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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 He stated that their government repealed the Land Titling Act immediately upon coming to power.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.

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 Seetampur, 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.

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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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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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, Ellanthakunta, 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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Machilipatnam, July 9: State Minister Kollu Ravindra stated that the alliance government's goal is to develop the Machilipatnam constituency across all sectors. On Thursday, he inaugurated a newly constructed head water tank in Chinna Campbell village, located on the outskirts of Kanuru in Bandar Mandal. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister lashed out, stating that the state had suffered immensely due to the YCP's chaotic rule over the past five years. He criticized everyone from the YCP chief down to the grassroots leaders, accusing them of making it their mission to obstruct development. He asserted that they would not pay heed to the baseless criticisms leveled by the opposition. The Minister affirmed that they would move forward on the path of welfare and development by making the best use of the mandate given by the people. The Minister stated that while drinking water is already being supplied to every household in Bandar town, 200 crore is being spent under the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide safe water to every home in rural areas as well. He announced that the work on the prestigious Bandar Port—a project set to transform the region—would be expedited, with the aim of launching it early next year.

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.

Hyderabad, July 9 : The Telangana Gangaputra Sangham has requested the State government to recognize the Gangaputra leaders who took active part in the Telangana movement and appoint them to the nominated positions.

TGS state secretary T Rajesh Khanna Gangaputra today submitted a representation to the Telangana movement committee member and MLC Prof. Kodandaram, at a meeting held at Telangana Amarajyothi premises here.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the **Secured Creditor/Indian Overseas Bank** the **Symbolic/physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank/ Secured Creditor**, will be sold on "**As is where is**" and "**As it is what is**" "**Whatever there is**" and **Without Recourse basis**" on 20.06.2026 for recovery of Rs.37,03,748.58 (Rupees **Thirty Seven Lacs Three Thousand Seven hundred forty eight and paise fifty eight only**) due to the **Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from Borrowers, Shri Chintia Kunta Satish and Late Smt Chintia Kunta Karuna (Borrowers), The Reserve price will be Rs.1,65,86,000/-** and the **earliest money deposit will be Rs.16,65,860/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Only)**

Schedule of the Property: All that residential house Municipal No.1-5-63/1 on plot no. 36 and 39 in survey No.227/A, admeasuring 200 square yards or equivalent to 167.2 square meters, situated at Budvel Village, GHMC Rajendra Nagar Circle, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana **bounded by: North: Plot No.35 and 40, South: Plot No.37 and 38, East: 20' Feet Road, West: 20' Feet Road.**



The Reserve Price: Rs.1,66,58,600/-; EMD: Rs.16,65,860/-

Auction Date:- 21.08.2026 and Last date of submission of bid with EMD: 20.08.2026 till 5.00 P.M. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's** website i.e. www.ioib.in-Auctions.aspx and also <https://baanknet.gov.in>

This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

Date: 08-07-2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 05.07.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	47489430000059 & 474894300000504	1) Mr. Patlolla Vijender Reddy, 2) Mrs. Patlolla Hemalatha, 3) Mr. Patlolla Janardhan Reddy, 4) Mrs. Patlolla Uma Madhuri	17.12.2025	21.02.2026	Rs.56,89,984.85 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four and Eighty Five Paise Only)	31.07.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.1,83,50,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Three Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.18,35,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Only)	14.08.2026 @ 02:00 PM	13.08.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

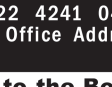
Details of Secured Assets: All that property bearing Old MCH No.9-1-364, (part), New MCH No.9-1-364/B/76, admeasuring 203 Sq. yds; or 169.73 Sq. mts; situated at Langer House, Hyderabad; T.S and Bounded by: North by: Neigh. House, East by: Neigh. House, West by: Neigh. House. Total constructed area GF+FF+SF = 4428.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **"On Line"**. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com** at the web portal contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com, eauctions@auctionbazaar.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com**; **Contact Auctionbazaar Contact Number: 8370969696/ 7997043999**. Email id: contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com.

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in an e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040) & Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362952653)**. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagees about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 09.07.2026, Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

	SHRIRAM Finance
SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED	
Head Office: Level-3, Workhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; 022 4060 3100; Website: http://www.shriramfinance.in/auktion Branch Office Address: No. 10-1-262/5, First Floor, A S Rao Nagar Road, Srinivasa Nagar Colony, Kusaigauda, Hyderabad- 500062.	
Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002	
To:	
S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Venkatesh Guguloth S/o. Govindhu , Age: 37 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. Venkateshwara Brick Business, Malkapur, Thurkapaly, Yadadri-Bhongiri R/o. H.No. 1-111, Baddu Thanda, Malkapuram, Thurkapaly Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist -508116 (Borrower)
2.	Guguloth Kavitha W/o. Venkatesh , Age: 26 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No. 1-111, Baddu Thanda, Malkapuram, Thurkapaly Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist -508116. (Co-Borrower/Guarantor)
3.	Shanthala Mysiah S/o. Subramanyam , Age: 39 Years, Occ: Brick Business, R/o. H.No. 9-223, Mysamma Gutta, Ghatkesar, Medchal-Malkajgiri -501301. (Guarantor)
Sub: Sale of property belonging to VENKATESH GUGULOTH S/o. Govindhu (Borrower) in the account of KSHDATF2204300009 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, KUSAIGAUDA - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 19.01.2026 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 22,81,484/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty four only) within the time stipulated per order therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 06.05.2026. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act. Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of VENKATESH GUGULOTH S/o. Govindhu Mortgage deed dated 07.05.2022 Registered as Document No. 10054/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Yadagirigutta) All that the Open Plot Bearing in Survey No. 84/B/1/1/1, admeasuring an extent of 242 square yards or equivalent to 202,312 sq.meters situated at Malapuram Village, Thurkapaly Mandal, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri District, under G.P. Malkapuram, Telangana State and bounded by: North: Open Plot of Guguloth Ganesh, South: Village Main Road, East: 10' wide Road, West: 10' wide Road. Note: It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."	
Date: 06-07-2026, Place: Malkapuram.	
Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD	



SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Head Office: Level-3, Workhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051;
 Tel: 022 4241 0400, 022 4060 3100; Website: [http://www.shriramfinance.in./](http://www.shriramfinance.in/) auction
 Branch Office Address: No.1-1-262/5, First Floor, A S Rao Nagar Road, Srinivasa Nagar Colony, Kushaiguda, Hyderabad- 500062.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Padilla Linga Reddy S/o. P.Narsi Reddy , Age: 49 Years, Occ: Reddy Poultry Farm, Darmojugudem, Choutuppal R/o. H.No. 1-15, Darmojugudem Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda Dist -508252. (Borrower)
2.	Karre Jagadishwari Dd. Vijay Kumar Reddy , Age: 38 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No. 3-11-344, Sivaganga Colony, Mansoorabad, LB Nagar, Rangareddy -500068 IInd Add: R/o. H.No. 1-15, Darmojugudem Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda Dist -508252. (Co-Borrower/Guarantor)
3.	Yasa Narasimha Reddy S/o. Raghuram Reddy , Age: 47 Years, Occ: Poultry Farm Business, R/o. H.No. 4-100, Nakkalagudem Village, Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda Dist -508252. (Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to **Padilla Linga Reddy S/o. P.Narsi Reddy (Borrower)** in the account of KSHDATF1701300003 for realization of amount due to Shirram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, KUSAIGUDA - Branch**, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **14.02.2026** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 25,52,818/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty two Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen only)** within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has **taken symbolic procession** of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **27.05.2026**.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shirram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shirram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sub.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of Padilla Linga Reddy S/o. P.Narsi Reddy Mortgage deed dated 03.02.2017 Registered as Document No. 383/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Choutuppal.) All that the piece and parcel of land marked as open plot Bearing No. 41, adjoining: 267 Square yards or 223.21 Square meters., in Survey No. 161/ 1, 162/ 2A1, 161/1, 162/ 2B2, 161/ 3 and 162/ 2B2, residential area situated at Lakkaram Village and Gram Panchayat, Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda (Old) Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, and **bounded as follows: East: 30' Wide Road, West: Plot No.6, North: Plot No.40, South: Plot No.42.**

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Date: 06-07-2026, Place: Lakkaram.
Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD



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Head Office: Level-3, Weckhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandrakurli Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051;
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Branch Office Address:No. Plot No 6, D No 101, 1st Floor, Bhaskara Plaza, Vikramপুরi Colony , Karkhana, Secunderabad -500008.

Notice to the Borrower Informing about Sale (30 days' notice) 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Uddemarrri Santhosh S/o Babu , Age : 35 Years, Occ: Sri Sai Wood Works, R/o Plot No 48, Maruthi Nagar, Jammaigadda, Sainikpuri, Kapra, Hyderabad -500062. (Borrower)
2.	Uddemarrri Kavya, W/o Santhosh , Age : 33 Years, Occ: Tailor, R/o Plot No 48, Maruthi Nagar, Jammaigadda, Sainikpuri, Kapra, Hyderabad -500062. (Co-Borrower/Guarantor)
3.	Goondru Sudharshanam S/o Ram Chandram , Age : 39 Years, Occ: Motor Winding Works, R/o H No 2-24, Thimmapur (V), Jagadevpur (M), Siddipet Dist, -502312. (Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to Uddemarrri Santhosh S/o Babu (Borrower) in the account of **KRKHATF2110180002** for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, Karkhana - Branch**, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **06.01.2026** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 24,87,183/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One hundred and Eighty Three only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken **symbolic procession** of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **04.05.2026**.

Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of to Uddemarrri Santhosh S/o Babu Mortgage deed dated 20.10.2021 Registered as Document No. 5589 of 2021on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Gajwel) All that the piece and parcel of Open Land admeasuring 181.94 Sq.Yards or 152.12 Sq.Mrts in Sy.No. 225C/1/1/, situated at Thimmapur Village, Jagadevpur Revenue Mandal, Siddipet District, and **bounded by: North:** Open Place of M.Yadagiri, **South:** Open Place of T.Mallesham, **East:** Open Place of M.Yadagiri, **West:** 15'-0" Wide Road

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Date: 06-07-2026,
Place:Thimmapur.

**Sd/- Authorized Officer,
SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.**

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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.

Religious intolerance deepens in Pakistan as Ahmadi woman denied burial rights

Islamabad, July 9 : A leading minority rights group has highlighted the deepening religious intolerance in Pakistan, citing a incident where a woman from the Ahmadi community has been denied burial by the hardline elements of society — specifically, the radical Islamist party Tehreek-e-Labbai Pakistan (TLP) — backed by the local authorities. According to the Voice of Pakistan Minority (VOPM), the case of the deceased Qudsia Tabassum, whose body has been in the mortuary for the last two days, reflects the decades of religious discrimina-

tion and violence faced by the Ahmadi community, who are now being denied even the most basic right of burying their loved ones. The rights body stated that a representative from the Ahmadi community, Babar, explained that this graveyard, located in Piru Chak region of Pakistan's Punjab province.



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.



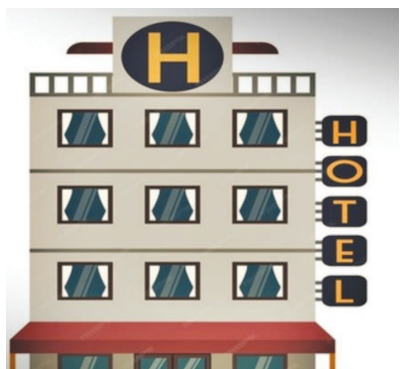
Adani to set up 2,000-bed hospital in New Town area near Kolkata, 1,000 beds reserved for poor patients

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.

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.



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.

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.





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 power-houses 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.

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 Frehcn 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.