Brazil as evidence that traditional giants can no longer take success for granted. "The gap between the traditional powerhouses and the rest of the world has never been smaller.



'So happy to see you in the Hall of Fame': Tendulkar congratulates Ganguly on ICC honour

New Delhi, July 9 : Batting great Sachin Tendulkar congratulated former India captain Sourav Ganguly after the latter was named as the latest inductee into the ICC Hall of Fame on his 54th birthday, with Ganguly responding that joining the iconic batter in the prestigious list was the "biggest job satisfaction ever." Taking to X, Tendulkar shared a heartfelt message for his long-time teammate, with whom he formed one of the most successful opening partnerships in ODI cricket. "There aren't too many surprises left after knowing each other since we were 14. This wasn't one either. Congratulations @SGanguly99. So happy to see you in the @ICC Hall of Fame!" Tendulkar wrote. Responding to the message, an emotional Ganguly thanked the cricket icon and said being inducted alongside him was the greatest satisfaction of his cricketing career.

FIFA WC: Morocco forward Saibari ruled out of quarter-final against France

Foxborough, July 9 : Morocco have been dealt a big blow ahead of their crucial FIFA World Cup 2026 Quarter-final clash against a strong France side, as their prime forward Ismael Saibari has been ruled out of the match due to injury. Morocco head coach Mohammed Ouabhi confirmed Saibari's exit in the pre-match press conference on Thursday. According to Ouabhi, the forward could not recover on time after picking a hamstring injury during

Morocco's round of 16 victory against Canada. However, the coach is hopeful that the 25-year-old will be fit for the semi-finals if their team makes the cut. "He's not ready, but I hope it's not the end of the tournament for him," Ouabhi told reporters ahead of the clash. Saibari is one of the top performers for the African side in the ongoing tournament. He scored a goal in all three group stage matches and also converted the penalty in the decisive shootout against the Netherlands in the round of 32.



'Sack him': Stokes shares two-word post amid reports of ICC flagging ECB over retirement video

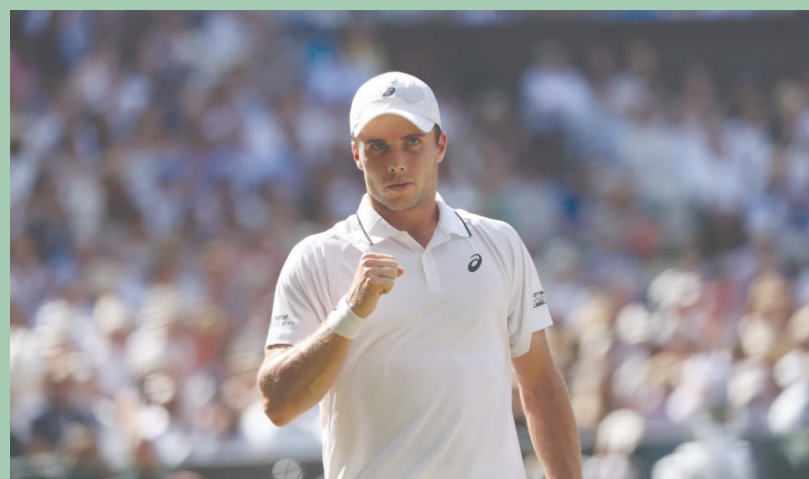
New Delhi, July 9 : Ben Stokes reacted with a two-word social media post to reports suggesting that the International Cricket Council (ICC) had contacted the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over a video announcing his retirement from international cricket during the third Test against New Zealand. The ICC has reportedly written to the ECB regarding a video filmed inside England's dressing room at Trent Bridge, in which Stokes informed his teammates of his decision to retire from international cricket. The board released the footage on the fourth day of the Test while the match was still underway and with Stokes on the field. The former England captain responded to The Telegraph's report on X with a tongue-in-cheek two-word post, writing, "Sack him..." The 35-year-old told his England teammates about his decision before the fourth day of the third and final Test at Trent Bridge. An emotional Stokes spoke to the team before play, urging everyone to finish the match with full commitment. Moments after the announcement was made public, Stokes struck with the ball during his bowling spell. England, however, went on to lose the match by 160 runs as New Zealand secured a 2-1 series victory.

Harsh Mehta to lead the Indian Pro category charge at the Pickleball World Cup 2026

Mumbai, July 9 : The Indian Pickleball Association (IPA) announced the Indian contingent for the Pickleball World Cup 2026 after a highly competitive selection process to represent the nation in Pro category at the Pickleball World Cup 2026, which will be held at Da Nang, Vietnam from August 30 September 6. Harsh Mehta, a recurring name on the international pickleball circuit, will be leading the charge. He will be accompanied by Arjun Singh, who is also representing and captaining India in the U/18 category at the World Cup. Anish Frolan and Aman Patel make the cut as well in the men's category.

Wimbledon: Fearless Fery sails into semis; sets up clash with Roland Garros champ Zverev

London, July 8 : Unheralded Briton Arthur Fery continued his fairytale run at Wimbledon 2026, becoming only the second wild card player ever to reach the men's semifinals with a straight sets victory over Frehn Open 2026 runner-up Flavio Cobolli. Fery continued his best season at his home Grand Slam, cruising past the Italian Cobolli 6-4, 7-6(4), 6-0 in two hours and 14 minutes to emulate Croatian legend Goran Ivanisevic as the second wild card to storm into the semifinals at Wimbledon. Ivanisevic did one better and reached the final 25 years ago. The 23-year-old Briton, who entered the grass-court major with just six tour-level wins to his



name, produced a high-class all-around performance under the baking London sun to overwhelm Top-10 star Cobolli and become the lowest-ranked men's singles semi-finalist at SW19 since then-World No. 125 Goran Ivanisevic won the title in 2001.

The World No. 114 Fery said his tournament is getting better and better. "It just seems to be getting better and better every match," Fery said in his on-court interview. "I just can't believe it. Incredible, playing on Centre Court for the second time, a second win. I just

can't believe it," he added. Fery also became the fifth British man to reach the Wimbledon semifinals in the Open Era after Roger Taylor, Tim Henman, Andy Murray, and Cameron Norrie. In Friday's semifinals at The All England Club, Fery will take on second seed and Roland Garros champion Alexander Zverev, who defeated sixth seed Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. "I guess it's going to be a first time, and we will figure it out as we go," Fery said when asked about his plans ahead of his clash with Zverev. "I'm just going to keep going. I've been doing a great job over the past 10 days. I'm just going to do the same thing and see where that takes me."