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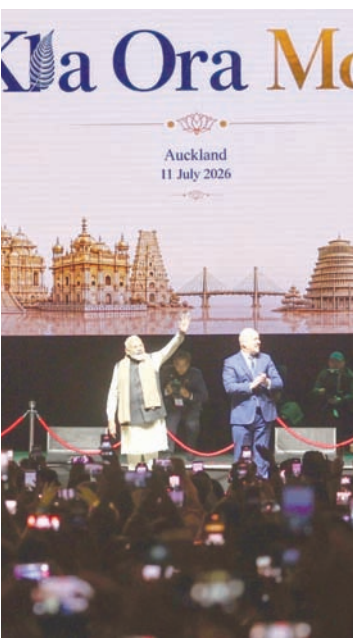
Hyderabad, July 11: Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that out of the seven bullet trains announced for the country, Telangana has secured three. He revealed that Telangana received these three bullet trains thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and noted that the state is set to become a hub for bullet trains. He mentioned that once these trains become operational, travel times would be significantly reduced: Hyderabad to Vijayawada in just 1 hour and 10 minutes, Hyderabad to Mumbai in 2 hours and 20 minutes, and Hyderabad to Chennai in two hours.

India ranks 1st in milk production, 2nd in mobile, 3rd in auto globally: PM Modi in New Zealand



Auckland, July 11 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday highlighted India's rapid economic transformation, saying the country has emerged as the world's largest milk producer, while also becoming the second-largest mobile producer and telecom market and the third-largest automobile market globally. Addressing Indian community at 'Kia Ora Modi event' here, PM Modi said that despite global un-

certainities, India's pace of development has remained unprecedented. India is the world's second-largest mobile producer and telecom market, according to him. PM Modi further highlighted that India is the world's largest milk producer and the third-largest automobile market. He said the India-New Zealand relationship is built on cherished memories, enduring friendship.



Women, youth key to Viksit Bharat vision : Governor

Hyderabad, July 11 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday underscored that women's empowerment and the active participation of youth are indispensable for achieving the vision of a Viksit Bharat. He said the Union government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has accorded high priority to expanding opportunities for women in political, economic and social spheres.



Sridhar Babu inaugurates India's first CMP Pad Hub

Hyderabad, July 11 : Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu inaugurated India's first hub dedicated to Chemical Mechanical Polishing (CMP) Pad Technologies, a critical component in chip manufacturing, in Hyderabad on Saturday. The centre, set up at T-Works in collaboration with Japan-based Toho Koki Seisakusho Co. Ltd., was formally inaugurated on Saturday by Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, Sridhar Babu said the State government is working in a planned and strategic manner to transform Telangana into one of India's leading semiconductor hubs. He said the newly launched CMP Pad Technology Hub would play a crucial role in achieving this goal.



Man on POCSO bail murders 6 in Shabad

Hyderabad, July 11 : In what is being described as one of the most horrific crimes to occur in the region recently, a man is alleged to have murdered six individuals, including a 17-year-old girl, a woman, and two young children, in the Shabad mandal of Rangareddy district early on Saturday. Authorities have indicated that the homicides are connected to a case filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against the accused earlier this year. According to police, Raj Kumar, a resident of Daivalaguda village within the Shabad mandal.

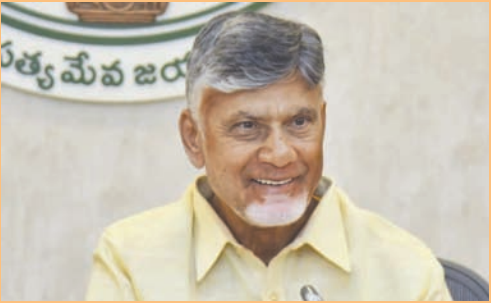


Emirates keen on investments in Telangana; key discussions with CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, July 11 : Mohammed Sarthan, Vice President (India) of Emirates airline, met Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Saturday as a courtesy call. During the meeting, he discussed several key issues with the Chief Minister. The Vice President of Emirates India paid a courtesy call on the Chief Minister to mark the airline's 25th anniversary. He expressed the company's willingness to launch Emirates A380 services in Hyderabad. CM Revanth Reddy requested Emirates to further expand its flight services. With two new airports set to be established in Telangana, the Chief Minister suggested that Emirates also conduct its MRO operations there.

Jagan has a 'hit-and-run' mentality : CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, July 11 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu criticized individuals with criminal mindsets for misusing social media to target the government and public representatives. During an informal interaction with the media in Amaravati, he made scathing remarks against YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Chandrababu alleged that Jagan possesses a 'hit-and-run' mentality, criticizing him for instigating incidents in the state and then fleeing to Bengaluru to hide. He stated that Jagan is deliberately provoking TDP leaders in an attempt to incite chaos. The Chief Minister emphasized that they have issued clear instructions to party leaders and cadres not to get provoked under any circumstances. Chandrababu stated that such actions are indicative of a 'psycho' mentality. Citing the incident in Telangana where an accused in a POCSO case was released on bail and subsequently murdered six people, he highlighted the dangers of a criminal mindset. The CM alleged that Jagan, too, is operating with a criminal mindset. He criticized Jagan's tendency to attack and target those who do not cooperate with him.



He remarked that Jagan relies on only two things: the axe and negative trolling on social media. Chandrababu stated that the government is effectively countering this type of propaganda. CM Chandrababu remarked that people need spirituality alongside technological knowledge, as this enhances their ability to easily distinguish between truth and falsehood. CM Chandrababu advised everyone to remain vigilant amidst the rapid changes occurring in the technology sector. He noted that further technological advancements are on the horizon and emphasized the need to be prepared to handle them effectively. Consequently, he clearly instructed TDP leaders not to succumb to provocations by the YCP or fall into any traps.



INS Mahendragiri dedicated to the nation: Rajnath Singh

Visakhapatnam, July 11 : Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that the induction of the state-of-the-art warship INS Mahendragiri into the Indian Navy would further strengthen national security. Dedicated the vessel to the nation at a ceremony in Visakhapatnam, he described it as a crucial step that would further enhance the Indian Navy's capabilities. Rajnath Singh stated that Visakhapatnam has emerged as a key hub for India's maritime security. He praised the rapid development of the aerospace and defense sectors in the state, attributing it to the visionary approach of AP CM Chandrababu Naidu. He stated that the focus is on cutting-edge technology to further enhance the country's defense capabilities. He mentioned that fifth-generation aircraft carrier technology.

The land re-survey must be conducted meticulously

- Targets must be achieved according to the plan.
- State Minister for Revenue, Housing, and Information, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy.
- Review conducted via video conference with District Collectors from all districts.
- District Collector Garima Agrawal attended.

Rajanna Sircilla, July 11: State Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to conduct the land re-survey across the state in a meticulous manner. On Saturday, the Minister held a video conference from the Khammam District Integrated Collectorate with Collectors from all districts to review various issues, including the land re-survey, implementation of the ‘Bhu-Bharathi’ scheme, resolution of ‘Sadabainama’ (unregistered land transaction) applications, distribution of ‘Indiramma’ houses and 2BHK houses, and the distribution of student uniforms. D.S. Lokesh Kumar, Special Chief Secretary of the

Revenue Department, participated from Hyderabad. District Collector Garima Agrawal, accompanied by Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh, attended the meeting from the Integrated District Collectorate (IDOC). During the session, the Minister spoke with several District Collectors, inquiring about the progress of the re-survey, public response, and the procedures being followed in their respective districts. Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated that after the formation of the people’s government, the ‘Dharani’ portal was abolished and the ‘Bhu-Bharathi’ Act was introduced, emphasizing that ensuring complete security for farmers’ lands is the government’s objective. It was announced that licensed surveyors working on the re-survey would be paid a total of ₹ 60 per acre, comprising ₹ 50 for the survey work and an additional ₹ 10 for transportation and other expenses; assurances were given that measures would be taken to ensure prompt payments. Instructions were issued to contact licensed



surveyors who had not yet come forward for the survey duties and to cancel the licenses of those who failed to do so. Directives were also given to process ‘Sadabainama’ (unregistered land sale) applications in accordance with regulations and to issue notices expeditiously. Orders were issued to expedite the completion of the first phase of ‘Indiramma’ housing construction and to hand over pending 2BHK houses to beneficiaries in their current state, with funds for remaining works to be released later. It was made clear that officials responsible for failing to execute works despite the release of funds would face immediate suspension. Instructions were given to promptly finalize the selection of beneficiaries for the second phase of ‘Indiramma’ housing—prioritizing families living in huts—and to include eligible applicants who missed out on the first phase. Officials were also directed to ensure the seamless supply of sand and soil. Telangana Housing Corporation MD Gautam stated that a state-wide survey had identified approximately 41,000 huts and that the process of sanctioning ‘Indiramma’ houses to all eligible individuals is currently underway.

Indiramma Houses, making the dream of owning a home a reality

Adilabad, July 11 : District Collector Rajarshi Shah said that the Indiramma House Scheme, implemented by the government with the aim of realizing the long-held dream of owning a house for the poor, is continuing successfully. The Collector, who visited Kolhari village in Gudihatnur mandal on Saturday, cut the ribbon and inaugurated the newly con-

structed Indiramma houses. Afterwards, they conducted a house-warming ceremony with the beneficiaries and inspected the quality of construction of the houses as well as the infrastructure provided. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the government’s goal is to provide safe housing to every eligible poor family. The beneficiaries were advised to take advantage of the

opportunity provided by the government and take proper care of their houses. Later, a surprise inspection was conducted of the ongoing voter mapping process at the Kolhari Gram Panchayat office. He examined voter registration records and inquired with officials about the progress of the process. He instructed the officials to maintain complete transparency in the preparation of the voter list



and to take special steps to ensure that the name of every young man and woman who has completed 18 years of age is registered in the voter list. He suggested that a comprehensive review be carried out at the field level to ensure that there are no errors such as fake votes.

Interaction with Engineers and Manufacturing Teams at Medha Bogies Factory

Hyderabad, July 11 : Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw interacted with engineers and manufacturing teams during his visit to the Medha Bogies Factory in Hyderabad, along with Union Minister for Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy. During the visit, the Minister reviewed various stages of the manufacturing process and interacted closely with engineers and manufacturing teams engaged in the production of railway coaches and components. He took firsthand feedback on production processes, technical capabilities, skill development initiatives and the train-



ing being provided to the workforce to support advanced manufacturing. Shri Vaishnaw also enquired about the employees’ day-to-day responsibilities, their learning and training experience, and the adoption of modern manufacturing practices within the facility. He appreciated the dedication, technical

expertise and commitment of the teams, noting that a highly skilled workforce is central to India’s growing railway manufacturing capabilities. The Minister also reviewed the manufacturing infrastructure and received updates on quality standards, production systems and capacity enhancement initiatives being undertaken at the facility.



Revanth orders aid after Vietnam boat tragedy

Hyderabad, July 11 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed profound shock over reports that some tourists from the Telugu States were killed in a boat accident during their

visit to Vietnam. Following reports that Indian tourists visiting Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam had died in the accident, the Chief Minister immediately alerted senior officials.

CHANGE OF NAME
I MEDICHARLA LIKHITH, S/o MEDICHARLA ADINARAYANA, aged about 19 years, residing at D.No. 1-76,1 Block Gunnapalli Agraharam, Amalapuram Mandal, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andhra Pradesh - 533214. Actually my name was wrongly mentioned as MEDICHARLA LIKHITH, and I have changed the name of Mine I shall hereafter be known as MEDICHARLA JAYARAM LIKHITH, S/o MEDICHARLA ADINARAYANA for all Purposes.

Bank of Maharashtra
ZONAL OFFICE HYDERABAD:
H.No. 4-3-448 To 460 & 465 to 468, 1st Floor,
Vinootha Pittie's Majesty, Gopal Bagh Near Bank Street, Koti, Hyderabad.
HEAD OFFICE: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5

DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.
The accounts of the following borrowers with Bank of Maharashtra having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFAESI Act on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned.
The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to Bank of Maharashtra; within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrowers' obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to Bank of Maharashtra.

Name & Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower: 1) Mushke Manasa W/o, Mushke Sunil Valmiki, 3-83/11, Hanumanthnigpet, Rampalle, Peddapalli-505174. 2) Mushke Sunil Valmiki S/o, Chandra Mohan, H.No.1, Rampalli, Peddapalli-505172. 3) Thakkalka Komuramma W/o, Gangaiah, Hanumanthnigpet, Rampalle, Peddapalli-505174.
Total Outstanding Balance: Rs.19,02,380.10/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh two thousand three hundred and eighty paise ten only) plus unpaid interest Rs.28946/- (Rupees Twenty eight thousand nine hundred forty six only) up to 30.12.2025 and interest thereon @ 9.2% (including 2% penal interest) w.e.f.30.12.2025 plus expenses and other charges if any. **NPA Date on 29.12.2025 Demand Notice Date: 10.07.2026**

Description of the Immovable Properties: All those piece and parcel of the Residential house R/o H.No.3-81/15 admeasuring 315-92 Sq Meters, situated at Hanumanthnigpeta V/o Peddapalli(M), Peddapalli District Bounded by: East: House of GujjulaShailu, West: CC Road, North: CC Road, South: House of GujjulaGovind, At SRO - Peddapally **CESRSAI Asset Id : 200066722491**

If the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment to Bank of Maharashtra as aforesaid, then the Bank of Maharashtra shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers/ Guarantors as to the costs and consequences.
In terms of provisions of SARFAESI ACT, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors are prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Bank of Maharashtra. Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and/or penalty in accordance with the SARFAESI Act. For more details notice may collect the unserved returned notices on the undersigned.

Date: 10-07-2026, Place: Peddapalli **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra**

CAN FIN HOMES LTD.
Branch Office: H.No.5-122, Opp. Anutex, First Floor, Canara Nagar, Boduppal Main Road, Medchal-Malkajgiri-500092.
Tel: 7625079230, E-mail ID: ghatkesar@canfinhomes.com
Website: www.canfinhomes.com, CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties
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 proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. NOTICE is hereby given in 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, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Ghatkesar Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 19-08-2026 (date of the sale), for recovery of Rs.29,74,520/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Pudatthu Kavitha (Borrower) and Pudathu Pradeep (Co-borrower), as on 10-07-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs.35,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.3,55,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Only).
Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances: All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No.202, in Second Floor, House No.3-2/4/202/A/1, (PTIN No. 1195400605) of "SUJA HOMES", with a Built-up area of 1100 Square feet, including common areas and One Car Parking area, along with undivided share of land admeasuring 27.3 Sq.Yards, or equivalent to 22.82 Sq. Mtrs., Out of 492.5 Sq.Yds., Constructed on Plot No. 40/A, in Survey No. 43, Situated at Prashanthi Hills of MEERPET Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, under Meerpent Municipal Corporation, Registration Sub-Registrar Office, L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District, and bounded by:- North: Corridor, South: Open to sky, East: Open to sky, West: Lift & Open to sky. Encumbrance nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction: www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 10-07-2026, Place: Ghatkesar **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd.**

SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiriram 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, Aurum 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 08.07.2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Boloji Raju, S/O: Balaji Narsimha Chary, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 13-198/A/D1, Ground Floor, Padmavathi Homes, Gokul Nagar, Medchal-501401, B/O: Proprietor Of "Sri Laxmi Narsimha Furniture And Wood Works" At # Same As Resi Address. 2) Boloji Lalitha, W/O: Boloji Raju, Age: 38 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 13-198/A/D1, Ground Floor, Padmavathi Homes, Gokul Nagar, Medchal-501401. 3) K Yuvaraju, S/O: Chandram, Age: 30 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address : 1: H No: 1-33/1, Vinnaak Nagar Colony, Medchal-501401, Address-II: H No: C 6, Groundfloor, Ravendra Colony, Medchal, -501401, B/O: Propator Of "Sri Durga Motors" At # Same As Resi Address.
(Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 20,67,398/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Only)
Description of Property SANNGTF2107190002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is BOLOJI RAJU, Mortgage deed dated 19.07.2021 Registered as Document No 6549/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at B(BINAGAR) All That The Dismantle House Bearing No. 3-42 (Now In The Shape Of Open Plot), Admeasuring 260 Sq.Yards Or 217.36 Sq.Mtrs, Situated At Venkiral Village, Bibinagar Revenue Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District, Under Venkiral Grampanchayath And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open Land Of D.Krishnamurthy, Towards West: Road, Towards North: Open Land Of Vadla Sathaiah, Towards South: Road.
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: Yadadri Bhongir. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Shaik Vali, S/O: Shaik Badashah @Alias Shaik Badesab, Age: 63years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O Address:- 3-133, Edulugula Gudam Village, New VTC, Valigonda, Vemulakonda, Nalgonda-508121, Address-II: H.No: 2-92, Adullagudem, Poddatur, Nalgonda-508112. B/O: Proprietor Of "Chicken Center" At # Same As Residence Address. (Borrower (Died) Notice Not To Be Issued Since Died), 2) Shaik Shakira, W/O: Shaik Vali @Alias Sheku Voli, Age: 53 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No 3-133/1, Edullagudem, For New VTC, Nalgonda-508112. (Guarantor No.1) 3) Shaik Shameem Pasha, S/O: Abbas Ali Shaik, Age: 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No:1-6, Varkypalli, Sangam, Nalgonda-508252, B/O: Proprietor Of "Borwell" (Guarantor No.2.) 4) Shek Shaikhavoli, S/O: Shek Voli, Age: 36 Years, R/O H No 3-133/1, Edullagudem, For New VTC, Nalgonda-508112. (Legal Heir Of The Deceased Borrower) 5) Shaik Saleem Pasha, S/O: Shaik Voli, Age: 33years, R/O: H No 3-133/1, Edullagudem, For New VTC, Nalgonda-508112. (Legal Heir Of The Deceased Borrower) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 23,42,184/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Only)
Description of Property SANNGTF2103260009 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is SHAIK SHAKIRA, Mortgage deed dated 30.03.2021 Registered as Document No 796/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at RAMANAPET) All That The Residential House Bearing No.2-92, Constructed With Brick Walls And R.C.C. Roof, Having Plinth Area 1270 Sq.Feet (Including Built-Up Area And Open Place), Admeasuring 257 Sqyards Or Equivalent To 214.85 Sq.Mtrs, Situated At Edullagudm H/O. Poddatur, Valigonda Revenue Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri Dist And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Poddatur To Valigonda Road, Towards West: House Of Mettu Malu Reddy, Towards North: House Of Chinnaam Swamy, Towards South: House Of Gardula Gopal.
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: Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shiriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Linga Reddy S, S/O: Surakanti Sathireddy, Age: 47 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Address - I: R/ O: Plot No:27, Lecturers Colony, Hayath Nagar, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad-501505, Address - II: R/O:H.No:2/10, Darmojigudem(V), Choutuppal(M), Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri(D)-508252. 2) Sunitha Bhukya, S/O: Linga Reddy Surakanti, Age: 29 Years, Occ: House Wife, Address - I: R/O: Plot No:27, Lecturers Colony, Hayath Nagar, Hayath Nagar, Hyderabad-501505, Address - II: R/O:H.No:2/10, Darmojigudem(V), Choutuppal(M), Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri(D)-508252. 3) Linga Reddy Annapalli, S/O:Anji Reddy Annapalli, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Plot No: 181, Huda Sai Nagar Colony 2nd Floor, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad, 500070, B/O: Proprietor Of "Sri Sai Communications" At # Same As Residency Address.
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Shivraj Singh Chouhan, CM Bhajan Lal Sharma review rural development roadmap for Rajasthan

Jaipur, July 11 : Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, on Saturday met the Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi to review the implementation of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-GRAM G) initiative and other rural development programmes in the state. During the meeting, the two leaders reviewed the progress

of Gram Sabha-led planning, transparent utilisation of public funds, and the Gram Chaupal model, which they said have accelerated rural employment generation, creation of durable community assets and holistic development across Rajasthan. Both the leaders expressed satisfaction over the implementation of rural development programmes and reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening participatory, transparent and sustainable rural governance. Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the Centre is imple-



menting a bottom-up development model, where planning begins at the village and gram panchayat level, ensuring that development projects reflect local priorities. Through Gram Sabhas, villagers identify and prioritise works that address local needs while creating

long-term public assets. Highlighting the progress of the VB-GRAM G programme, Union Minister Chouhan said that Rs 445 crore has already been released to Rajasthan, of which nearly Rs 200 crore has been utilised.

8 injured as Raj roadways bus hits stationary sleeper coach on Jaipur-Agra highway; traffic disrupted

Bharatpur, July 11 : Eight passengers were injured after a Rajasthan Roadways bus collided with a stationary sleeper coach on the Agra-Jaipur National Highway near Kadam Kunj Hotel in Rajasthan's Bharatpur, police said. The injured passengers were rushed to the Raj Bahadur Memorial (RBM) Hospital, where they are undergoing treatment, officials said on Saturday. The accident took place around 4:30 p.m. under the jurisdiction of Chiksana police station when the Roadways bus rammed into the rear of a sleeper coach that had stopped after developing a technical fault. According to the police, the sleeper coach was travelling from Bharatpur towards Agra when it broke down near Kadam Kunj Hotel.



Rajasthan: Education Dept orders demolition of dilapidated school buildings

Jaipur, July 11 : The Rajasthan School Education Department has directed officials across the state to take immediate action against unsafe school infrastructure, making it clear that there will be no compromise on student safety. Additional Chief Secretary (School Education) Rajesh Yadav has instructed all District Education Officers to ensure the demolition of school buildings declared dilapidated as a priority and to strictly prohibit classes from being conducted in such structures. Chairing a review meeting at the Education Complex auditorium on Saturday, Yadav stressed that students must not be made to study either in unsafe buildings or in the open.

He directed officials to make immediate alternative arrangements to ensure uninterrupted and safe education wherever school buildings have been declared unsafe. Yadav said the department is conducting a statewide survey of dilapidated school buildings in compliance with court directions. Based on the survey findings, necessary action will be taken to ensure that students are provided with a secure learning environment. During the meeting,

BJD MP Sasmit Patra urges CEC to ensure transparent, error-free SIR process in Odisha

Bhubaneswar, July 11 : In the wake of the Election Commission of India's (ECI) announcement regarding the conduct of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Phase-III exercise in 16 states and three Union Territories, including Odisha, senior Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra on Saturday wrote to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, urging the ECI to ensure a transparent and error-free SIR process in Odisha commencing. In his letter, Patra drew the attention of CEC Gyanesh Kumar to his earlier representations regarding issues observed during the preliminary verification phase of the SIR exercise in Odisha.



Congress demands higher moong procurement target for MP, writes to Centre and state

Bhopal, July 11 : The Madhya Pradesh Congress has demanded that the Centre immediately increase the state's summer moong procurement target, alleging that the existing quota is far below the actual production and would force thousands of farmers to sell their produce below the Minimum Support Price (MSP). In a letter to Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday, Pradesh Congress Committee President Jitu Patwari claimed that procurement arrangements had been made for only about 25 per cent of the state's actual moong production. "Publicly available information and complaints from farmers suggest that procurement arrangements have been made for only about 25 per cent of the actual production.

77 pc Enumeration Forms distributed in Karnataka as SIR progresses amid row

Bengaluru, July 11 : Amid the controversy surrounding the exercise, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, on Saturday said that 77.18 per cent of the Enumeration Forms (EFs) have been distributed as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR).



Army, Assam Rifles successfully validate helicopter insertion at Vijaynagar in Arunachal

Itanagar, July 11 : The Indian Army and the Assam Rifles on Saturday successfully validated the helicopter insertion of troops at Vijaynagar in Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district, officials said, highlighting enhanced operational preparedness in the remote border area. Defence spokesman Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said that as part of a joint exercise between Assam Rifles and the In-

dian Army, a swift heli-borne insertion of troops was successfully undertaken in the strategically significant Vijaynagar Salient on Monday. He said that the exercise was aimed at validating rapid troop insertion capabilities and enhancing operational orientation in challenging and remote terrain. According to Lt Col Rawat the carefully planned activity demonstrated the ability of the forces to swiftly induct acclimatized troops into a simulated operational area,

reflecting preparedness to respond effectively to emerging security challenges. Emphasis was laid on speed, coordination and precision, ensuring seamless execution under realistic conditions, he stated. "The troops displayed a high degree of professionalism, adaptability and combat readiness during the exercise," the spokesman said. The joint drill significantly enhanced operational reach and reinforced inter-force synergy, highlighting the robust coordina-



tion and mutual understanding between Assam Rifles and the Indian Army. Such exercises play a vital role in refining standard operating procedures, improving interoperability and strengthening collective response mechanisms in strategically sensitive regions, Lt Col Rawat stated. Changlang District covered with

picturesque hills lies in the southeastern corner of Arunachal Pradesh, is the easternmost part of India, having an international boundary with Myanmar. In another development, the Army organised a Christmas celebration in the hills of Menchuka in Arunachal Pradesh's Shi-Yomi District on Thursday. Lt Col Rawat said that the serene hills of Menchuka resonated with the spirit of Christmas as teachers from St. Francis de Sales (SFS) College, Aalo undertook a meaningful journey of faith,



In-depth investigation into wildlife poisoning case: Maha Minister

Mumbai, July 11 : Maharashtra Forest Minister Ganesh Naik on Saturday informed the Legislative Council that an in-depth investigation is underway into the wildlife poisoning incident in the Chaurakund forest range under the Sipna Wildlife Division of the Melghat Tiger Reserve in Amravati district. Extensive preventive measures are being implemented to avoid such occurrences in the future. The discussion was initiated through a calling-attention motion moved by member Milind Narvekar, with active participation from members Bachchu Kadu, Bhai Jagtap, Sunil Shinde, Sanjay Khodke, and Manisha Kayande. Naik stated that the Forest Department is taking necessary actions and measures to mitigate human-wildlife conflict. Emphasis is being placed on tracking human movement in strictly restricted forest zones using satellite surveillance.



Strict action against errant charity hospitals, special district level inspection drives to be launched : Maha minister

Mumbai, July 11 : Maharashtra Minister Shambhuraj Desai, who has been assigned the Urban De-

velopment department during Monsoon session period, said in the Legislative Council that charity hospitals in Maharashtra will

face stringent action if they fail to comply with government regulations. The Minister on Saturday added that special inspection drives will be conducted by district-level committees to rigorously verify hospital dashboards, the implementation of government healthcare schemes, and compliance with other mandatory conditions. The announcement came in response to a query raised by Member Anil Parab during Question Hour. Several other members, including Neelam Gorhe, Parinay Phuke, Chandrakant Raghuvanshi, Rajiv Potdar, Chitra Wagh, Bachchu Kadu, Niranjana Davkhare, Bhai

Jagtap, Pramod Jathar, and Manisha Kayande, raised supplementary queries on the issue. Minister Desai told the House that district-level monitoring committees are currently operational in every district of the state to oversee charity hospitals. He emphasised that these committees must hold regular meetings to inspect whether hospitals are adhering to the rules. The Additional District Collectors, in their capacity as member-secretaries, will be immediately instructed to launch special inspection drives. Hospitals found with deficiencies will face strict punitive action. The state government is closely

monitoring complaints regarding exorbitant fees charged by hospitals. The state administration is also considering appointing Special Public Prosecutors to handle such cases, the Minister said. He added that it is compulsory for all eligible charity hospitals to effectively implement various government health initiatives, including the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY). According to the Minister, hospitals are legally required to display dashboards showing information regarding free treatments.

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India and Rwanda agree to deepen defence cooperation

India and Rwanda on Tuesday agreed to deepen defence cooperation in military training, joint exercises, medical collaboration and the defence industry, further strengthening the bilateral defence partnership. "The 2nd India–Rwanda Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting was held in New Delhi on 6-7 July 2026. Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Shri Amitabh Prasad and Brig Gen Louis Kanobayire of Rwanda co-chaired the meeting. Both sides agreed to deepen defence cooperation in military training, joint exercises, medical collaboration and the defence industry, further strengthening the India-Rwanda Defence Partnership," the Ministry of Defence wrote on X. On Monday, the Rwandan delegation laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi to honour fallen brave soldiers ahead of the 2nd Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting between India and Rwanda. "Rwanda-India Def. Cooperation: This morning, ahead of the 2nd Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting in New Delhi, the Rwandan delegation led by Brig Gen Kanobayire Louis started with wreath-laying at the National War Memorial to honour fallen brave soldiers," Rwanda's High Commission in India wrote on X. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Pabitra Margherita, on Monday attended the 32nd anniversary celebrations of Rwanda's Liberation Day. "Delighted to attend KWI BOHORA32, the 32nd anniversary celebrations of the Liberation Day of Rwanda. I convey our heartiest congratulations to the Government and people of Rwanda on this joyous occasion. Rwanda's socio-economic transformation over the past three decades is inspirational," MoS Margherita wrote on X. According to the High Commission, Kwibohora32 in India saw hundreds of guests: Indian Govt Officials, members of the diplomatic community, Defence Attaches, civil society, media, corporates and members of the Rwandan community. The event was also marked by Rwandan and Indian cultural troupes. Rwanda's High Commissioner to India, Mukangira Jacqueline, addressed the gathering. "High Commissioner Mukangira Jacqueline addressing the gathering with the honoured presence of Shri Pabitra Margherita, Indian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Textiles. She recognised the presence of RDF members who are in India for a working visit," the High Commission noted on X.

Strong, violent typhoon may approach Japan's Okinawa around weekend

Tokyo, July 11 : Typhoon Bavi, a very large and violent tropical cyclone, could approach Japan's southern island prefecture of Okinawa with strong intensity later this week, the country's weather agency said on Saturday. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), as of 3 a.m. local time on Tuesday, the season's ninth typhoon was moving westward near the Mariana Islands in the Pacific at a speed of 30 kilometres per hour (kph), packing gusts of up to 270 kph, and had an atmospheric pressure of 920 hectopascals at its centre. The typhoon is expected to change course toward the north and may approach Okinawa with very strong intensity around Friday and Saturday. The JMA urged the public to stay updated with the latest forecasts and weather warnings.



As Bavi draws closer, seas around Okinawa Prefecture and the Amami region of Kagoshima Prefecture are expected to turn very rough from around Thursday, and Okinawa may see severe weather and warning-level torrential rainfall from around Friday. Depending on the typhoon's track, rough seas could also develop off the southern part of Japan's southwestern main island of Kyushu. Last month, Typhoon Jangmi made landfall in the southern part of Wakayama Prefecture in western Japan.

India's UN Mission building evacuated after parts of nearby tower begin to buckle

New York, July 11 : India's UN Mission building was evacuated on Saturday after part of a tower across the street buckled, threatening nearby structures. A source said everyone at the 27-storey mission building was safe and that they left the building when they were informed that a city evacuation

order was coming. The building, with a red sandstone facade, includes housing for the families of mission staff, as well as offices and conference facilities. The mission building itself was safe as of noon local time on Tuesday, and the evacuation order for the mission building was only a precautionary measure. The problem arose at Pfizer's

former world headquarters, which is now being converted into a residential building. Mayor Zohran Mamdani said many tall buildings in the area are also being evacuated. He added that luckily there



have been no injuries to report at this time, and all workers are accounted for. Officials said beams on the 21st and 22nd floors of the Pfizer building began to buckle on Tuesday morning, endangering the safety of the upper floors up to the 26th, which started to sag, raising fears of a major collapse.

China: 6 dead, 11 missing after torrential rains hit Guangxi

Beijing, July 11 : Six people are dead, and 11 others are missing as of Saturday evening after torrential rains triggered flooding in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, local authorities reported. The torrential rains caused by Typhoon Maysak have affected 375,000 people across Guangxi, and a total of 130,000 people have been evacuated from the affected areas, according to officials at a media conference, Xinhua news agency reported, Rescue operation is underway in Guangxi, with more than 8,000 people, over 1,700 vehicles and 5,700 boats deployed for search and rescue, as well as hazard removal. Parts of the region are forecast to receive heavy rains for the next three days. At present, 341 reservoirs in the region are above their flood-limit water levels, and 56 monitoring stations on 41 rivers in Guangxi are reporting water levels above warning thresholds. Local authorities said they will continue to strengthen early warnings, resident relocation, and post-disaster recovery. Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region upgraded its flood alert to the highest-level red warning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.



Hungary's Fidesz party announces protest after PM Magyar files constitutional amendment

Budapest, July 11 : Hungary's opposition Fidesz party has announced that it will hold a protest on Saturday as Prime Minister Peter Magyar submitted a constitutional amendment to oust the country's President, Tamas Sulyok, a report has said. Magyar, who secured win in the elections held in April, has repeatedly called for the removal of President Sulyok who was appointed by his predecessor Viktor Orban, whom he calls "Orban's puppet", Euro News reported. The amendment submitted by Magyar states that "the mandate of the incumbent President of the Republic shall terminate on the day following the entry into force of the amendment to the Fundamental Law." The ruling Tisza Party holds a supermajority in parliament, implying that the amendment filed by Magyar is expected to pass. Sources in the Hungarian parliament revealed that the vote could take place as early as next week, however, this has not been officially confirmed. Four constitutional judges will be removed after the constitutional changes as their retirement age will be set to 70 years. In addition, constitutional changes will limit parliamentary deputies to a 12-year mandate. President Sulyok has announced that he has no plans to resign and termed Magyar's action a threat to democracy, Euro News reported. In a statement on Sunday, Sulyok said, "The question is whether this force will sweep away internationally recognised and required principles of the rule of law, as well as genuine representative democracy." Fidesz has said



Sulyok's removal would pave the way for tyranny, and called for a protest in support of Hungarian President on Thursday in support of Sulyok. The opposition has contended that Sulyok was elected in accordance with Hungary's constitution and that his removal would amount to personalised legislation. Orban said, "The Tisza Party crosses all boundaries – human, moral and legal." He stated that the voters of Hungary did not authorise it. During his election campaign, Magyar vowed to remove Hungary's President from office, stressing that Sulyok did not fulfil his constitutional duties and did not stand up for opposition supporters when Orban served as PM. Earlier in June, Magyar accused Tamas Sulyok of abandoning the people of Hungary. While addressing a press conference in outside the Sandor Palace on June 1, he said, "The office of the president of the republic is more important and more powerful than any individual head of state.



Over 200 terrorists neutralised in northern Mali : Army

Bamako, July 11 : The Malian army said on Saturday that more than 200 terrorists were neutralised during coordinated air and ground operations carried out in Anefis in the country's northern Kidal region. According to a statement issued by the General Staff of the Armed Forces, Monday's operations involved 35 airstrikes. The provisional toll also included five armoured vehicles, around 20 pickup trucks and about 100 motorcycles destroyed, Xinhua news agency reported. The army said operations by

the Malian Armed Forces and their partners were continuing in Anefis, reaffirming its determination to pursue actions against armed terrorist groups until the set objectives are achieved. The operations came after attacks on July 4 targeting several localities in Mali, including Aguelhok, Anefis, Gao, Sevre and Kenioroba. The Malian army said at the time that it had repelled the attacks. Mali has faced a volatile security situation for years, with attacks by armed groups occurring frequently, particularly in the northern and central parts of the country. In April, the country's Defence Minister Sadio Camara was killed in an attack on his residence in the town of Kati, near Bamako, carried out by armed terrorist groups. The African Union (AU) has condemned Saturday's coordinated armed attacks that targeted several localities in Mali.

Quality power supply must be the next phase of power reforms : Experts



New Delhi, July 11 : Reliable electricity supply is not merely about powering lights and fans but is closely linked to dignity, livelihoods and equitable development, former Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) Chairman Suresh Kumar Agarwal said on Saturday, while stressing the need for structural reforms to improve the quality of power supply in rural areas. Delivering the keynote address at a roundtable on "Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide in Reliable and Quality Power Supply: A Path to Equitable Development with focus on Uttar Pradesh", organised by APCO in collaboration with Chintan Research Foundation (CRF), Agarwal said that while India has made remarkable progress in expanding electricity access through increased generation capacity and nationwide electrification, ensuring reliable and quality power supply, particularly in rural areas, remains a significant challenge.

US Senator urges tougher patent safeguards against Chinese AI mining

Washington, July 11 : A Republican senator has urged the US Commerce Department to tighten patent protections against what he described as Chinese companies using artificial intelligence to mine American patent applications, warning that the practice threatens US innovation, weakens pharmaceutical research and development, and could deepen America's dependence on China's biotechnology sector. Sen. Jim Banks of Indiana, in a letter to Commerce Secretary Howard

Lutnick, called on the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to continue reforms aimed at protecting American inventions from what he termed "AI-enabled duplication". The letter argues that Chinese firms are increasingly using AI to analyse US biotechnology patent applications, identify commercially promising discoveries and file derivative patents before American innovators can bring their products to market. "Patent scraping is intensifying the Chinese IP threat and risks undercutting American R&D investment, particularly given China's rapid drug ap-

proval process," Banks wrote. "When competitors can appropriate an invention, make minor modifications, and obtain regulatory approval before the original innovator, the incentives for investing in R&D are fundamentally weakened." Banks said the challenge extends beyond intellectual property theft and has implications for the pharmaceutical supply chain. In the letter, he noted that since the 1980s the Chinese Communist Party has made biotechnology a strategic priority by investing heavily in research infrastructure and streamlining



regulations to speed product development. He argued that many US companies shifted manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and generic medicines to

China because of lower costs, leaving the United States increasingly dependent on China's biotechnology industry.



Scientists to advance agenda for conservation of corals, big cats

Geneva, July 11 : Global wildlife trade rules are only as sustainable as the science that underpins them. For over 50 years, under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), scientific expertise has bridged policy decisions and their implementation.

From assessing impacts on wild populations and their roles in ecosystems to identifying research and capacity-building priorities, scientific experts provide critical knowledge, evidence, recommendations, and credibility to translate global commitments into action and ensure that trade is not detrimental to the survival of species in the wild. Following the 20th World Wildlife Conference in November 2025.



India dismisses UN rapporteur's report on Waqf law as false, displaying 'hostility'

United Nations, July 11 : India has dismissed a report by the expert on minority issues as "factually incorrect" and displaying "hostility" to the country. Gaurav Kumar Thakur, a counselor at India's UN Mission in Geneva, said India rejects the assertions of Nicolas Levrat, the special rapporteur on minority issues, about the Waqf Amendment Act 2025.

His assertions are "factually incorrect and based on a poor grasp of its background and history", Thakur said on Saturday at a session of the Human Rights Council on Saturday in Geneva. "The tone and content of his comments reflect a clear perceived hostility towards India", Thakur added.

The Council's special rapporteurs are so-called independent experts who report on issues assigned to them in their personal capacities, even though they carry the appearance of having the Council's imprimatur and don't necessarily reflect its view.

"The tone and content" of comments by Levrat, a University of Geneva professor of European and International Law, "reflect a clear perceived hostility towards India", Thakur said.

Australian govt strikes deal to continue subsidising only domestic oil refineries



Canberra, July 11 : The Australian government has struck a deal to continue subsidising the country's two remaining oil refineries, Energy Minister Chris Bowen announced on Saturday.

Bowen said that the government and the operators of the two refineries have reached an agreement to amend the fuel security services payment, under which the government pays the refineries when oil prices do not cover operating costs.

Viva Energy's refinery southwest of Melbourne in the city of Geelong and Ampol's refinery in Brisbane produced about 20 percent of Australia's petrol, diesel and jet fuel needs in 2025.

Bowen said that the payment cap will remain at 1.8 cents per liter under the amendment, but the trigger mechanism will be adjusted to make payments kick in at a lower price threshold.



Tibetans in Japan hold protest against China's Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law

Tokyo, July 11 : Tibetans living in Japan held a protest outside the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo, slamming Beijing's latest Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law while calling for unity to protect the Tibetan language and culture.

Speaking at the rally, Tibetan community in Japan's former representative, Kalden Obara voiced concern over the new law, stressing that the new legislation could result in restrictions on "the Tibetan language, culture, religion, and our identity as Tibetans," a report in 'Japan Forward' detailed.

"If our culture and language disappear, it means the Tibetan nation disappears. That must never happen. China invaded Tibet and is trying to erase the Tibetan nation completely from the world. But we Tibetans will never give up," the report quoted Kalden Obara as saying.

China's Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion Law, that came into effect on July 1, enforces penalties for acts deemed to threaten the "unity of the Chinese nation"

and calls for the comprehensive promotion of Standard Chinese (Mandarin). Critics have said that the new law will further intensify assimilation policies in regions such as the Tibet Autonomous Region, as per the report.

During the protest, the participants offered prayers in the memory of Tibetan activist who died after setting himself on fire in the US while protesting against the law. The activist who set himself on fire was identified as Lobga Rangzen (42), who reportedly fled to the US as a refugee about 20 years ago.



South Korea: Normalisation of state computer network expected to take 2 weeks following fire

Seoul, July 11 : South Korea's Interior Ministry said Saturday it has begun gradually resuming operations of the administrative computer network after a fire caused by a battery explosion crippled the system, although a full restoration is widely anticipated to take around two weeks. The fire broke out at the National Information Resources Service in the central city of Daejeon on Friday after a lithium-ion battery exploded in a computer room on the fifth floor.



Israeli FM says next round of talks with Lebanon to be held in Rome

Jerusalem, July 11 : The next round of talks between Israel and Lebanon is expected to take place in Rome, Italy, next week, Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said on Saturday.

The meeting will mark the sixth round of negotiations between the two countries, following five ambassador-level talks held in Washington since April.

Sa'ar did not specify the exact date. Several Israeli media outlets quoted Israel's ambassador

to the United States, Yechiel Leiter, as saying that the talks are expected to begin next Tuesday in Rome, Xinhua news agency reported.

Speaking at a meeting in Jerusalem alongside his German counterpart Johann Wadephul, Sa'ar said Israel seeks peace with its neighbours, but any agreement must be based on "security." The previous round, held in late June.

Nepal PM meets ADB President in first one-on-one meeting with foreign dignitary

Kathmandu, July 11 : Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah, who had avoided one-on-one meetings with foreign officials since taking office, held his first such meeting on Saturday with visiting Asian Develop-

ment Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda. Instead of meeting foreign diplomats individually, Shah has so far preferred collective interactions with Ambassadors, seeking to maintain a strict protocol governing such engagements.



Lithuanian Foreign Minister quits as chairman of ruling party

Vilnius, July 11 : Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis announced on Saturday that he is stepping down as chairman of the ruling Homeland Union-Lithuanian Christian Democrats (TS-LKD).

California Governor appoints Indian American to Structural Pest Control Board



Washington, July 11 : California Governor Gavin Newsom announced a series of appointments across state agencies, including the appointment of Indian American business executive Yogesh "Yogi" Chugh to the Structural Pest Control Board, according to an official statement.



Maharashtra Legislative Council passes bill to empower women farmers

Mumbai, July 11 : The Maharashtra Legislative Council on Saturday unanimously passed the 'Maharashtra Women Farmers Empowerment Bill, 2026'. The path-breaking legislation aims to grant women farmers independent legal recognition, equal rights, and direct access to all government agricultural schemes. With the passage of this bill, Maharashtra is set to become the first state in the country to accord official legal recognition and status to women farmers. The bill was passed following an extensive and detailed debate in the Legislative Council spanning 3 hours and 33 minutes, during which members across party lines shared their insights and recommendations. Speaking on the passage of the bill, Agriculture Minister Dattatraya Bharane stated that the decision to grant an independent legal status to women farmers was initially envisioned during a joint meeting organised to mark the In-

ternational Year of Women Farmers. He said a woman farmer is not just an assistant to the family but an equal partner in agricultural development. Therefore, getting an independent legal identity, rights, and the benefits of all government schemes is her rightful due, and this is a moment of immense pride for every citizen of Maharashtra. The legislation was drafted by the Department of Agriculture under the guidance of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and the leadership of Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Ajit Pawar. Highlighting the bill's core objective, Bharane noted that, despite millions of rural women working tirelessly shoulder-to-shoulder with men in farming and allied activities for generations, they lacked an independent legal identity. Because many government schemes mandated land ownership as a prerequisite.

Sugar export ban welcomed by traders in Rajasthan, gives relief to local consumers

Jaipur, July 11 : Sugar traders across Rajasthan have welcomed the Central government's decision to impose a temporary ban on sugar exports till September, calling it a timely move aimed at ensuring adequate domestic supply and stabilising prices in the local market. Traders from Sikar, Sri Ganganagar and Ajmer said the decision would help maintain sugar availability across the country and prevent any sharp rise in prices, especially during the ongoing wedding season and summer months when demand for sugar increases significantly. In Sikar, local wholesale and retail sugar traders described the Centre's move as a commendable step in the interest of consumers and the domestic market. Traders said that halting sugar exports would



ensure sufficient availability of sugar in the country and help keep prices under control. They added that sugar consumption rises sharply during summers because of increased use in sweets, sherbets and other food items. According to them, continued exports during this period could have created pressure on domestic supply and impacted market prices. Speaking to IANS, local traders said the decision would provide economic relief to the common public and help maintain balance in the market.

Odisha CM reviews law and order, orders crackdown on organised crime

Bhubaneswar, July 11 : Amid opposition parties' criticism over rising violence, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday directed the Odisha Police to adopt a more proactive, people-centric approach and intensify efforts to completely eradicate organised crime in the state.

Reviewing the law-and-order situation in the state with senior administrative and police officials, district collectors, and Superintendents of Police, CM Majhi emphasised that the police should take steps to earn the public's trust while simultaneously instilling fear among criminals. "The administrative and police

officials at the district level need to work together as a team. Coordination between the police and other district administrative officials could lead to greater success in crime control," said CM Majhi. He further added that local administrative officers can play a crucial supportive role for the police administration in tackling criminal



activities. Majhi advised that, just as officials work with team spirit to successfully implement various schemes.

Odisha Police reviews security arrangements for Puri Ratha Yatra

Bhubaneswar, July 11 : Ahead of the world-famous Puri Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra scheduled to be held on July 16, Odisha Police on Saturday held a high-level coordination meeting and finalised a comprehensive multi-layered security plan involving Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), the Indian Coast Guard, and other security agencies to ensure the annual sacred festival is held peacefully and without any security lapses. The meeting, chaired by Director General of Police (DGP) Yogesh Bahadur Khurania at the State Police Headquarters in Cuttack, was attended by senior officers of the Odisha Police, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Railway Protection Force (RPF), Indian Coast Guard and other security agencies. The DGP reviewed the deployment strategy for the CAPFs, National Security



Guard (NSG) teams and NSG Quick Response Teams (QRTs), while directing Odisha Police, the RPF and the Coast Guard to work in close coordination throughout the festival. According to an official statement, a security blueprint has been prepared that includes a three-tier security arrangement with surveillance across land, sea, and air. The Odisha Police further added that special emphasis was also placed on crowd management, traffic regulation, emergency response, and inter-agency coordination during the meeting. It added that joint maritime patrolling will be carried out by the Indian Navy, the Indian Coast Guard, and the Odisha Police's Marine Police to counter any possible terrorist threat. The QRTs will also be deployed on patrol vessels, while advanced anti-drone systems and surveillance drones will be used to detect and neutralise any aerial threat.



Ram Katha an important medium for taking India's cultural heritage to masses: Om Birla

Jodhpur, July 11 : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday said that Ram Katha serves as an important medium for taking India's cultural heritage, spiritual traditions, and moral values to the masses. He made the remarks during his visit to Jodhpur, where he attended a Shri Ram Katha programme organised on the occasion of the consecration ceremony of the Shri Ardhanareshwar Shiva Temple at Raghuvanshpuram Ashram in Kelava Khurd. Birla offered prayers at the event, sought blessings from the Vyas Peeth, and listened to the Ram Katha narrated by revered storyteller Murlidhar Maharaj. Addressing the gathering, Birla said India has a rich legacy of spirituality, yoga, Dharma, and cultural traditions. He noted that the teachings of sages and the country's spiritual practices have carried messages of healthy living, morality, and spiritual awareness to the world. He also praised Yoga Bishi Baba Ramdev for inspiring people towards a lifestyle rooted in health, discipline.

Dhirendra Shastri calls for vigilance over fresh lynching in B'desh, slams Baghel's allegations

Raipur/Bhilai, July 11 : Spiritual orator and chief of Bageshwar Dham in Madhya Pradesh, Dhirendra Krishna Shastri, popularly known as Bageshwar Baba, has strongly condemned the recent attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh, calling them "unfortunate" and warning of the potential extinction of the minority community there. Speaking to reporters in Raipur upon arrival for a five-

day Hanumant Katha event at Jayanti Stadium in Bhilai, scheduled till December 29, Shastri described the ongoing religious discourse as "auspicious" while shifting focus to international concerns. After the lynching of Dipu Chandra Das, another Hindu man was assaulted by a mob in Bangladesh's Rajbari district. The deceased, identified as 29-year-old Amrit Mandal alias Samrat, was beaten at Hosaindanga Old

Market in Pangsha Upazila and died shortly after the attack. Shastri highlighted fresh incidents of violence against Hindus in Bangladesh, including the lynching of Amrit Mandal and the earlier killing and burning of Hindu youth Dipu Chandra Das over blasphemy allegations, amid broader unrest. "This is the second such incident," Shastri said, appealing to Hindus across India to remain vigilant and unite. "If we don't come to their



aid now, Hindu unity will mean nothing." He urged the government of India to intervene decisively, advocating for mechanisms to deport illegal immigrants, particularly referencing Rohingya refugees, while opening pathways for persecuted Bangladeshi Hindus to seek refuge in India.

Rajasthan Police arrest suspected Bangladeshi resident with fake Aadhar card

Jaipur, July 11 : Rajasthan Police on Saturday arrested a suspected Bangladeshi resident on charges of residing in Jaipur with a fake Aadhar card. His accomplice has also been arrested for helping him in getting a fake Aadhar card. Police officials from Bhankrota police station said that a fake Aadhar card was recovered from the possession of one Noju Fakir (45). The fake identity card was mentioned as 18 years old. DCP West said that the suspected Bangladeshi Noju Fakir (45), son of Ohab Fakir, resident of Jaisinghpura Bhankrota and associate Firoz Qureshi (40) resident of Sikar House Chandpole Bazaar have been arrested.

Congress reconstitutes Uttarakhand Political Affairs Committee; 23-member panel announced

New Delhi, July 11 : The All India Congress Committee has announced the formation of a new Political Affairs Committee for the Uttarakhand Pradesh Congress Committee. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has approved the proposal, and the decision has come into immediate effect, according to a press release issued by the AICC on Saturday. The reconstituted committee brings together a mix of senior national and state leaders to strengthen the party's organisational machinery in Uttarakhand. Prominent members include Kumari Selja, Ganesh Godiyal, Yashpal Arya, Harish Rawat, Pritam Singh, Gurdeep Singh Sappal, Qazi Nizamuddin, Karan Mahara, Manoj Yadav, Surender Sharma, Harak Singh Rawat, Bhuvan



Kapri, Prakash Joshi, Tilak Raj Behar, Mamta Rakesh, Manoj Tiwari, Vikram Singh Negi, Ravi Bahadur, Govind Singh Kunjwal, Nav Prabhat, Pradeep Tamta, Mahendra Pal Singh and Brahm Swaroop Brahmchhari. The heads of all state frontal organisations will serve as ex officio members.

New SC guidelines: Can collectively end child marriage before 2030, says civil society organisations

Jaipur, July 11 : Armed with the latest Supreme Court guidelines on child marriage, civil society organisations on Saturday gathered in Jaipur and hoped to end the practice by 2030 while also extending full support to the state government in this endeavour. NGO partners from the Just Rights for Children Alliance (JRCA) –Association for Voluntary Action and Gayatri Seva Sansthan – along with Child Marriage Free India addressed media in Jaipur on Monday to strategise on effectively



eradicating child marriage in the backdrop of the Supreme Court guidelines. She said that they will further intensify their work on the ground such as working with village authorities.

Gold, silver prices fall up to 2 pc on weak global cues

Mumbai, July 11 : Gold and silver prices extended their losses for a second consecutive session on Saturday, with both precious metals declining by up to 2 per cent amid weakness in global markets.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (August 5) opened marginally lower at Rs 1,46,566 per 10 grams, down 0.23 per cent, or Rs 351, from the previous close of Rs 1,46,917.



NSE's Rs 30,000 crore IPO faces questions after decade-long delay and options slowdown

Mumbai, July 11 : The National Stock Exchange's proposed Rs 30,000 crore initial public offering, expected to be the largest share sale in Indian history, comes after a decade-long delay caused by the co-location controversy. Even as the exchange prepares to list, recent regulatory curbs on derivatives trading have weighed

on its revenue, profitability and market share, raising fresh questions ahead of the long-awaited IPO, as per the Value Research report. The roadblock stemmed from the co-location controversy between 2010 and 2014, when certain brokers connected first to a backup server inside NSE's data centre, allowing them to receive market data milliseconds ahead of



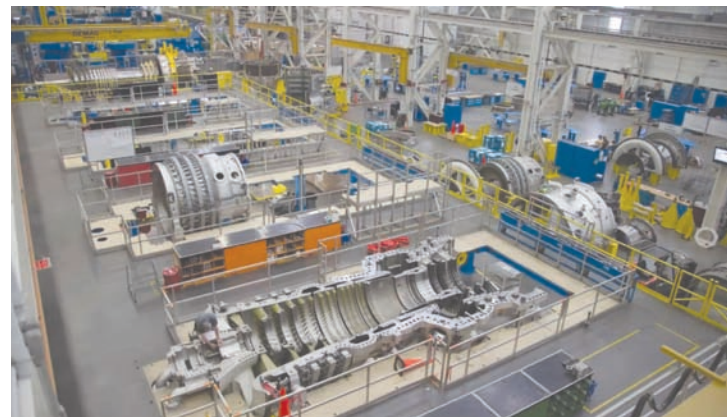
others. A forensic audit confirmed the pattern, and SEBI launched an investigation. With the regulatory case still unresolved when NSE

filed its draft prospectus in 2016, the uncertainty was sufficient to stop the listing process, the report said. The issue then moved through years of SEBI penalties, tribunal proceedings and the Supreme Court. The matter is now in its final phase, with NSE proposing a revised settlement of Rs 1,491 crore with SEBI.

Resilient manufacturing sector cushions ease in economic momentum: Report

New Delhi, July 11 : The manufacturing sector has helped curb a broader slowdown in economic momentum even as indicators weakened in April-May, a report said on Saturday. Manufacturing makes up nearly 20 per cent of GDP and has been remarkably resilient, led by exports and inventory build-up, the report from HSBC Global Investment Research said. This is because energy-market

uncertainty prompted precautionary inventory build-up – a trend most visible in consumer goods. Meanwhile, lower US tariffs created a window to accelerate non-oil exports ahead of potential Section 301 tariffs. However, the report said its database of 100 growth indicators points to weakening momentum in April-May, along with chances of very strong El Niño and weak monsoon pose risks to agriculture and rural demand.



Sharp rise in household credit, driven by savings banks and credit unions

Seoul, July 11 : South Korea's household credit increased at a faster rate in October due to rising loans from savings banks and credit unions despite the government's efforts to curb household debts, financial data showed on Saturday. Outstanding household credit extended by all financial institutions, including commercial banks, savings banks, and insurance and securities firms, rose by 6 trillion won (\$4.35 billion) from a month earlier in October, accelerating from a 5.2 trillion-won increase in September, reports Yonhap news

agency. Loans from South Korea's five major commercial banks, including KB Kookmin Bank, Shinhan Bank and Hana Bank, gained by 1.1 trillion won last month. However, those from thrift institutions, like savings banks and internet banks, and credit unions rose by 2 trillion won, marking the largest on-month gain in nearly three years since November 2021. The sharp rise came as retail banks tightened their loan screening process in response to the government efforts to manage the growth of household debt.

GIFT City signs MoU with Vietnam's Da Nang financial hub to boost investment

New Delhi, July 11 : India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) on Saturday announced collaboration with Vietnam International Financial Center - Da Nang (VIFC-DN), a newly established financial hub, to share institutional knowledge and best practices. The two institutions recently signed an MoU that aims to help Vietnam develop its international finan-

cial center and pave the way for cross-border investment across countries. "Having built India's only IFSC from the ground up, GIFT City will share lessons and institutional experience from its development journey as VIFC-DN takes shape," the release said. The partnership will cover financial services, fintech and digital innovation, capacity building and financial sector development, while exploring opportunities for cross-border investment and stronger business linkages be-



tween India and Vietnam. The two institutions will also collaborate on joint research and publications, professional exchanges, conferences, seminars and outreach initiatives, and maintain institutional engagement on areas of mutual interest, the release added. Sanjay Kaul, Managing Director and Group CEO, GIFT City, said the

collaboration will explore new opportunities in financial services, fintech and investment, along with sharing institutional experience. "International collaboration is essential to building globally competitive financial centres... We believe this collaboration can contribute to stronger financial.



Mercedes-Benz India posts record H1 sales led by BEVs, top-end models

New Delhi, July 11 : Mercedes-Benz India on Saturday reported its strongest first half sales on record in a calendar year, with 9,768 units retailed from January-June 2026, up 9 per cent over H1 2025, and a best-ever second quarter sales of 4,637 units, up 10 per cent. The company said that top-

end Luxury vehicles sales reached an all-time high share of 28 per cent of sales and grew more than 20 per cent in H1, led by the S-Class, Mercedes-Maybach, Mercedes-AMG and the new V-Class. Mercedes-AMG sales surged 50 per cent in H1 2026, the release added. Battery-electric vehicle (BEV) penetration doubled to 14 per cent

of the total sales mix in Q2, driven by the new CLA BEV and the EQS SUV. The EQS SUV was cited as the highest-selling luxury BEV and "top-end BEVs contributed 25 per cent of top-end sales in H1." The long-wheelbase E-Class remained the highest-selling luxury car.



Strong investment, private consumption driving India's growth : UNCTAD

New Delhi, July 11 : Indian economy is expected to record a growth of 6.8 per cent in 2026 and will clock an expansion of 6.3 per cent next year. This comes on the back of continued strong public and private investment and consumption as well as rising exports of services, according to the latest UNCTAD (UN Trade and Development) report. Despite the increased exports of services and certain goods, such as chemicals and pharmaceuticals, the structural current account deficit in India will persist, owing to relatively weaker external demand and high fossil energy import bills, the report observes.

TN sets new record in solar power generation as output touches 60.4 million units

Chennai, July 11 : Tamil Nadu has achieved a new milestone in renewable energy, recording its highest-ever single-day solar power generation as prolonged summer conditions and uninterrupted sunshine boosted elec-

tricity production across the state. On Saturday, the state's solar power plants generated 60.4 million units (MUs) of electricity, surpassing the previous record of 58.6 million units registered on April 18. The achievement underscores Tamil Nadu's growing

leadership in renewable energy and reflects the rapid expansion of its solar power infrastructure. According to data from the Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (Tantransco), the state recorded a total electricity consumption of 429.057 million units

on the same day. Energy officials said the sharp increase in solar generation played a crucial role in meeting the state's power demand, particularly during daytime peak hours, while significantly reducing dependence on thermal power stations.



Rajnath Singh hails Coast Guard as true force multiplier

New Delhi, July 11 : Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday described the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) as a true force multiplier, hailing its significance in the evolving maritime security challenges in the Indian Ocean Region. Addressing the inaugural session of the 42nd Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in ICG Headquarters in Delhi, the Defence Minister said, "By patrolling the Exclusive Economic Zone

(EEZ), the ICG not only deters external threats but also addresses illegal fishing, drug and arms trafficking, smuggling, human trafficking, marine pollution, and irregular maritime activities." He lauded the force's professionalism and humanitarian service while underlining its critical role in safeguarding India's 7,500-km-long coastline and island territories. Rajnath Singh praised the ICG's role in multi-agency coordination with the Navy, state administra-

tions, and other security agencies, calling it one of its greatest strengths. "The seamless manner in which the ICG works in real time with civil administration and other forces strengthens the entire national security architecture. You are no longer just a security provider, you are a true force multiplier," he



highlighted.

The three-day Conference, being held from September 28 to 30, brings together the service's senior leadership to deliberate on strategic, operational, and administrative priorities. Rajnath Singh described ICG as a vital pillar of national security, which has transformed itself from a modest fleet at inception into a formidable force with 152 vessels and 78 aircraft.



Loan waiver not easy but under consideration: Shivakumar

Kalaburagi, July 11 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said the state government will examine the demand for a farm loan waiver, while acknowledging that implementing such a measure is not easy. He also announced that the government has set a six-month deadline to fill 72,000 vacancies across key departments and unveiled a series of initiatives aimed at boosting employment, strengthening rural education and improving revenue administration. Addressing a press conference after the Kalaburagi Divisional Progress Review Meeting, the chief minister said the government is committed to balanced regional development and reducing migration from rural areas by creating employment opportunities in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. Responding to a question on farmers' demand for a loan waiver, Shivakumar said the

demand has been raised by farmers, but waiving farm loans is not easy. He said the government has implemented loan waivers in the past, including when the Manmohan Singh-led government was in power at the Centre, and they will examine the matter. On the shortage of staff in the Agriculture Department, he said the government has initiated the process of filling 72,000 vacant posts across departments, including Home, Agriculture, Revenue, Education and Rural Development. A six-month deadline has been set to complete the recruitment process in all these departments. The chief minister said the government has decided to promote industrial growth in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities to generate employment locally and reduce migration to urban centres. He said the objective is to create jobs where people live so that they are not forced to migrate to cities in search of employment.

TN Minister Keerthana defends school inspection remarks

Chennai, July 11 : Tamil Nadu Industries Minister S. Keerthana on Saturday strongly defended herself against criticism over her interaction with a student during a recent inspection at a government girls' higher secondary school near Sivakasi, asserting that the controversy had been misrepresented and that the attacks against her amounted to insulting government school and Tamil-medium students.

The minister issued a detailed clarification through a post on her X account after facing criticism from Leader of Opposition in the Assembly Udhayanidhi Stalin, former School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, BJP state President Nainar Nagendran and several others



over a video that went viral on social media. The controversy stems from Keerthana's visit to a government girls higher secondary school in Virudhunagar district last Thursday. During the inspection, she interacted with a student and asked a teacher to converse with the girl in English. When the student struggled to respond, the Minister reportedly made remarks about the English-speaking abilities of students.



Delhi Crime Branch arrests wanted accused in Narela attempt to murder case

New Delhi, July 11 : The Delhi Police Crime Branch on Saturday arrested a wanted accused involved in an attempt to murder case registered at Narela police station, officials said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Anish alias Ishwar Dayal (23), a resident of Narela, had been absconding since March 7. He was wanted in connection with FIR No. 119/2026, registered under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Arms Act. He has now been apprehended under Section 35(1)(C) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS). According to Delhi Police, the arrest was made by a dedicated team of the Crime Branch, RK Puram, led by Inspector Rampal. The team included SI Amit Kumar, ASI Ankit, Head Constables Ashish and Dharmender, working under the supervision of ACP Umesh Barthwal and overall guidance of DCP (Crime) Pankaj Kumar. The case pertains to an incident that occurred on March 6, at around 6:30 P.M., when a woman residing in Narela reported that two youths arrived at her water plant on a motorcycle. One of them allegedly threatened her with a pistol and fired a shot at a wall near the premises, creating panic.



Community-centric micro hospitals can help fight India's NCD crises, say experts

New Delhi, July 11 : Micro hospitals, which replace fragmented tertiary models with specialist-led coordinated care and reduced wait times, can play a crucial role in the country's fight against the rising epidemic of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), said experts on Saturday. NCDs, which include diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and obesity, affect over million in India and are behind 63 per

cent of all deaths, as per the WHO data. The rising burden of NCDs is also affecting the healthcare system. Hospital bed density lags at just 0.55 per 1,000 population -- far below the WHO's 3 per 1,000 benchmarks -- leading to overcrowded facilities, long wait times, and variability in care quality. "India has the doctors and the technology, but what we truly lack is continuous.



NDMC announces WFH, EV parking discount and shuttle buses for staff

New Delhi, July 11 : Kuljeet Singh Chahal, Vice Chairperson, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), on Saturday announced a 50 per cent discount in parking fee for EV vehicles, work-from-home for staff and shuttle bus services between the civic agency's offices and residential colonies for fuel conservation. Chahal said, in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fuel conservation, environmental protection and promotion of digital work culture, orders have been issued to implement work-from-home (WFH).

28 civilians released in Manipur after joint efforts by security forces, CSOs, community leaders

Imphal, July 11 : After sustained efforts by security forces, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and community leaders, 28 people belonging to different communities in Manipur were safely released on Saturday, officials said. The individuals had been detained by different groups in the aftermath of the violent attack in Manipur, which claimed the lives of three Baptist Church pastors and left four others injured. A senior Manipur government official said that following the May 13 violence, many civilians from different communities were detained near Leilon Vaiphei and Saparmeina villages in Kangpokpi district, as well as in Senapati district. The offi-



cial said that unidentified armed groups ambushed two vehicles along Tiger Road in the mountainous Kangpokpi district on the morning of May 13, killing three Baptist Church leaders on the spot and injuring four others. The victims, all belonging to the Kuki community, were travelling in the vehicles when unidentified armed cadres opened fire on them. After the three murders, many people from various communities were detained by different groups.

VHP slams SP, AAP, and Congress for 'false propaganda' on Ram Temple donations

New Delhi, July 11 : Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) National Spokesperson Vinod Bansal on Saturday strongly criticised the Samajwadi Party (SP), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and Congress for allegedly spreading "false propaganda" regarding the alleged theft of precious articles donated by Ram devotees to the Ram Temple. Bansal asserted that all donated items are safe and are being publicly displayed by the temple trust, calling the opposition parties' claims a politi-



cally motivated campaign. In a strongly worded post on his X handle, he demanded an immediate apology from the three parties to the devotees, the Ram Temple trust, and the entire community of Ram devotees. He wrote that the SP, AAP and Congress must apologise to the devotees.

Those involved in violence during anti-encroachment drive being identified and arrested, says Raj Home Minister

Jaipur, July 11 : Rajasthan's Minister of State for Home Affairs, Jawahar Singh Bedham, addressed a press conference at the Secretariat on Saturday regarding the incident of encroachment and unrest in the Chomu area of Jaipur, government officials said. Authorities said that individuals involved in the unrest are being arrested based on video footage, photos, and other available evidence, and that legal action is being taken strictly in accordance with the rules. He alleged that the Opposi-

tion Congress, instead of supporting lawful action, is indulging in petty politics over the issue. He said that on Saturday, talks were held between the police administration and the concerned parties to remove permanent encroachment constructed on the road at the Chomu bus stand. During the talks, both sides agreed to remove the encroachment built in the middle of the road. He said that late Thursday night, some miscreants again attempted to encroach on the road by installing iron railings. When the administration intervened to stop this act, stones were pelted at the police, resulting in

injuries to several police personnel. The Minister assured that the situation has now been brought under control and that arrests of the miscreants are being made continuously. He said that those involved in the unrest are being arrested based on the video footage, photos, and other evidence, and legal action is being taken against the accused as per the rules. He alleged that the Opposition is indulging in petty politics over this action. State Congress President Govind Singh Dotasra is trying to gain political mileage by giving a communal angle to the encroachment



eviction drive. The Minister of State for Home Affairs clarified that encroachment removal is not carried out on the basis of religion or caste. He emphasised that the Rajasthan government's policy on removing encroachments is completely impartial and has no connection whatsoever with religion or caste.



Trump sees Ukraine peace deal nearing

Ankara, July 11 : US President Donald Trump on Saturday expressed optimism that Russia and Ukraine could be moving closer to a peace agreement, saying he believes both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky now want to end the war after his latest conversations with the two leaders. Speaking alongside Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan before their bilateral meeting in Ankara ahead of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Summit, Trump said he had held lengthy discussions with both Putin and Zelensky and expected progress in the coming weeks. "I do. I had a very good talk with President Putin, who, by the way, has a lot of respect for President Erdogan, a lot of respect for him," Trump said when asked whether a breakthrough in the Ukraine peace process was possible. "We had a long talk yesterday, lasted a long time. And, I also spoke with President Zelensky right after that." "I think they both want to make a deal. It's too bad it took so long, but I think there's going to be - something's going to come out." Trump said Erdogan was also playing a constructive role in efforts to end the conflict. "And the president's also helping us with that, but I think there's something." "You know, I settled eight wars and I think we're going to be settling a ninth."

US Central Command forces begin launching powerful strikes against Iran

Washington, July 11 : US forces launched strikes against Iran on Saturday after three commercial ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz were attacked, the US Central Command said. US forces "have begun launching a series of powerful strikes against Iran to impose heavy costs for targeting and attacking commercial shipping crewed by innocent civilians in an international waterway," the command said in a post on X. "The US strikes are in response to Iranian attacks on three commercial vessels that were transiting the Strait



of Hormuz," said the command. Explosions were heard near Iran's Qeshm Island and port cities of Bandar Abbas and Sirik, Xinhua news agency reported quoting Iranian state outlet Press TV.



US, Japan, Korea ink SMR pact for Indo-Pacific

Ankara, July 11 : The United States, Japan and South Korea on Saturday signed a trilateral agreement to accelerate the deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) in third countries, with an initial focus on the Indo-Pacific, marking a significant step in their expanding strategic cooperation on energy security and civil nuclear technology. The Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) was signed on the sidelines of the NATO Summit in Ankara by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Japanese Foreign Minister Motegi Toshimitsu and South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun. Describing energy security as one of the world's most pressing challenges, Rubio said the agreement represented a tangible outcome of the three countries' growing partnership. "One of the most important issues in the world today, as we're reminded of even now with events happening in the Straits of Hormuz and in other places, is energy security," Rubio said. He added that the agreement would allow the three countries "to move forward on joint work on small modular reactors, which is going to be in many ways the future of energy generation in a very safe, efficient way, cost-effective way that will make our economies stronger."



Afghanistan sees around 4,000 foreigners make inbound, outbound trips in 1 month

Kabul, July 11 : The Afghan caretaker government's National Statistics and Information Authority announced on Saturday that airports and border ports had processed around 4,000 inbound and outbound trips of foreign nationals in Afghanistan in the past month.

Raj Thackeray flags drug menace, missing children issue in Maharashtra

Mumbai, July 11 : Addressing a massive gathering at Shivtirth on the occasion of Gudi Padwa, marking 20 years of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS), party chief Raj Thackeray on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the state's law and order situation, specifically targeting the Home Department held by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. He expressed grave concern over the proliferation of narcotics, stating that drugs have now infiltrated schools. "Young men



Unremitting hostility against minorities in Bangladesh matter of grave concern: MEA

New Delhi, July 11 : Voicing its grave concern over the persistent incidents of violence targeting religious minorities - including Hindus, Christians, and Buddhists - in its neighbourhood, India on Saturday asserted that it is keeping a close watch on the ongoing developments in Bangladesh. "India is closely monitoring developments and has expressed grave concern over the continued hostility of minorities, including Hindus, Christians, and Buddhists. We

condemn the recent killing of a Hindu youth in Mymensingh and expect that the perpetrators of the crime would be brought to justice. More than 2,900 incidents of violence against minorities, including cases of killings, arson, and land grabs, have been documented by sources during the tenure of the interim government. These incidents cannot be brushed aside as mere media exaggerations or dismissed as political violence," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said during a weekly me-

dia briefing in New Delhi on Monday. Slamming the "unremitting hostility" against minorities in Bangladesh, India also rejected the false anti-India narrative being projected in Bangladesh while reiterating that maintaining law and order and ensuring security is the responsibility of the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government. "We have rejected the false narrative that is being projected in Bangladesh. Maintaining law and order and security is the responsibility of the Bangladesh interim

government. To portray a narrative where things in some other direction is completely false and we reject that," said Jaiswal. On Thursday, Bangladeshi media reported the killing of another Hindu youth, identified as 29-year-old Amrit Mondal, who was allegedly lynched by a mob in the Hossaindanga area of Kalimohar Union in Bangladesh late Wednesday. Last week, MEA stated that India continues to monitor the evolving situation in Bangladesh and conveyed strong concerns to



Bangladeshi authorities regarding the attacks on minorities. The remarks came after a 25-year-old Hindu youth, Dipu Chandra Das, was brutally killed in a mob lynching incident over

false blasphemy accusations by a Muslim coworker at his factory on December 18. The mob killed Das and then hung his body from a tree before setting it on fire.



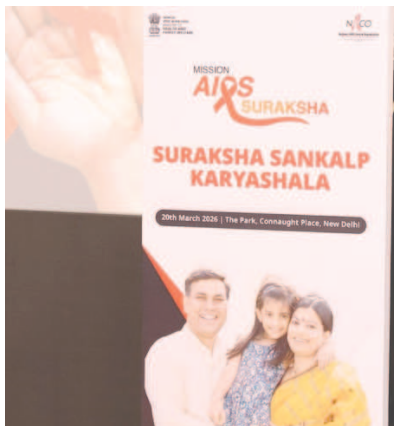
Report highlights 'entrenched prejudice' against Sindhis in Pakistan

Islamabad, July 11 : Highlighting "entrenched prejudice" against Sindhis in Pakistan, that remains rooted in state and society alike, a report has revealed that Shehzad Ghias Shaikh - a famous podcaster, writer and social media presenter in the country - is facing serious threats to his security as he has started exposing the deep-seated prejudices against Sindhis prevalent in the country, particularly Karachi. The report detailed that racism against Sindhis continues to

shape politics, media, and everyday life, silencing dissent through fear and hostility, in Pakistan. "The malignant biases sown at the very inception of the country and nurtured over the decades have started bearing bitter fruit for everyone to taste. Remember the remarks of the first Prime Minister of the country: 'Do camel-herders have a culture?', mocking Sindhi culture? Unfortunately, this blatant bigotry against the community.

Govt convenes 'Suraksha Sankalp Karyashala' to accelerate district-level HIV response

New Delhi, July 11 : The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare convened the 'Suraksha Sankalp Karyashala' here to strengthen district-level HIV/AIDS response, focusing especially on Haryana and Delhi, according to an official statement on Saturday. The workshop, organised by the National AIDS Control Organisation, brought together district program teams to present progress, share operational challenges.



Death threat to BJP leader who flagged iftar party in Ganga; police complaint lodged

Varanasi, July 11 : The controversy over the Iftar party in the Ganga River escalated on Saturday, as the BJP's youth wing leader Rajat Jaiswal, who first flagged the 'insulting and profane' act and filed a police complaint seeking suitable action, has started receiving death threats. The identity of those threatening the BJP

leader is not known, but a coordinated network, sources said, can't be ruled out as the death threats to him are routed through emails and international calls. Rajat Jaiswal, the city president of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BYJM), lodged a formal complaint with the Sigra police station on Monday. The police have launched an investigation and deployed teams to trace the international phone numbers and email IDs used to issue threats to him.

South Korea confirms another case of lumpy skin disease

Seoul, July 11 : South Korea has reported an additional case of lumpy skin disease (LSD) in cattle, raising the total number of confirmed cases this year to 15, the agriculture ministry said Saturday. The latest case was detected at a cattle farm in Chungju, some 147 kilometers south of Seoul, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The ministry has issued a 24-hour standstill order for personnel and vehicles associated with the farm and related facilities in six neighbouring regions. The government will deploy all available disinfection vehicles to prevent the spread of the disease, it added.

Sahibganj farmers hail benefits of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi

Sahibganj (Jharkhand), July 11 : The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is providing financial relief to farmers in Jharkhand's Sahibganj. The scheme is of great help to all the farmers who are managing agricultural expenses and reducing dependence on loans.

Farmers Dilip Ojha and Uday Chandra Yadav, residents of Sadar block in Sahibganj, told IANS that the scheme has made farming easier, as they receive timely financial assistance under the Samman Nidhi. Speaking about the benefits of the scheme, farmer Dilip Ojha said, "We are farmers by profession, and the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi

has provided significant relief to people like us. The financial assistance has made it much easier to carry out farming activities. Receiving Rs 6,000 in three instalments each year allows us to buy seeds and fertilisers on time and sow our crops without delay. Earlier, due to a shortage of money, we could not farm properly and often had to borrow from

others. As a result, we had to pay a large amount in interest on the money we had taken on loan. Now the amount is directly transferred to our bank accounts, which has also reduced the role of middlemen." Farmer Uday Chandra Yadav echoed similar views. He showered praise on PM Modi for launching this scheme, which is quite beneficial for the farming



community. Talking to IANS, he said, "The Samman Nidhi has greatly benefited farmers. We are thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for introducing

this scheme. We also hope that more such initiatives will be launched in the future so that farmers can continue to benefit and strengthen their livelihoods." The farmers said the direct benefit transfer under the PM-Kisan scheme has improved their financial stability, enabling them to invest in farming at the right time and contributing to better agricultural practices while reducing their reliance on credit.

VP Radhakrishnan to launch LoA for sustainable harnessing of fisheries in high seas

New Delhi, July 11 : Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will launch the Letter of Authorisation (LoA) for sustainable harnessing of fisheries in the high seas, at an event in Bhubaneswar on July 9, it was announced on Saturday.

The Department of Fisheries is organising the national launch of LoA for Sustainable harnessing of fisheries in the high seas.

VP Radhakrishnan will also launch Odisha Deep Sea Mission Document during the event, to be attended by various ministers and eminent personalities.

The event will also witness the participation of approximately 1,000 fish farmers and fishers including women fish farmers and fishers in person, along with government officials, according to an official statement. VP Radhakrishnan will distribute LoA to the fisheries cooperative societies including National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) and fishing vessel owners, enabling eligible Indian-flagged fishing vessels to undertake regulated fishing operations in the high seas.

The LoA is a mandatory provision under the Guidelines for Sustainable Harnessing of Fisheries in the High Seas by Indian-Flagged Fishing Vessels, 2025. The fisheries cooperative societies to be awarded include Shree Mahavir Machhimar Sahakari Mandali Ltd, Shri Martanda Prassanna Colaba Matsyodyog Vividh Karyakari Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit, South Goa Mechanized Boat Owners Coop. & Marketing Society Ltd, Paradeep Marine Primary Fish Production & Marketing Co-op. Society Ltd, Thengapattanam Deep Sea Fish Producers Cooperative Society and Malpe Fishermen's Primary Co-Operative Society Ltd.

Designed as a transparent and accountable framework



for Indian-flagged vessels undertaking fishing or fishing-related activities in the high seas, the LoA is vessel-specific, non-transferable and integrated with the ReALCraft Fishing Vessel Registration Portal, ensuring orderly, traceable and monitored operations.

The LoA initiative will strengthen Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FFPOs) and fisheries cooperatives by facilitating their participation in sustainable deep-sea and high-seas fisheries, enhancing access to high-value resources and creating greater income opportunities for fishers.

It also places a focus on digitisation, with the entire LoA process being online, transparent, and time-bound, thereby improving service delivery, transparency, traceability, and governance in the fisheries sector. The Odisha Deep Sea Fishing Mission (2026-2036) is a flagship Blue Economy initiative of the state government, aimed at unlocking the State's offshore and deep-sea fisheries potential and establishing Odisha as a leading deep-sea fishing and marine export hub.



Monitoring, response mechanism in place to handle monsoon fury, says Punjab minister

Chandigarh, July 11 : Punjab Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal on Saturday said that the government has put in place a monitoring and response mechanism to ensure the safety of human lives, agricultural land and public infrastructure during monsoon. Chairing a high-level review meeting of the Water Resources Department here to assess the state's flood preparedness and monsoon management, he undertook a review of flood protection and drainage management works, including drain cleaning, boulder stone and hybrid protection works.

BRICS adopts Guwahati Declaration to boost anti-drug cooperation, real-time intelligence sharing

Guwahati, July 11 : The BRICS nations on Saturday adopted the Guwahati Declaration, reaffirming their commitment to strengthen cooperation in combating illicit drug trafficking and transnational organised crime, with a strong focus on real-time intelligence sharing, digital technologies and coordinated law enforcement, officials said.

According to an official statement, the declaration was adopted at the conclusion of the two-day BRICS Heads of Anti-Drug Agencies Meeting held in Guwahati under India's BRICS Chairship 2026.

The member countries pledged to enhance the timely exchange of information, intelligence and best practices in accordance with national laws and international obligations while promoting the use of innovative technologies, digital tools and data-driven approaches to counter drug trafficking.

The declaration expressed concern over the growing menace of synthetic drugs and New Psychoactive Substances (NPS), diversion of precursor chemicals, misuse of emerging technologies and virtual assets, and the exploitation of maritime routes and digital platforms by transnational criminal networks.



Inspired by Atmanirbhar Bharat, Burhanpur woman launches Banana chips startup

Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh), July 11 : A 24-year-old entrepreneur from Borsar village in Madhya Pradesh's Burhanpur district has become an inspiration for rural youth after leaving a corporate career to establish a banana chips startup in her hometown.

Gujarat Police nab two from Ujjain in cyber fraud case

Surat, July 11 : The Surat Cyber Crime Cell on Saturday arrested two men from Madhya Pradesh for allegedly supplying a bank account used in a cyber fraud in which a resident was cheated of Rs 24.40 lakh after downloading a fake RTO e-challan APK file that enabled fraudsters to hack the victim's mobile phone.

The arrests were made in Ujjain following a technical investigation and human in-

telligence-led operation conducted by a team led by Police Inspector M.C. Nayak, acting on the directions of senior officials. According to the police, the fraud took place between January 21 and May 25 this year. The complainant was sent a fraudulent digital RTO e-challan application named 'E-Chalan.apk'.

After downloading the APK file, the victim's mobile phone was compromised, allowing the accused to transfer Rs 24.40 lakh from the victim's bank account



into three separate bank accounts without the victim's knowledge. A case was registered at Surat Cyber Crime Police Station under Sections 318(4), 336(2), 338,

336(3), 340(2), 61(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 66(C) and 66(D) of the Information Technology (Amendment).

General Dhiraj Seth makes maiden visit to J&K as COAS, calls on L-G and CM

Srinagar, July 11 : Chief of Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth on Saturday made his maiden visit to Jammu and Kashmir and called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah to review the prevailing security situation in the union territory. Officials said General Seth called on the J&K L-G at Lok Bhavan. The J&K L-G and the Army Chief reviewed the prevailing security situa-

tion in the region. The Army Chief was accompanied by Lieutenant General Balbir Singh, GOC Chinara Corps. General Seth arrived in J&K today, marking his first official visit to the region since taking over the command of the Indian Army. He met with Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during the initial leg of his visit. The high-level meeting focused on reviewing the prevailing security landscape across the union territory. The COAS was accompanied by high-ranking military officials,

including Lt Gen Balbir Singh, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Srinagar-based Chinara Corps (15 Corps), and several other senior Army commanders overseeing operational readiness in the valley. Following his political interactions, General Seth is scheduled to proceed to forward deployments along the Line of Control (LoC) and counter-insurgency grids. This tour holds immense significance as it allows the new Army Chief to directly assess border security



strategies and evaluate active counter-terror frameworks under his newly introduced operational doctrine, "VIJAY".

General Seth is a four-star general officer in the Indian Army, the highest active rank in the Indian Army. He is the current and 31st

Chief of the Army Staff. He previously served as the 49th Vice Chief of the Army Staff. He earlier served as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern and South Western Commands.



Assam Rifles busts major drug racket in Manipur, seizes meth tablets valued at Rs 40 crore

Imphal, July 11 : The Assam Rifles have busted a major drug consignment in Manipur, recovering highly addictive methamphetamine tablets valued at over Rs 40 crore and arresting a drug peddler in the operation, officials said on Saturday.

A defence spokesperson said that based on specific intelligence inputs, Assam Rifles personnel, along with Manipur Police, conducted a joint anti-narcotics operation on Thursday in Jiribam district, which shares an interstate border with southern Assam. During the operation, the security forces recovered 1.60 lakh methamphetamine tablets, also known as Yaba tablets, from a truck.

The seized contraband, along with the apprehended person and the truck, was handed over to Jiribam Police for further investigation.



Cuban FM slams US sanctions policy against Cuba at UNGA

United Nations, July 11 : Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez accused the US government of carrying out "multidimensional, non-conventional warfare" against Cuba, which he said has lasted for almost seven decades and "become ever crueller and more ruthless during the last seven months."

Speaking during a UN General Assembly (UNGA) debate on the "necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba," Rodriguez said threats of military aggression have been repeatedly launched by top officials of the US administration.

In addition to the US economic, commercial and financial blockade, he said that there are unprecedented actions of an extreme extra-territorial nature, which were intended to provoke a humanitarian crisis and the complete destabilisation of the country, Xinhua news agency reported.

At the onset of the debate, Jeffrey Bartos, US representative to the United Nations for UN management and reform, strongly opposed the holding of a second debate on the topic, which was already convened as part of the UNGA's annual work in October 2025. He decried it as a "wasteful" use of UN funds, and then called for a recorded vote on whether to reopen the agenda item.

43 million Americans buried in student debt: US Education Secretary

Washington, July 11 : The Trump administration intensified its push to rein in soaring college costs, with Education Secretary Linda McMahon telling Congress that 43 million Americans are now carrying a staggering \$1.7 trillion in student debt. Appearing before the House Education and Workforce Committee, McMahon defended sweeping student loan reforms and argued that unlimited federal lending had

fuelled tuition inflation across the country.

"We have \$1.7 trillion in debt, 43 million students," McMahon said. "We really have to do something to bring down the cost of college." The hearing quickly turned into a heated debate over the administration's higher education overhaul, particularly new caps on graduate student borrowing for programmes such as nursing, teaching and social work. Democrats warned the changes could worsen workforce shortages and



force students into expensive private loans.

Representative Joe Courtney of Connecticut accused the administration of making advanced nurs-

ing education harder to afford at a time when the country faces severe shortages of healthcare workers. He said some graduate nursing programmes already exceed

the new federal loan caps. McMahon rejected the criticism and insisted the reforms were designed to pressure universities into lowering tuition costs. "Our goal is to bring down the cost of higher education," she said, adding that some universities had already begun reducing prices for graduate programmes after the new rules were announced. She argued that federal lending policies had allowed colleges to raise fees unchecked for years.

"Universities have been allowed to charge whatever they wanted," McMahon told lawmakers.

Quebec eyes stronger India ties in AI, aerospace and investment: Christopher Skeete

New Delhi, July 11 : Quebec is looking to deepen its economic engagement with India by expanding cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI), aerospace, education and clean technologies, while encouraging greater two-way investment and business partnerships, according to a minister from the Canadian province.

Speaking to IANS, Christopher Skeete, Quebec's Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, has said the province is focused on diversifying its economy and building long-term, stable partnerships with India.

"For us, it's about diversifying our economy, making sure that we have stable relationships with India, and we think there are a lot of syner-

gies to develop. We are very excited about it," he said.

Skeete identified AI, aerospace and education as the sectors offering the greatest potential for collaboration, noting that universities in Quebec and India have strong complementarities that could be leveraged further.

"Aerospace is a great place. Artificial intelligence is another great area, but also education. There is a lot of proximity between our universities. We need to do more there," he told IANS. The world is changing very quickly, and we need each other in order to foster secure supply chains and secure relationships. I think we are ideally suited to do both of those things, according to him.



Debatable if US strikes would have any significant impact on security situation in Nigeria : Former diplomat

New Delhi, July 11 : Former diplomat Mahesh Sachdeva said on Saturday that the US military strike against ISIS in northwest Nigeria was conducted on Christmas to convey a message to ISIS that the US would intervene to protect Christians against ISIS attacks.

Speaking to IANS, Mahesh Sachdeva noted that it is the first time that the US has militarily intervened in Nigeria's security situation. He stated that the attack may exacerbate the anti-Christian activity, which he said is the main cause of violence.

When asked about the US military strike against ISIS in Nigeria, he said, "As former High Commissioner to Nigeria, I take note of this very significant development. It is the first time that America has militarily intervened in Nigeria's security situation by launching long-range missiles over Nigerian territory to hit bases of ISIS in Sokoto in northwestern Nigeria. This was done on Christmas Day in a sort of perverse message to ISIS that the United States would intervene on the side of the Christians to secure them against ISIS attacks."

"While the Pentagon has claimed that this action was done with the prior approval and coordination of Nigerian authorities. The Abuja government is yet to issue a formal statement to that effect. Nigeria is Africa's largest country by population and is bedevilled with a huge fault line that lies between the majority Muslim community and minority Christian community, particularly in the central area of Nigeria where these two communities live cheek by jaw," he added.

US President Donald has described the action as a direct response to escalating attacks on civilians.

"Whether it (US missile strike) would have any significant impact on the security situation per se in Nigeria is debatable. It may even exacerbate the anti-Christian activity, which is right now not the main cause of the violence. Most violence is aimed at government functionaries by Boko Haram and ISIS related activists and innocent bystanders become collateral damage. However,



some instances of Christian schools, churches, etc coming to harm have been noticed," said Sachdeva.

"It also remains that many of the pastoral societies such as Fulani have a large number of groups that migrate in search of greener pastures for their cattle and many of these greener pastures lie in the villages in central Nigeria that are populated by Christians thus leading to conflict. But, that is not religious in nature per se but more to do with pastoral lands. I think there is also a significant domestic angle to what the United States government has done. It wants to appease the right-wingers Maga base, which is largely Christian and they would be gratified to know of the aggressive military action that is supposedly undertaken to protect Christians in Africa's largest country," he added.

Trump, in his statement, had mentioned that the US launched the deadly strikes against "ISIS terrorist scum" in northwest Nigeria. In a statement posted late Thursday, Trump said, "Tonight, at my direction as Commander in Chief, the United States launched a powerful and deadly strike against ISIS Terrorist Scum in Northwest Nigeria."

He said the group had been "targeting and viciously killing, primarily, innocent Christians, at levels not seen for many years, and even Centuries!"

US senators advance bipartisan push on healthcare costs

Washington, July 11 : Facing rising health care costs and access gaps, US senators advanced bipartisan proposals on drug pricing, maternal care and insurance reform.

At a Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee hearing, lawmakers from both

parties pitched a wide range of bills aimed at lowering costs, expanding access, and addressing workforce shortages.

Opening the session, Committee Chairman Bill Cassidy stressed the need for practical solutions. "As chair, my focus is cutting through the noise to deliver for



Louisiana and for the United States of America," he said, pointing to pressure on families as "health care drug prices, college tuition is all too expensive."

Several senators focused on affordability in health care and child care. Senator Tim Kaine highlighted a bipartisan bill to expand child care supply by supplementing workers' pay, noting a mismatch between costs and wages.

Indian American group seeks action against online threats amid H1-B visa debate

Washington, July 11 : An Indian American advocacy group warned this week that online posts targeting the community could lead to real-world harm as it urged social media platforms and law enforcement agencies to intervene before tensions escalate.

The Indian American Advocacy Council (IAAC) said in a series of public statements that recent online rhetoric crossed the line from political debate into incitement, putting members of the community at risk.

"This is not 'politics' or 'edgy speech,'" the group said in a state-



ment posted on social media. "It is incitement, and it puts real people at risk."

The group called on the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to review the public activity of an individual it accused of promoting violence, including examining any possible coordination, fund-

ing sources or networks that may be amplifying threats. The council also urged the social media platform X to remove content that advocates violence and to suspend repeat offenders.

"Threats against an ethnic community are not acceptable. Not online. Not anywhere," the group said.

The warning followed a spike in online exchanges tied to debates over US immigration policy, particularly the H-1B visa program, which allows American companies to hire foreign workers in speciality occupations.

US kidney care gaps raise global concern

Washington, July 11 : As the United States struggles with rising kidney disease cases and high treatment costs, lawmakers warned that gaps in prevention and innovation could have wider implications for the global health system. Lawmakers and medical experts, during a Congressional hearing on Saturday.



South Korea: Supreme Court confirms ex-NCT member Taeil's 3.5 year term in sexual assault case

Seoul, July 11 : The South Korea's Supreme Court has finalised a prison sentence of 3.5 years for Taeil, a former member of the popular K-pop boy band NCT, for sexually assaulting an intoxicated woman, legal officials said Saturday. The court on Monday upheld a lower court's ruling that found the 31-year-old singer and two accomplices, identified only as his friends, guilty of a special quasi-rape charge, dismissing their final appeal, the officials said. The charge applies when two or more people assault a victim who is unable to resist due to unconsciousness or other factors.



Aditi Ashok makes cut comfortably as Woad seizes Evian Championship lead

Evian Forest (France), July 11 : England's Lottie Woad produced a spectacular performance on day two of the 2026 Amundi Evian Championship, firing a blistering 7-under-par 64 to snatch the outright lead at the tournament's halfway mark. The 22-year-old world number four started the day four strokes back of the overnight leader, but a relentless display of ball-striking vaulted her to 11-under-par total. Woad's charge was matched in significance down the leaderboard by India's Aditi Ashok, who carded a steady 1-under-par 70 to make the weekend cut. Aditi Ashok is marking her 38th career Major appearance, a historic record as the most played by any male or female golfer from India. She has now made five cuts in nine starts at Evian.

McIlroy among three in lead, Yellamaraju is sixth and Theegala 38th at Scottish Open



North Berwick (Scotland), July 11 : Indo-Canadian Sudarshan Yellamaraju rose to tied sixth, while Sahith Theegala improved to T-38 even as big names including Scottie Scheffler exited the Scottish Open at the halfway stage. A dramatic second round shook up the leaderboard at The Renaissance Club. As winds picked up and the tricky coastal links began to show their teeth, a stellar three-way tie emerged at the top of the leaderboard. Defending Masters champion Rory McIlroy, South Korea's rising star Tom Kim, and England's Jordan Smith all climbed to a 9-under-par total to anchor the final weekend groups. However, many fell victims to conditions as an unexpected, low cut line of 2-under-par claimed several of golf's biggest heavyweights. The most staggering casualty of the day was world number one Scottie Scheffler, alongside 2026 PGA Championship winner Aaron Rai, both of whom were sent out early after failing to navigate the worsening afternoon conditions. Rory McIlroy continued his perfect preparation for the upcoming Open Championship at Royal Birkdale with another super performance. Backing up his opening-round 65, the Northern Irishman took full advantage of the par 5s to sign for a 4-under-par 66. McIlroy looked completely poised on the greens, demonstrating the exact type of links control required to orchestrate a weekend repeat of his prior triumphs at North Berwick. Matching him was Tom Kim. The South Korean star paired his first-round 65 with a highly disciplined 66.

Roger Federer is my favourite; the elegance and grace he played with was special: Gill

New Delhi, July 11 : India's Test and ODI captain Shubman Gill has revealed that tennis great Roger Federer remains his biggest sporting inspiration outside cricket, saying the Swiss maestro's effortless style and elegance resonated deeply with him because he understands the hard work required to make excellence appear natural. Ahead of the Wimbledon finals, Gill backed Jannik Sinner to lift the men's singles title, likened Carlos Alcaraz's trademark drop shot to his own signature stroke in cricket, and shared the sporting icons he would invite to his dream dinner table. Drawing parallels between tennis and cricket, Gill said Federer's artistry was something he admired not merely as a fan, but as a fellow elite athlete who appreciates the discipline behind sustained excellence. "Roger Federer is my favourite. Growing up, a lot of people said he made everything look effortless. But when you play a sport yourself, you realise how much work goes into making it look that way. People have called me effortless in cricket too, but I know the effort behind it.



'Most alarming aspect has been fielding,' says Parthiv on India's consecutive T20I series loss

New Delhi, July 11 : Former India wicketkeeper-batter Parthiv Patel has called India's fielding the 'most alarming' concern following the Men in Blue's 2-0 T20I series defeat to Ireland and the recent surrender to England, saying repeated lapses in catching have become a worrying trend across all levels of Indian cricket. Reflecting on the disappointing result, Parthiv also urged the selectors to identify specialist T20 bowlers instead of relying on familiar names, while expressing hope that Tilak Varma rediscovers his form to bring greater balance to India's batting line-up. Parthiv said India's shortcomings against Ireland extended beyond the final scoreline, pointing to missed opportunities in the field that proved decisive in both matches. "The result was a bit surprising and shocking. You can't expect to beat Ireland after playing poor cricket. Over the last two to two-and-a-half years, the most alarming aspect of Indian cricket has been fielding, across the men's team, the women's team and even junior cricket. Even in the Ireland series, had those two or three catches been taken in the first game, they wouldn't have scored over 180. The same thing happened in the second game.



FIFA WC: Messi remains in peak condition, says Scaloni

Kansas City, July 11 : Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni dismissed concerns over Lionel Messi's workload on Friday, saying the 39-year-old remained in peak physical condition ahead of his team's World Cup quarterfinal against Switzerland. Scaloni said Argentina's tracking data showed Messi was covering a similar distance in each match as in previous tournaments. "He's not running any more or any less than before. The numbers haven't changed," Scaloni was quoted by Xinhua as saying ahead of Saturday's match at Kansas City Stadium. "The team supports him a lot. Physically, he's prepared extremely well with his fitness coach and that's paying off. He's giving everything." Messi has scored eight goals in the tournament so far and is the joint leader in the race for the Golden Boot alongside France captain Kylian Mbappe, who has played one more match.