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Kaleshwaram failed due to ignoring experts : Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 13 : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka strongly criticised the previous BRS government, stating that the collapse of Kaleshwaram barrages within just three years was due to decisions taken without consulting experts and engineers. He alleged that the previous government looted public money in the name of irrigation projects and wasted it. Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas

Reddy, visited the J. Chokka Rao Devadula project in Mulugu district on Monday. They reviewed the current water storage capacity and Godavari inflows with irrigation officials and conducted a high-level review meeting. Speaking to the media on the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka criticised leaders of the previous BRS government for ignoring engineers and making unilateral decisions. He recalled how former leaders claimed they alone built Kaleshwaram with their intelli-

gence, sidelining engineers. "If it had been constructed as per engineers' advice, it wouldn't have collapsed today," he remarked. Bhatti Vikramarka accused BRS leaders of misleading the public even after committing serious mistakes. Responding to opposition criticism regarding the failure of Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages, Bhatti Vikramarka questioned why barrages were built if water could be lifted directly from flowing rivers. He said poor construction during the BRS regime caused the sinking of Medigadda pillars. He noted that experts from the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and Central Water Commission (CWC) inspected the barrages and warned that storing water could lead to their collapse, advising that gates be kept open. Despite this, BRS leaders continue to spread misinformation, he said, calling it "Goebbels-style propaganda.



However, storing such water requires closing the gates, which experts warn could damage the foundations and lead to complete failure. Therefore, until full repairs are completed, the gates will remain open to allow floodwater to pass safely, he said.



Shabad killer Rajkumar dies

Hyderabad, July 13: The man who was on the run for two days after killing six persons, including his wife, two young sons and three members of the family that had filed a POCSO case against him, was found dead on Monday.



Quality roads key to industry, jobs: Komatireddy

Hyderabad, July 13 : Minister for Roads and Buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy stated that quality roads are essential for attracting industries, promoting businesses, and generating employment opportunities. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, along with Tourism and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, and Animal Husbandry Minister Vakiti Srihari, laid the foundation stone for Hybrid Annu-

ity Model (HAM) road projects worth 531 crore in Makthal Assembly constituency of Narayanpet district on Monday. As part of the HAM projects, the Ministers jointly laid the foundation stone for the 237-crore four-lane Makthal-Narayanpet HAM road project. MLAs Yennam Srinivas Reddy and Veerlapalli Shankar, District Collector Priyanka, elected representatives, officials.

Albendazole tablets distribution launched for 96.81 lakh children across Telangana

Hyderabad, July 13 : Minister for Health Damodar Rajanarasimha on Monday launched the statewide distribution of Albendazole tablets to prevent intestinal worm infections among children. The programme was inaugurated at the Raj Bhavan Government High School in Hyderabad, where the Minister personally administered the tablets to students.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister appealed to parents to ensure that every child between 1 and 19 years of age receives the Albendazole tablet. He said intestinal worm infections can lead to anaemia, malnutrition, stunted growth and weight loss in children, adversely affecting their health and academic performance. The Minister noted that even when worm infections are not visibly apparent, they can significantly impact a child's overall well-being. Therefore, he urged parents to cooperate fully with the deworming drive being conducted across government and private schools, junior colleges and Anganwadi centres throughout the State.



Revanth briefs NCSC Chairman on SC welfare, education reforms

Hyderabad, July 13 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the State government is taking a slew of measures to eliminate caste discrimination among students. National

Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairman Kishore Makwana met the Chief Minister at the Praja Bhavan here on Monday. During the meeting, the Chief

Minister briefed the Commission Chairman about the opportunities provided for the socio-economic and political empowerment of the SC communities.

Tadicherla-II coal block secures Singareni's future, says Kishan Reddy

Kothagudem, July 13 : Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy on Monday said the Centre's decision to allot the Tadicherla-II coal block to the Singareni Collieries Company

Limited (SCCL) without an auction would secure the company's future for the next 40 to 50 years. Addressing Singareni workers during the BJP's "Singareni Bharosa Yatra", Reddy said the

Modi government made the allocation after considering the long-pending demand of workers and the strategic importance of SCCL. He alleged that while the Supreme Court had mandated auction-based

coal block allocations following irregularities during the UPA regime, the Centre made a rare exception in SCCL's case to protect Telangana's coal sector. The Union Minister also blamed the previous BRS government for failing to secure new coal blocks and said the Centre had revived the Naini coal block project in Odisha.



Chandrababu Naidu reviews progress of Polavaram Project

Amaravati, July 13 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday visited the Polavaram project in Eluru district and reviewed the progress of the works. The Chief Minister conducted an aerial inspection of the project site, Godavari floodwater flow through the spillway, and the ongoing project works between the upstream and downstream coffer dams. He subsequently visited the project site and inspected the

Earth-cum-Rock-Fill Dam (Gap 1 and Gap 2) and the power generation unit works. Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu and senior officials from the department accompanied the Chief Minister. Naidu inquired about the progress of the ECRF Gap 1 works and the construction of the power generation station. He later held a review meeting regarding the Polavaram Project works and 36 priority projects to be undertaken across the state.



Officials reported that 89 per cent of the civil works of the Polavaram Project have been completed so far. The Chief Minister directed that the works on Gap 1 and Gap 2 of the Earth-cum-Rock Fill Dam be completed within the stipulated timeline. Officials stated that the tunnel works connecting the right and left canals would be completed by the end of this month.



CM Devendra Fadnavis calls on Pawan Kalyan at a Mumbai hospital

Mumbai, July 13 : It is well known that Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan underwent shoulder surgery. He is currently receiving treatment at a hospital in Mumbai. Against this backdrop, Maharashtra Chief Minister

Devendra Fadnavis visited the hospital to call on Pawan Kalyan. On this occasion, Fadnavis inquired about Pawan Kalyan's health and wished him a speedy recovery.



Congress targets MP govt over Sardar Sarovar settlement, demands agreement be made public

Bhopal, July 13 : Congress on Monday intensified its attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Madhya Pradesh over the settlement of issues related to the Sardar Sarovar Project, alleging that the state had compromised its interests while resolving the decades-old dispute with Gujarat. Responding to the development, senior Congress MLA Ajay Singh said that Madhya Pradesh had borne the burden of submergence and displacement due to the project but had failed to secure its rightful dues. "Our land was submerged, our villages were displaced and our farmers suffered. Despite this, the government has agreed to pay Gujarat instead of protecting Madhya Pradesh's interests. The Chief Minister (Mohan Yadav) should explain why the state's rights were compromised," Singh added. Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar also questioned the settlement and demanded that the state government place the complete agreement in public domain. He alleged that while Madhya Pradesh had suffered the maximum impact of the project, the state was now being asked to pay under the settlement and sought an explanation from the government.

Congress-BJP nexus over Kaleshwaram project : KTR

Karimnagar, July 13 : Bharat Rashtia Samithi working president K.T. Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government, in collusion with the BJP, is deliberately refusing to lift Godavari waters through the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, despite tens of TMCs of water flowing wastefully into the sea. He said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was sacrificing the interests of Telangana's farmers solely to sustain the false narrative he had built against the Kaleshwaram project. Addressing the media after inspecting the Mid Manair Reservoir in Karimnagar district on Monday, KT Rama Rao said the Congress government was allowing standing crops to dry up by denying irrigation water, even as massive quantities of Godavari water continued to flow downstream unused. He urged the government to immediately resume lifting water through Kaleshwaram in the interest of farmers and warned that if it failed to act, BRS would announce a statewide agitation under the directions of party president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). KTR said that before the Congress came to power, the Mid Manair Reservoir remained full, whereas today it is drying up due to the government's deliberate inaction. He noted that lifting water from the Kannepalli Pump House could effectively address both irrigation and drinking water shortages at a time when Telangana is facing the threat of drought. Accusing the Congress government of act-



ing out of political vendetta against the previous BRS government and the Kaleshwaram project, the BRS working president said the administration had completely ignored farmers' interests. He alleged that the government was refusing to consider the recommendations of retired irrigation engineers, technical experts, and the opposition, while instead resorting to personal attacks against them. Refuting the Chief Minister's claim that there was no flood flow in the Godavari, KTR said enormous quantities of water were flowing downstream every day and that neighbouring Andhra Pradesh was successfully lifting the same water for its own needs.

He alleged that the Telangana government was deliberately preventing water from being lifted through Kaleshwaram, thereby serving the interests of neighbouring states at the cost of Telangana farmers. KT Rama Rao described the report as "not an NDSA report but a Shikhandi Report," alleging that it was politically motivated and prepared under the BJP-led NDA government to malign Telangana. He alleged that the Chief Minister's refusal to lift water stemmed solely from the fear that his repeated allegations against the Kaleshwaram project would be exposed as false.



Odisha to attach PM Surya Ghar Scheme to PMAY, other housing programmes

Bhubaneswar, July 13 : Odisha's Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Energy Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo on Monday announced that PM-Surya Ghar Yojana will be attached to different housing schemes of the Odisha Government, including Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), reflecting the state's focus on renewable energy and affordable housing. The Deputy CM revealed the plan while chairing a high-level review meeting on power sector reforms, safety measures, and implementation of central and state government schemes. "It will be an option for the beneficiary. Our aim is to ensure that every beneficiary under PMAY and other housing schemes also gets the benefit of solar power. By attaching PM-Surya Ghar with state housing programs, we will provide 24x7 clean and affordable electricity to the people, while reducing their electricity bills," said Singh Deo on the occasion. An official release stated that under the scheme.

Left student bodies call "Chalo secretariat" over scholarship dues

Hyderabad, July 13 : Left-affiliated student organisations, including AISF, SFI and PDSU, on Monday unveiled a poster for

the "Chalo Secretariat" protest scheduled for July 14, demanding the immediate release of pending scholarship and fee reim-

bursement funds. On this occasion, AISF state president Kasireddy Manikanta Reddy and secretary Putta Lakshman,

along with SFI state vice-president Damera Kiran and PDSU state secretary Nagaraju, demanded that the state government immediately resolve the students' issues.

BRS announces "Yuva Sangrama Sadassu" on July 18, targets cong over unfulfilled youth promises

Hyderabad, July 13 : The BRS party on Monday announced that it will hold "Chalo Saroornagar Yuva Sangrama Sadassu" (Youth struggle conference) at Saroornagar Stadium here on July 18, accusing the Congress government of failing to implement the promises made to unemployed youth under its "Youth Declaration" ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections. Unveiling the event poster, BRS leaders said the conference, organized by the party's youth and student wings, would highlight the Congress government's alleged failure to deliver on commitments related to government jobs, fee reimbursement and youth welfare. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao is expected to attend the meeting. MLC Shambipur Raju alleged that despite repeated assurances made by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at Saroornagar before the elections, none of the key promises had been fulfilled even after two-and-a-half years of Congress rule. He accused the government of neglecting recruitment despite thousands of vacancies in various departments. MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy said commitments on fee reimbursement, job notifications and employment support remained pending, while former minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy claimed the government had failed to fill nearly 20,000 vacancies each in the police and education departments. She also criticized the arrest of those demanding recruitment as undemocratic. Former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav alleged that the Congress had misled unemployed youth with pre-election job promises and urged young people from across Telangana to participate in the July 18 conference. BRS leaders said the meeting aims to pressure the state government to fulfill its election promises and expedite recruitment to vacant government posts.

Suspicious man gets 7-day jail term in kulsumpura e-petty case

Hyderabad, July 13 : Kulsumpura Police secured a seven-day imprisonment for a 30-year-old man who was caught while allegedly attempting to steal an auto battery during night patrol on 100 Feet Road.

CHANGE OF NAME
I GOSANGI DURGA (old name), D/O Peda Suryanarayana, Door no 12-198/1, Sarella vari peta, Machavaram, Ambajipeta. I have changed my name as Gosangi Durgamma (new name). here after my name is known as Gosangi durgamma (new name).

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

To:
S.No
1. Nalla Ganesh, S/O: Nalla Vasudev, Age:53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address.I: H No.2.5.447, Road No: 2, Narasimha Colony, Nagole, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad.500039, Address.II # 8.69/3, Dwaraka Nagar, Ghatkesar Mandal, Boduppal, Rangareddy.500092, B/O: Proprietor Of "Kartikeya Engineering Enterprises", At # 7.4.228, Geeta Nagar, Ferozguda, Ferozguda, Balanagar, Medchal(Malkajgiri),
2. Nalla Annappurna, W/O: N Ganesh, Age: 50 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: Address.I: H No.2.5.447, Road No: 2, Narasimha Colony, Nagole, Peerzadiguda, Hyderabad.500039, Address.II # 8.69/3, Dwaraka Nagar, Ghatkesar Mandal, Boduppal, Rangareddy.500092.,
3. Shaga Harish, S/O: Shaga Ramulu, Age: 33 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 6.80/1, Qilashapur Village, Near Anganwadi School, Raghunathapally Mandal, Aswaraopalli, Warangal.506244, B/O: Proprietor Of " Shravya Diagnostic Center", At Habsiguda, Hyderabad.,

Sub: Sale of property belonging to NALLA GANESH (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of BSRBGT1904300017 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, BASHEERBAGH - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 03.12.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.61,91,558/- (Sixty One Lacs Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Rupees only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 16.03.2026. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act. Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of NALLA GANESH Mortgage deed dated 01.05.2019 Registered as Document No.6721/2019 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at UPPAL.)All That The Open Plot No.247, In Survey No.61/0B, Admeasuring 167.00 Yards Or Equivalent To 139.61 Sq. Meters, Situated At Laxminarsimha Colony, Nagole Old Village, Uppal Revenue Mandal, Medchal,Malkajgiri District Telangana State And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No.189, Towards West: 30' Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No.248, Towards South: Plot No.246.

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Date: 09-07-2026, Place: Hyderabad. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

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To:
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Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1. Krishna Gogre, S/O: Ganesh Shastri Gogre @Alias Ganapathi Gogre, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No:9.313, Shanthi Nagar, Railway Station Road, Chityala, Nalgonda District.508114, B/O: Proprietor Of "M/S Sri Laxmi Narsimha Swamy Cable Network", At # Gold Street Bazar, Chityala, Nalgonda Dist.508114.
2. Ashwini Gogre @Alias Aswini Gogre, W/O:Krishna Gogre, Age: 34 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 9.313, Shanthi Nagar, Railway Station Road, Chityala, Nalgonda District.508114.,
3. Shekar Masa, S/O: Yadaiah Masa, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 3.127, Gold Smith Bazar, Chityala, Nalgonda District. 508114.,

Sub: Sale of property belonging to GOGRE KRISHNA (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of ATAPTFT1708160002 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, ATAPUR - Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 06.12.2025 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 71,70,505/- (SEVENTY ONE LAKHS SEVENTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIVE Rupees only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 09.03.2026. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act. Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of GOGRE KRISHNA Mortgage deed dated 17.08.2017 Registered as Document No.8097/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NALGONDA(R.O.)) Schedule-I All That The Plot No.213, In Survey No.299, Admeasuring 200 Square Yards Or 167.22 Square Meters Situated At Akkenapallyvari Lingotam Village, Narketpally Mandal, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows:Towards East: Plot No 168, Towards West: 40' Feet Wide Road, Towards North: Plot No.214, Towards South : Plot No.212. Schedule-II All That The Open House Plot In Survey No.229/*LUU; Block No.9, Inside Residential Zone, Admeasuring 213.43 Square Yards Or 178.45 Square Meters Situated At Near Santosh Nagar, Chityala Village And Mandal, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 12' 0' Internal Way, Towards West: Plot Of Palle Bharthamma, Actual: House No: 9.414, (Present: House Of Palle Bharthamma), Towards North:12' 0' Internal Way, Towards South: Plot Of Md. Chand Pasha (Present House Of Md. Chand Pasha).

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Date: 09-07-2026, Place: Hyderabad. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

SHRIRAM 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, Aarum 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 Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aarum 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 07th July, 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Srinivas Elka @Alias Srinivas Alka, S/O: Achaiah, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 4-138/2, Amanabole, Narketpally, Nalgonda- 508254, B/O: "S.V Auto Mobiles". 2) Elka Satyavathi, W/O: Srinivas, Age: 37 Years, Occ: Housewife, R/O: H No: 4-138/2, Amanabole, Narketpally, Nalgonda- 50825. 3) Boddam Mallareddy, S/O: Venkat Reddy, Age: 58 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 7-8, Ammanabole, Narketpally, Nalgonda - 508254, B/O: " Sri Laxmi Traders". (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs)
Amount due as per Demand Notice / Rs. 21,02,350/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Two Thousand Three Hundred And Fifty Only)
Description of Property
BHONGTFT1609300012 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is E SRINIVAS, Mortgage deed dated 01.10.2016 Registered as Document No 2725/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at RAMANNAPET Open Plot No. 23, S.No.13231 (Residential Zone) Measuring An Area Of 112 Sq. Yards Or 93.644, Sq. Meters, Situated At Ammanabole Village, Narketpalle Revenue District, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open Plot Of Khaja Bi. Actual: Neighbours Shop, Towards West: Open Plot Of Sama Malla Reddy, Actual: Neighbours Shop, Towards North: Way, Actual: 40' Ft Wide Road, Towards South: 30 Ft., 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: 07-07-2026, Place: Nalgonda. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Bheem Reddy Ravinder Reddy, S/O: Bheemreddy Bhagavanthareddy, Age: 52 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O : H No: 1-84, Anajapuram Village, Muthkur Mandal, Near Podiched Road Muthkur Village, Muthkur Mandal, Yaddadi-Bhongiri Dist-505285, B/O: Proprietor Of " SriLaxmi Mini Modern Rice Mill, Anajapuram Village, Muthkur Mandal, Yaddadi-Bhongiri Dist-501512. 2) Bheemreddy Swarna, W/O: Bheem Reddy Ravinder Reddy, Age: 50 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O : H No: 1-84, Anajapuram Village, Muthkur Mandal, Podiched Road, Muthkur Road, Yaddadi-Bhongiri Dist- 508285. 3) Mahmad Ahamad @ Alias Ahamadh Mahamad, S/O: Mahamad Moulana, Age: 68 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O : H No: 5-6, Pothaigadda Village, Muthkur Mandal, Yaddadi-Bhongiri Dist-500003, O/O: " APCPDCL" Working As A "Line Inspector", Muthkur Village& Mandal, Yaddadi-Bhongiri Dist, 500003. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs)
Amount due as per Demand Notice / Rs. 44,99,620/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Only)
Description of Property
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India calls EU FTA its most ambitious trade deal

India's chief negotiator for the landmark free trade agreement with the European Union on Wednesday described the pact as the country's "most ambitious agreement" to date, saying it would significantly expand market access, strengthen rules-based trade and open new opportunities for labour-intensive industries, services and technology cooperation. Speaking at an event hosted by the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Darpan Jain, Chief Negotiator from India's Department of Commerce, said the agreement reflected India's broadest liberalisation commitments yet across goods, services and trade rules, while carefully protecting sensitive sectors such as agriculture. "It is one of the most ambitious agreements," Jain said. "India has liberalised almost the entire basket of goods... Similarly in services, the entire landscape of services has been committed." He added that India had also undertaken its most extensive commitments on areas including sustainable development, digital trade and non-tariff measures. The comprehensive agreement, concluded after negotiations resumed in 2022, he said, covers goods, services, investment, digital trade, supply chain diversification and intellectual property. It connects economies representing nearly two billion people and around a quarter of global output, making it one of the world's largest bilateral trade agreements. Jain said the agreement would create major opportunities for Indian exporters, particularly in labour-intensive sectors where the country has long faced tariff disadvantages in the European market. He identified textiles and apparel as one of the biggest beneficiaries. Although the European Union imports around 170 billion dollars worth of textiles and apparel from outside the bloc, India's share is only about 5.4 per cent. Bangladesh, benefiting from preferential access, accounts for around 17 per cent. Similarly, India's leather and footwear exports have considerable room for growth. While Vietnam accounts for about 23 per cent of the EU's imports in the sector, India's share is only around six per cent. Jain noted that tariffs of up to 17 per cent had limited India's competitiveness and said the agreement would help narrow that gap. Beyond merchandise trade, Jain said services represented another major growth area. He pointed to India's leadership in digitally delivered services and said the agreement would facilitate greater collaboration in research and development, global capability centres and technology-driven industries. "The rules would provide the foundation of predictability," he said, adding that the agreement establishes mechanisms to resolve disputes involving technical regulations, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, licensing and other non-tariff barriers that often disrupt international commerce. Christophe Kiener, the European Union's chief negotiator, called the agreement "commercially very, very meaningful" and estimated that EU exporters would save about four billion euros in tariffs.

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Ebola deaths in Congo reach 600

Kinshasa, July 13 : The death toll from the ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has reached 600, with 1,759 confirmed cases reported, according to the country's health authorities. A total of 750 patients are currently in isolation or hospitalisation, with an overall bed occupancy rate of 94 per cent, health authorities said in an update released late Monday.

Caused by the Bundibugyo Ebola virus, the outbreak, declared on May 15, is the country's 17th Ebola outbreak. It has affected 37 health zones in three provinces, namely Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu. Response to the outbreak continues to face multiple constraints, including community resistance to post-mortem sampling, insufficient treatment capacity, gaps in contact tracing, limited supplies, insecurity and restricted access in areas affected by armed groups,

Xinhua news agency reported. The DRC declared the outbreak in mid-May. Health authorities and international partners have repeatedly warned that insecurity, population movement, pressure on health facilities, and incomplete contact tracing continue to complicate the response. Ebola is a rare, severe, and often fatal disease caused by a virus. The virus is transmitted to humans from wild animals (like fruit bats) and spreads through direct contact with infected bodily fluids. It is



characterized by the sudden onset of flu-like symptoms, fever, and can lead to organ failure.

Rights groups demand release of journalist Ahmad Farhad, condemn repression in PoK

Dublin, July 13 : A leading international human rights organisation called on the Pakistani authorities to immediately release journalist Ahmad Farhad and withdraw all charges against him, alleging that he is being targeted for his legitimate reporting and human rights work in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Ireland-based rights group Front Line Defenders

strongly condemned the repression in PoK, saying the crackdown is not an isolated incident but part of a broader pattern of violence against individuals who speak out against authorities and seek to end impunity for human rights violations. The organisation said that journalists such as Farhad are especially vulnerable as they challenge state-sponsored misinformation and report independently from the ground. According to Front Line Defenders,

the Pakistani police detained Farhad on June 20 in Bagh city of PoK while he was returning home after covering the ongoing Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) protest in Rawalakot. It added that he has since been held at the Bagh city police station with no legal grounds or a for-



mal arrest warrant. The rights body further said that Farhad reports on social justice issues, human rights violations and the suppression of peaceful people's movements for rights and justice in PoK. "He has faced violent reprisals as a result of his work, including an abduction which later turned into an arrest in 2024, as well as criminalisation and stigmatisation by state authorities," Front Line Defenders stated.



Pakistan's water crisis stems from internal failures, not India: Report

Islamabad, July 13 : Pakistan is facing an escalating water crisis, with cities such as Lahore and other parts of Punjab province witnessing worsening shortages. However, instead of addressing structural failures and excessive groundwater extraction that has aggravated the water crisis, Islamabad continues to blame India, a report has stated. According to a Eur-

asian Times report, Pakistan has one of the most inefficient irrigation systems, with massive water losses caused by seepage and leakage. Citing the International Water Management Institute's (IWMI) country assessments (2024-2026 updates), it noted that nearly 95 per cent of Pakistan's freshwater is used for agriculture, while around 60 per cent of irrigation water is lost due to inefficient canals and field systems. Pakistan recently organised an international seminar at the Jinnah Convention Centre in Islamabad.

MEA Secretary P Kumaran visits Ta Prohm Temple and Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia

Phnom Penh, July 13 : Indian Ministry of External Affairs's (MEA) Secretary, East, P. Kumaran, visited Ta Prohm Temple and Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia's Siem Reap on Monday. In a post on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "Secretary (East) Shri P. Kumaran visited Ta Prohm Temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia, where the Archaeological Survey of India is leading restoration and conservation efforts. Two phases have been successfully completed, with the third phase currently underway." The Angkor Wat Temple is the world's largest ancient temple complex in Cambodia and is a shared India-Cambodia civilisational heritage.



Drones will define future wars: US Army

Washington, July 13 : The US Army has told lawmakers that drones, artificial intelligence and autonomous systems are rapidly reshaping modern warfare, as senior military leaders pointed to lessons from the Ukraine conflict and warned that future battlefields will be dominated by low-cost, scalable unmanned technologies. Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee, US Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll said the character of war was changing at unprecedented speed and militaries that fail to adapt risk being left behind. "Drones are reshaping how humans will inflict violence on each other at a pace never wit-

nessed in human history," Driscoll told lawmakers. "They are cheap, modular, precise, multi-role, and scalable." He said the Army was moving aggressively to integrate autonomous systems, battlefield AI and open-architecture command systems into future operations, particularly as the Pentagon prepares for potential conflicts in the Indo-Pacific. The remarks came during a heated hearing on the Army's fiscal year 2027 budget request, where lawmakers from both parties repeatedly cited battlefield lessons from Ukraine, especially the growing role of cheap drones in surveillance, targeting and mass attacks. General Christopher LaNeve said the Army was rapidly adapting

training and operational doctrine based on combat experiences from Ukraine and the Middle East. "We're taking a lot of lessons learned from both Ukraine and OEF," LaNeve said, referring to Operation Enduring Freedom. "It's moving at a much faster rate into our schoolhouse and into our doctrine." Army leaders have launched a major integration effort called "Operation Jailbreak" underway at Fort Carson, Colorado, where defence contractors and Army engineers are attempting to break down software barriers that prevent military systems from sharing battlefield data seamlessly. Driscoll said existing US military systems were often built as iso-

lated "walled gardens" that restrict interoperability. "Every single system that creates a piece of data should be able to share that data anywhere we, the United States Army, need it to go," he said. The Army Secretary warned that modern drone warfare would require AI-assisted battlefield decision-making because human operators alone would not be able to react fast enough against drone swarms and electronic attacks. "When you're thinking of drone swarms and the threats to react, a human being cannot do that alone," Driscoll said. Lawmakers also questioned whether the Army's proposed drone procurement budget matched its rhetoric on future



warfare. Representative Eugene Vindman noted that funding for small unmanned aircraft systems had declined compared to previous years. Driscoll responded that the Army's strategy was not simply to stockpile millions of drones in peacetime, but to build an industrial ecosystem capable of rapidly

scaling production during war. "What Ukraine is producing, I think it's about 5 million drones. Russia is about the same," he said. "We are not going to be at a place where we need to manufacture as a nation 5 million drones until we're in conflict, but we need to be able to get there really quickly."

If Iran attacks ships again, it will get much worse, says Trump

Washington, July 13 : The United States launched another round of military strikes against Iran, saying the operation was aimed at degrading Tehran's ability to threaten shipping through the Strait of Hormuz after what Washington described as recent attacks on commercial vessels in the strategic waterway. The latest operation came hours after President Donald Trump declared that he believed the fragile ceasefire with Iran was effectively over and warned Tehran that further attacks on commercial shipping would invite a stronger US response.

In a statement posted on social media, US Central Command (CENTCOM) said: "At the direction of the Commander in Chief, US Central Command forces have started conducting additional strikes against Iran to further degrade their ability to threaten freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz." It added: "The United States is holding Iran accountable for recent unjustified aggression against commercial shipping and civilian crews freely navigating a vital international waterway." The strikes marked the second consecutive day of US military action

against Iranian targets linked to the security of the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important energy corridors. According to The New York Times, Iranian state media reported explosions in several locations in southern Iran, including areas around Bandar Abbas, Sirik and Chabahar. Trump described the latest attacks as retaliation for Iranian strikes on commercial vessels. "If it happens again, it will get much worse!" he wrote in a social media post. Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One while returning to Washington from the NATO summit, Trump said Iran had contacted the United States. "They want to make a deal so badly," he said. "I don't know that they're going to honour the deal." Earlier in the day, Trump said the United States had struck Iran "very hard last night" and would "probably hit them hard again tonight." He also said he believed any renewed military action would conclude quickly. "I don't think it's going to start again," Trump said. "I think it's going to go very quickly. They hit a couple of ships, and so we hit them much harder. ... We use their



language. We speak their language." According to The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal, the latest strikes followed an earlier wave of more than 80 US strikes against Iranian-linked military targets near the Strait of Hormuz and were broader than Tuesday's operation. The Wall Street Journal, citing a senior US official, reported that the targets included missile and drone storage areas around the Persian Gulf, while The Washington Post, citing CENTCOM, reported that the operation targeted air defence systems, command-and-control networks, coastal radar sites, anti-ship missile systems and more than 60 small boats associated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The renewed US action also came a day after Washington revoked a licence that had allowed Iran to sell oil on international markets, removing a key economic incentive under the interim understanding reached between the two countries.

Former Georgian defence minister detained over attempted govt overthrow accusation

Tbilisi, July 13 : The Tbilisi City Court ordered pretrial detention for Bacho Akhalaia, a former Georgian defence minister, on accusations of his involvement in an attempted government overthrow earlier this year, according to local media. The court hearing was conducted behind closed doors on Monday (local time). The Prosecutor's Office stated the closed session was necessary to prevent the disclosure of sensitive personal information regarding employees of the State Security Service (SSS).



US attempts to dominate global energy market: Russian FM

Moscow, July 13 : The United States is pursuing a doctrine of domination in global energy markets, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said in an interview with Russian media. "They (the United States) care only about their own well-being. They are ready to defend this prosperity by any means -- coups, abductions, or assassinations of leaders of countries that have natural resources Washington desires. All of this is related to oil," said Lavrov on Monday. Lavrov further asserted that the United States follows the principle that its interests always take precedence over international agreements, reports Xinhua news agency. He pointed out that the United States has historically welcomed -- and continues to welcome -- Russia's

marginalisation in European energy markets. He emphasised that for the United States to cooperate with Russia, it must first respect Russia's interests. Earlier on Monday, the Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson said that European politicians are deliberately plunging their countries into crisis and darkness by continuing to reject Russian energy resources. "It is not a technical disaster nor any natural cataclysms that are causing the global crisis in the European Union (EU), but rather the decisions of its own leaders, who are simply flipping the switch," Maria Zakharova said in a post on her Telegram channel. On Friday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen confirmed the EU's unwavering position.

All options on table in Iran conflict : US envoy

Washington, July 13 : The United States is pursuing a dual-track approach on the Strait of Hormuz, combining allied burden-sharing with the threat of direct military action, US Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said. Speaking on CBS News' "Face the Nation", Waltz said, "Well, I think it can be both. It's not necessarily mutually exclusive," when asked whether Washington intended to reopen the strategic waterway by force or rely on partners. He pointed to growing allied involvement, adding, "We have now seen Italy, Germany, France, and a number of others commit to help with this effort," while noting that



Japan had also pledged naval support given that "80 per cent of what is coming out of the Gulf is going to Asia." At the same time, Waltz underscored that the US was prepared to escalate. "The president has been clear, too. He's going to continue to pound Iran's capabilities, its mis-

siles, its naval and its drone capability," he said. The remarks come amid President Donald Trump's warning that Tehran must reopen the Strait of Hormuz or face strikes on its energy infrastructure. Waltz declined to rule out targeting such facilities, saying, "I would never take anything off the table for the president, certainly not on national television." Waltz said Iran's military and civilian infrastructure are deeply intertwined. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps "controls a huge swath of Iran's critical infrastructure, their economy, and certainly many of their governing institutions," he asserted.

Indian American-led county in Pennsylvania passes rare bipartisan budget

Washington, July 13 : An Indian American-headed county in the key swing state of Pennsylvania has unanimously approved its 2026 budget, marking the first bipartisan county budget in nearly a decade, with major investments in housing, public health, infrastructure, and workforce development. Montgomery County, Pennsylvania's third-largest county with a population of about 865,000, adopted the

\$1.2 billion budget last week under the leadership of County Commissioner Neil Makhija, an Indian American who chairs the Board of Commissioners. County officials described the budget as a data-driven effort focused on local needs at a time of political dysfunction at the federal and state levels. The budget was approved unanimously, reflecting rare cross-party consensus



in a politically influential county that is more populous than four US states and Washington, D.C. Montgomery County plays an important role in Pennsylvania, a critical battleground in US elections.



UN Command says military boundary between two Koreas under its authority

Seoul, July 13 : The American-led United Nations Command (UNC) has said a Military Demarcation Line (MDL) marking the boundary between the two Koreas has been under its authority, in an apparent objection to an internal revision by South Korea's military over land border rules to prevent accidental clashes with North Korea. The UNC said in a statement to Yonhap News Agency, "The United Nations Command reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the Armistice Agreement, including the MDL, and to supporting measures that prevent escalation and promote stability within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)." The statement came when asked how the UNC assessed the South Korean military's envisioned revision of border rules, after the Korean military reportedly refined the MDL markers in order to reduce discrepancies between the two sides. "The Military Demarcation Line

was established and depicted in Map Volume I of the Korean Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953, following a series of armistice negotiations," the UNC said. Last week, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it had ordered troops to prioritise markers that indicate the MDL when making decisions, while also "comprehensively" applying the South Korean military map and a line connecting MDL markers set out by the UNC when they are difficult to discern. Critics say the move favours North Korean troops by allowing the military to use a line drawn farther south when determining whether a border crossing has occurred. On Seoul's recent proposal for military talks with Pyongyang, the UNC stressed that military dialogue related to the MDL should be conducted "under the auspices of the command," as stipulated in the armistice agreement.

Japan's record defence budget plan sparks public concern

Tokyo, July 13 : The Japanese government has recently approved a draft budget for fiscal 2026, with defence spending set at about 9.04 trillion yen (about 58 billion US dollars), marking a new record high and sparking public concern. An editorial published on Monday (local time) by Japan's Shimbun Akahata noted that the country's defence budget stood at 5.4 trillion yen in fiscal 2022 and has surged by 3.6 trillion yen in just four years, reports Xinhua news agency. The newspaper said the latest figure is comparable to the 3.5 trillion yen allocated for measures to address the declining birthrate and the 3.8 trillion yen earmarked for nursing care payments in the budget proposal, warning that rising military spending will inevitably squeeze livelihood-related expenditures, which makes it a budget of "military prosperity at the expense of people's livelihoods."



UN envoy urges calm as tensions rise in Yemen

Aden, July 13 : United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg called on all parties to exercise restraint and avoid further escalation, as tensions mount in Yemen's eastern governorates of Hadramout and Al-Mahrah. In a statement posted on social media platform X, Grundberg reiterated the UN secretary-general's call for "restraint, de-escalation and dialogue," urging all parties to avoid actions that could further complicate the situation. He underscored the importance of ongoing regional mediation efforts, noting that he remains engaged with Yemeni and regional stakeholders in support of de-escalation and progress toward "a comprehensive and inclusive political solution" to the conflict in Yemen, Xinhua news agency reported. Grundberg made the remarks after Saudi Arabia carried out airstrikes on Friday targeting Southern Transitional Council (STC) sites, including positions of the Hadrami Elite Forces in the Ghayl bin Yamin area near key oil fields. No casualties or damage to military equipment were reported. The strikes followed the STC's latest military expansion in eastern Yemen. On December 3, STC forces took control of Hadramout after clashes with pro-government units, before extending their presence



into the eastern province of Al-Mahrah without reported resistance. The group has since recruited local forces in both provinces, despite repeated calls from the Yemeni government and Saudi Arabia for de-escalation. Earlier in the day, Turki Al Maliki, spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, said that any military movements undermining de-escalation efforts would be addressed to protect civilians, the Saudi Press Agency reported. Yemen's Presidential Leadership Council (PLC) Chairman Rashad Al-Alimi on Saturday welcomed the coalition's measures to curb what he described as destabilizing actions by the STC in the two governorates. Formed in 2017, the STC seeks self-determination and eventual independence for southern Yemen. Although it joined the Saudi-led coalition and was integrated into Yemen's internationally recognized government in 2022, the group continues to press for southern secession. The STC has accused previous Yemeni governments of politically and economically marginalizing the south, a claim Yemeni authorities deny.

Shop to Enterprise: Patna youth see jump in business and fortunes, courtesy PMEGP

Patna, July 13 : Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bihar's Sheikhpura district who once barely managed to make ends meet by running a small shop, is running a successful entrepreneurial venture in the city. He attributes his success to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) – a central government scheme, which assists prospective beneficiaries in establishing new micro-enterprises primarily with small project costs, facilitated

through small loans. Sharing the experience of his fortunes, taking a jump from humble origins to that of enterprise makers, he expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting that his business grew only because of the public welfare scheme launched by the government. His life trajectory has undergone a sea-change over the years, after he started taking advantage of the PMEGP scheme. Initially, Ashok's shop was very small and income-limited and meeting his family's expenses was a daily struggle. His

desire to move ahead helped him overcome the odds. Upon learning about the PMEGP, Ashok resolved to expand his small shop and applied to avail the benefits of the scheme. Once the application process was completed, he received the assistance provided. Leveraging the benefits of the scheme, he expanded his small shop and established a large furniture warehouse. Now, his facility manufactures not only chairs and tables but also a wide variety of items such as wardrobes, sofa sets, and office furniture. People from Sheikhpura and surrounding areas flock to his warehouse in large numbers to purchase the products. Since the opening of the warehouse, Ashok Kumar's income has seen a substantial increase. Speaking to IANS,



he remarked that there has been a significant transformation in his life. "Had I not received the benefits of this scheme, I would still be running just a small shop," he said, expressing his gratitude to PM Modi. "This scheme is proving to be a milestone for small shopkeepers like us, as everyone harbours the desire to achieve something, but financial constraints often prevent them from doing so. In this context, this scheme has proven to be immensely helpful."



Maha: Repeat cattle smugglers to face MCOCA, vehicle registration cancellation

Mumbai, July 13 : In a major crackdown on illegal cattle trafficking, Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Pankaj Bhoiyar on Monday announced that the state government is actively considering cancelling the registration of vehicles repeatedly used for illegal cattle transportation. Replying to a half-hour discussion in the Legislative Assembly raised by MLA Sudhir Mungantiwar on animal preservation and enforcement of the cattle slaughter ban, the minister said the state was effectively implementing the Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act and that habitual offenders involved in organised cattle smuggling were being booked under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). Bhoiyar said law enforcement agencies were maintaining data on cow protectors (gaurakshaks) and complainants to trace illegal networks.



Complete the SIR process, Punjab CM appeals to electorates

Chandigarh, July 13 : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday called upon eligible voters to complete the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process on priority, asserting that participation is essential to safeguard the constitutional right to vote and ensure continued access to government welfare schemes. The chief minister said only those whose names are included in the new voter list after submitting the SIR form will be able to exercise their franchise and avail the benefits of government schemes. Assuring full support to the people, he said that anyone facing difficulty filling out the SIR form should seek assistance from local Aam Aadmi Party volun-

teers. In a message to the people, Mann said it is very important for every eligible voter to fill out the SIR form so that their name is included in the new electoral roll. He added that if a name does not appear in the voter list, they will not be able to exercise their democratic right to vote. He urged every Punjabi to complete this process on time and protect this invaluable right. The chief minister said SIR is aimed at strengthening democracy at the grassroots and appealed to people across the state to participate enthusiastically. He assured full support and co-operation to every citizen during the process.

Delhi-Mumbai expressway 80 pc complete, travel time to reduce to 12 hours: Nitin Gadkari

Jaipur, July 13 : Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, said on Monday that nearly 80 per cent of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway has been completed at a cost of Rs 1.10 lakh crore, and the remaining work is progressing rapidly. He added that within the next two years, commuters will be able to travel from Delhi to Nariman Point and the Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai in just 12 hours.

Addressing a public gathering near the Dara Tunnel in Kota after inspecting a 90-km stretch of the expressway from the Laban Interchange in Bundi to Kota, Gadkari said, "We deliver what we promise. That is our hallmark." Union Minister Gadkari was accompanied by the Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma. Highlighting the broader impact of the expressway, Gadkari said it would serve as a catalyst for economic growth rather than merely a transportation corridor. According to Union Minister Gadkari, the highway will attract industries, logistics parks, edu-



cational institutions, medical colleges and agro-based enterprises, creating employment opportunities and driving development in regions along its route. Addressing Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Gadkari remarked, "You may get tired of asking, but I will never tire of giving. There is no shortage of funds for National Highway projects. Ask for Rs 10,000 crore, Rs 50,000 crore or even Rs 2 lakh crore." He also joked that had time permitted, he would have sanctioned Rs 50,000 crore worth of projects for Rajasthan during the visit. "Next time I come to Jaipur, I have a signed chequebook ready, you only need to fill in the amount," he said. During his inspection,

Gadkari reviewed construction work on Packages 11 to 16 of the expressway and later interacted with officials at the Pinan way-side amenities in Alwar district. He directed officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the police to strengthen patrolling on the expressway and strictly prevent trucks from being parked haphazardly along the route, stressing that road safety must remain a priority. The Union Minister also announced two major infrastructure projects for the Kota region. A 10-km Mukundra bypass will be constructed on NH-52 at an estimated cost of Rs 551 crore, while a 21-km highway via Manpura.

Gujarat: Congress seeks legal MSP guarantee, demands probe into pre-monsoon works

Ahmedabad, July 13 : The Gujarat unit of Congress on Monday accused the Central and state governments of failing farmers and of inadequate preparedness for the monsoon, calling for the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations with a legal guarantee for minimum support prices and demanding an inquiry into pre-monsoon works following heavy rainfall across parts of the state. Addressing a press conference, General Secretary and state in-charge Mukul Wasnik alleged that the Union government had not fulfilled its promises to farmers despite repeated assurances during elections. "The Modi government has been continuously misleading farmers. During elections, farmers are given big promises regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP), but these are forgotten once the elections are over," Wasnik said. He added that while the government had honoured agricultural scientist Dr M.S. Swaminathan with the 'Bharat Ratna', it had not implemented the Swaminathan Commission's recommendation of providing farmers with prices that include a profit over the cost of production.



Indian Railways' capacity expansion to enhance train operations in Guwahati: NFR

Guwahati, July 13 : The Indian Railways has embarked upon a nationwide initiative to double the originating capacity of trains at 48 major cities by the year 2030, officials said on Monday. The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said that the ambitious plan has been formulated to meet the rapidly increasing passenger demand across the country. The gigantic plan would be executed through systematic expansion of coaching terminals, development of new terminals, creation of maintenance facilities and enhancement of sectional capacity, he added. This strategic initiative is aimed at decongesting major railway hubs, improving operational efficiency and significantly strengthening rail connectivity across regions. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has recently said that Indian Railways is undertaking comprehensive planning to expand terminal infrastructure and sectional capacity in major cities so as to meet future travel requirements, the CPRO said. The Union Minister emphasised that the initiative would enhance the train handling capability of stations, improve punctuality.



'No compromise on students' future': Gujarat Health Minister after lapses flagged at college

Gandhinagar/Mahisagar, July 13 : Gujarat Health Minister Praful Pansheriya on Monday said that no compromise will be made with the future of students, as the state government initiates action following inspection findings related to Dhanvantari Ayurveda College and Hospital in Koydam of Mahisagar district. The development comes after the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), through its Medical Assessment and Rating Board, issued a communication dated August 6 last year, highlighting several issues concerning the college and hospital, including academic standards, infrastructure and institutional functioning. Subsequently, on November 18, the central government's AYUSH department constituted a three-member inspection committee, which conducted a detailed site inspection of the institution.



A legacy of service, a vision for future: Rashtra Sevika Samiti observes 'Sankalp Diwas'

New Delhi, July 13: Marking 90 years of service, dedication, and nation-building, Rashtra Sevika Samiti, Delhi Prant, through its intellectual forum, Medhavini Sindhu Srijan, organised a dignified Sankalp Diwas programme at Sir Shankar Lal Concert Hall to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Samiti's founder and first chief, Lakshmibai Kelkar.

Bengaluru: Three arrested for chasing, harassing woman biker

Bengaluru, July 13 : The police on Monday arrested three persons for allegedly chasing and harassing a young woman rider for several kilometres in Bengaluru. The accused have been identified as Shaiek Roshan (19), a resident of Begur, and Shaiek Ayan (19), a resident of Old Gurappanpalya in BTM Layout. Both are employed at a chicken shop. The third accused, Shaiek Rihan Khan (18), a resident of BTM Layout, works at a garage.



Maruti Suzuki commissions

1 MWh battery energy storage system at Kharkhoda plant

New Delhi, July 13 : Leading automobile firm Maruti Suzuki India on Monday said it has commissioned a 1 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at its Kharkhoda manufacturing facility in Haryana as part of its efforts

to strengthen renewable energy usage and reduce carbon emissions. The company said the battery storage system has been integrated into the facility's internal electricity distribution network on a pilot basis to optimise the utilisation of solar power generated at the plant.



S. Korea's biopharmaceutical exports on pace to hit new record in H1

Seoul, July 13 : South Korea's exports of biopharmaceutical products are expected to post the highest level on record in the first quarter this year, government data showed on Monday.

The product category's estimated exports for the first six months of the year was \$4.5 billion, up 15.3 percent, according to the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, reports Yonhap news agency.

They accounted for 86.5 percent of all pharmaceutical exports of \$5.2 billion in the first half.

Biopharmaceutical exports have risen from \$4.9 billion in 2023 to \$7.6 billion in 2025. Should the trend continue, the

ministry expects this year to post the highest amount of exports on record.

South Korea-produced biopharmaceuticals were exported to a total of 163 countries as of June, with exports to Switzerland the highest at \$770 million. The United States followed next with \$610 million, and Hungary with \$600 million. France was included among the top 10 export countries for the first time as of the first half, with outbound shipments recording \$160 million. By product type, exports of recombinant protein drugs were the highest at \$3.97 billion, followed by toxins and antitoxins at \$280 million, and vaccines at \$120 million. The ministry said it will make efforts so that the bio industry can carry on its export momentum in the second half of the year through regulatory innovation, information sharing and active trade talks with major importers.

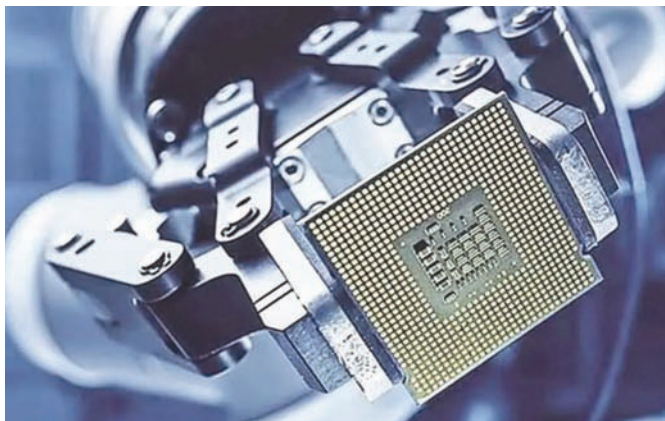


Silver overtakes Apple, Alphabet in market value, expected to surpass NVIDIA

New Delhi, July 13 : Silver has surged to become one of the most valuable assets in the world, overtaking tech giants Apple Inc and Alphabet in market capitalisation and moving closer to surpassing NVIDIA Corporation to claim the second spot after gold.

According to data from companiesmarketcap.com, silver's market capitalisation has risen to \$4.220 trillion. This places it just 8.1 per cent behind NVIDIA, which currently stands at \$4.592 trillion. Gold continues to remain far ahead as the world's most valued asset, with a market capitalisation of \$31.598 trillion as of Monday.

The sharp rise in silver's valuation comes amid a historic rally in prices. Spot silver on Comex crossed the \$75 per ounce mark on Monday and extended gains to hit a fresh record high. In India, silver futures on the Multi Commodity Exchange of India touched an all-time high of Rs 2,33,115 per kilogram during intraday trade. In contrast, NVIDIA's stock price was trading at \$188.61 in the afternoon session, down 0.32 per cent over the previous 24 hours. Market experts believe silver could soon climb even higher in global rankings. Surendra Mehta, national secretary of the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA), said that if the current momentum continues.



MeitY-backed ChipIN Centre inaugurated in Tamil Nadu to boost 'Make in India' chip push

New Delhi, July 13 : The MeitY-backed ChipIN Centre - focused on semiconductor design education and VLSI research -- has been inaugurated at Sona College of Technology in Tamil Nadu on Monday to strengthen India's semiconductor ecosystem and support the country's 'Make in India' chip push. The 'Sona ChipIN Centre', established at the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), has been set up under the Chips to Startup (C2S) programme supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), C-DAC and the ChipIN Centre initiative. The facility is equipped with advanced Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools valued at Rs 100 million, enabling students, researchers and faculty members to work on semiconductor design, VLSI research and industry-oriented innovation projects. The centre was inaugurated by Dr V Veerappan, Chairman of the India Electronics and Semiconductor Association, and Shekar Viswanathan, former Vice-Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor. Sona Institutions Chairman C Valliappa said the Centre should work towards developing a 'Made in India' chip within the next 24-36 months in alignment with the government's India Semiconductor Mission. Meanwhile, Sona Institutions Vice Chairman Chocko Valliappa said the initiative assumes significance amid India's rapidly growing semiconductor ecosystem and the country's entry into advanced 3nm chip development capabilities.



SEBI relaxes borrowing norms for InvITs above 49 pc leverage limit

Mumbai, July 13 : Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Monday relaxed borrowing norms for Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) with leverage exceeding 49 per cent of asset value, a move aimed at expanding financing flexibility for infrastructure projects and improving funding access across the sector.

In a circular, the market regulator said InvITs will now be allowed to raise fresh borrowings above the 49 per cent leverage threshold for capital expenditure intended to enhance asset performance or expand project capacity.

The regulator has also permitted InvITs to use additional debt for major maintenance expenses related to road infrastructure projects. According to the circular, such expenses will include non-routine maintenance obligations mandated under concession agreements.

TCS scales up 'Human+AI' strategy amid enterprise AI push: Chairman N Chandrasekaran



New Delhi, July 13 : India's leading software services provider, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), is repositioning itself as an AI and digital transformation partner as it sharpens focus on full-stack artificial intelligence solutions across industries, Chairman N Chandrasekaran has said. In a message to shareholders in the company's FY26 annual report, Chandrasekaran said enterprises are rapidly accelerating adoption of generative and agentic AI technologies. TCS also scaled up execution of its 'Human + AI' operating model and expanded its industry-specific agent marketplace during the fiscal year, he noted. According to Chandrasekaran, AI is evolving from being merely a technology layer to becoming the "infrastructure of intelligence" for businesses. He said enterprises are expected to increasingly move from AI pilot

projects to large-scale deployment, embedding AI into core business operations, supply chains and decision-making processes. TCS generated annualised revenue of \$2.3 billion from AI services during FY26, while its new-age services portfolio -- including cloud, data, enterprise solutions and cyber security -- contributed \$11.5 billion in annualised revenue.

The company reported total revenue of \$30 billion for FY26 and secured deal wins with a total contract value of \$40.7 billion during the year.



Centre releases Indian Standard for Electric Agricultural Tractors to ensure safety, reliability

New Delhi, July 13 : Union Consumer Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi has released the 'Electric Agricultural Tractors — Test Code', developed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), to ensure the safety, reliability, and performance of electric agricultural tractors through uniform and standardised testing protocols across the country, as per an official statement issued on Monday.

IS 19262:2025 'Electric Agricultural Tractors — Test Code' establishes a common understanding among all stakeholders with respect to uniform terminology.



Cupid shares plunge 11 pc in biggest one-day fall in six months

Mumbai, July 13 : Shares of Cupid Limited plunged 11 per cent on Monday after hitting a record high of Rs 226 earlier in the session, marking the stock's biggest one-day decline in six months. Heavy profit booking erased early gains, with the stock falling as much as 20 per cent intra-day before recovering some losses to close at Rs 197 per share.

The sharp decline marked one of the stock's steepest single-day falls in 2026 and its biggest intra-day crash since January 2, when it had also plunged 20 per cent during the session.



Tata Motors targets 1.2 million annual PV sales by FY30, plans Rs 40,000 crore investment

New Delhi, July 13 : Tata Motors on Monday unveiled an ambitious five-year roadmap for its passenger vehicle business, targeting annual sales of more than 1.2 million units by FY30, a 20 per cent share of the domestic passenger vehicle market and revenues of Rs 1.4 lakh crore, backed by investments of nearly Rs 40,000 crore in products and manufacturing. Speaking at the company's 81st annual general meeting held virtually on

Monday, Tata Motors Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran said the automaker aims to achieve a tenfold increase in passenger vehicle volumes over the decade from FY20 to FY30. "Looking ahead in the next five years, the company has a big ambition.



BJP to contest 2028 Assembly polls in Meghalaya alone

Shillong, July 13 : Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and MLA Alexander Laloo Hek on Monday asserted that the party would contest the 2028 Meghalaya Assembly elections independently, expressing confidence that the party would be in a position to lead the next state government. Addressing mediapersons here, Hek said the BJP has already begun strengthening its organisational network across the state and is working to expand its grassroots presence ahead of the next Assembly elections. He said they will contest the 2028 Assembly elections on their own and are confident that the BJP will emerge stronger and lead the next government in Meghalaya. The senior BJP MLA said the party is focused on building its

support base and preparing for the electoral battle over the next two years. Hek also spoke about the forthcoming Shillong Lok Sabha by-election, revealing that the party leadership had initially approached him to contest the seat. However, he declined the proposal, citing his existing responsibilities as a legislator and minister. He said they had asked him to contest the by-election, but he informed the leadership that he still has several responsibilities to fulfil and therefore is not contesting. The BJP leader said he has instead recommended the name of fellow BJP MLA Sanbor Shullai as the party's candidate for the parliamentary bypoll. He said he has proposed Shullai's name, and the final decision rests with the party's national leadership.



Rural connectivity gets boost as PMGSY roads take shape in Doda

Doda, July 13 : Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing a major push in rural connectivity under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) Phase-IV, First Batch. The central government has sanctioned around 31 new road sections for the district, bringing much-needed infrastructure development to this largely hilly region. Speaking to IANS, Executive Engineer PMGSY Doda, Zakir Hussain Zargar, said that after the completion of the tendering process, 26 road projects have been allotted to contractors under the

PMGSY Division Doda. Work has already commenced on 20 roads, while construction on the remaining six roads is expected to begin soon, he added. The engineer also expressed hope, saying that the central government would also approve Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for villages that are still unconnected. This will allow further expansion of the road network, he remarked. Zargar highlighted that nearly 70 per cent of the Doda district comprises hilly terrain.

Opposition slams assault on woman doctors by Shiv Sena corporator, calls it 'hooliganism'

Mumbai, July 13 : The alleged assault on women doctors and hospital staff by a Shiv Sena corporator in the Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation area has triggered sharp political reactions in Maharashtra, with leaders from the Opposition accusing the ruling alliance of misusing power and demanding strict action against those responsible. Meanwhile, state ministers condemned the incident, describing it as unacceptable and assuring that appropriate action would be taken.

Speaking to reporters, Shiv Sena-UBT MLA Aaditya Thackeray said: "I have asked the government and I have asked the Chief Minister to take action not only to arrest that corporator Ramesh Mhatre... but also to disqualify him from the post of the corporator, arrest him and parade him across Dombivli and Kalyan so that everybody knows that you cannot attack anybody like this, especially a doctor or a nurse, be it a female doctor or a male doctor or a nurse..." NCP-SP leader Rohit Pawar termed the incident an example of 'hooliganism' and alleged that those in power were responsible for such behaviour. "This is hooliganism, and it is being

Rivers swell, heavy inflows in dams, flood threats loom as monsoon intensifies across Karnataka

Bengaluru, July 13 : The Southwest Monsoon has intensified across Karnataka, bringing widespread rainfall to several districts, swelling rivers, filling reservoirs and lakes, and triggering flood-like situations in parts of the state's northern area. While the rains have brought much-needed relief from drought conditions, several low-lying areas and agricultural lands have been inundated as rivers continue to rise. Belagavi district has been among the worst affected, with incessant rainfall causing the Doodhganga, Markandeya, and Ghataprabha rivers to overflow. Vast stretches of agri-

cultural land along the riverbanks - and extending nearly half a kilometre away - with sugarcane, maize, and chilli have been submerged. Farmers, who had been struggling with drought and severe water scarcity until recently, are now facing losses due to flooding. Residents said the Ghataprabha River, which had barely any water just four days ago, is now overflowing following heavy rainfall in Maharashtra and the Western Ghats. Local farmers have urged the government to provide compensation, stating that delayed monsoon rains had already damaged crops before floodwaters entered their fields. At the same time, many expressed relief that rivers, lakes and reservoirs have finally begun filling after months of acute water short-



age. Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Mohammed Roshan said Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is scheduled to visit the district on Thursday and he will review the flood situation. "We have deputed a team of officials to the Koyna Reservoir in Maharashtra to monitor water releases. All necessary preparations have been made to effectively manage any flood situation," he said. In Shivamogga district, the Tunga River is flowing in spate

following continuous rainfall in the Malnad region. Several lakes in Hubballi have also filled up after receiving heavy rainfall over the past few days. In Dharwad district, lakes that had dried up during the summer have reached full capacity following sustained rains. Residents of Kalaghatagi taluk, who had been facing severe drinking water shortages for both people and livestock, have welcomed the rainfall.

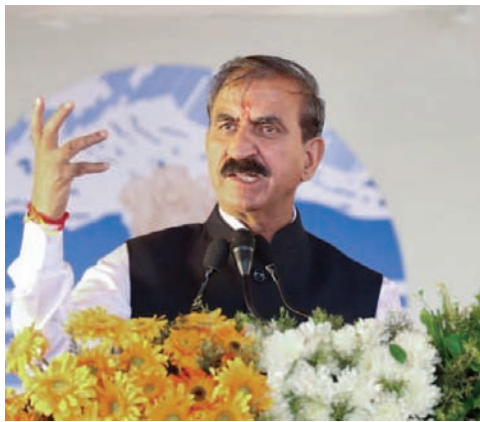


No harassment over Assamese language, foreigners remain foreigners : Minister

Guwahati, July 13 : Assam Minister and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) president Atul Bora on Monday asserted that no individual should be harassed in the name of language, while maintaining that illegal foreigners would continue to be treated as foreigners under the law. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the ongoing Budget Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly, Bora sought to clarify the state government's stand amid the continuing debate over the Assamese language and the issue of illegal immigration. He said there was no question of harassing anyone merely because of language and stressed that every resident of Assam has the right to speak Assamese. "There is no truth in the allegation that people are being harassed in the name of language.

VB-G RAM G not in state's interest, says Himachal CM

Shimla, July 13 : Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu on Monday said the implementation of the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) is not in the interest of the state. He pointed out that in the previous scheme, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), the Central government had provided 100 per cent funding, while under the new scheme the state government is required to bear 10 per cent of the expenditure. He said the state government is making efforts to strengthen the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, recognising its pivotal role in the holistic development of rural areas.



Presiding over a departmental review meeting here, the chief minister said that vacant posts in the department are being filled on priority to enhance administrative efficiency, adding that further recruitment would be undertaken in the coming days. Sukhu said the state would provide Rs 30 crore to complete the ongoing construction of Panchayat Ghars across the state.

Wanted Maharashtra man, associate arrested with 9.8 kg ganja in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, July 13 : The Ahmedabad City Crime Branch has arrested a man wanted in an earlier narcotics case along with his associate after seizing 9.8 kg of suspected ganja valued at Rs 4.9 lakh from an auto-rickshaw in the city, police said on Monday. According to the Crime Branch, officers were on patrol as part of an operation to identify and take action against people involved in the illegal sale of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances when they received specific information about the movement of contraband. Acting on the tip-off, the team intercepted an auto-rickshaw on the service road near the Adinath Stone warehouse, close to Chunilal Park Society on the CTM Narol-Naroda Road.

Haryana Police top brass to discuss strategies on extortion calls, contract killings

Chandigarh, July 13 : Extortion calls, contract killings, organized drug trafficking networks and cybercrime are among the issues that will be debated at the high-level meeting chaired by Director General of Police (DGP) O.P. Singh in the Haryana Police Academy (HPA) in Madhuban on Monday. The high-level strategy session is aimed at consolidating operational learnings from 2025 and setting the crime-control and communication roadmap for 2026, an official statement said. The meeting will bring together ADGPs, IGs, Commissioners of Police, Range DIGs, and SPs from all 23 districts. The session will focus on identifying tactical improvements and policy innovations based on field experiences, emerging criminal trends, and evolving policing challenges. The agenda includes an in-depth review of organized crime, narcotics control, cybercrime prevention and strategic public communication, with an emphasis on making policing more proactive, intelligence-driven, and people-centric, said the statement here.



Dozens of children infected with HIV in Pakistan: Report

New Delhi, July 13 : Dozens of children were infected with HIV at a government-run hospital in Pakistan's Sindh province amid allegations that contaminated syringes were re-used during treatment, according to a report. According to a report by the UK-based The Telegraph, at least 78 children contracted HIV at Kulsoom Bai Valika Hospital in Sindh. The report said the investigation follows months of protests by families, who accused the authorities of failing to order an independent inquiry into the outbreak, which was first reported in November last year. The families eventually approached the Sindh High Court, which directed the government to submit a report within two weeks explaining the cause of the infections. The petition filed before the court alleges that more than 200 children contracted HIV



after disposable syringes were allegedly reused at the hospital. The families also claimed that at least nine children have died, although officials have not confirmed those figures. According to the report, the petition argues that the reuse of disposable syringes amounts to criminal negligence and accuses the authorities of failing to investigate the incident or ensure proper treatment for the affected children. The outbreak comes amid growing concern over paediatric HIV infections in Pakistan. Citing Sindh's health department, The Telegraph reported that 329 of the 894 HIV cases recorded in the province between January and March this year were among children.



Nearly 19.5 million people in Sudan facing acute food insecurity: UN

United Nations, July 13 : Nearly 19.5 million people in Sudan are facing crisis levels of acute food insecurity, a UN spokesperson said, citing the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). While 14 areas are at risk of famine across Greater Darfur and Greater Kordofan, conditions are expected to deteriorate further during the lean season between June and September, Farhan Haq, deputy spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, told a daily briefing on Monday (local time). Meanwhile, humanitarian assistance remains critically inadequate compared with the scale of needs, he said. Between February and May, humanitarian partners aimed to reach 4.8 million people per month, but only an estimated 3.13 million people received assistance in February, Haq said. FAO, WFP, and UNICEF have called for an immediate cessation of hostilities and urged the international community to urgently scale up funding for food, emergency food production, nutrition, health, and water and sanitation services, as well as support for actions to rebuild livelihoods, the spokesperson added.

BJP blasts Manickam Tagore over RSS remarks, warns of defamation suit

New Delhi, July 13 : BJP National Spokesperson R.P. Singh on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Congress party and its MP Manickam Tagore over his remarks against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), warning that the leader should introspect or be prepared to face a defamation suit. The reaction came after Tagore, responding to senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh's praise for the RSS, mounted a fierce attack on the organisation, asserting that the Congress has nothing to learn from what he described as a hate-driven body. Speaking to IANS, Manickam Tagore had said, "The RSS is an organisation of hatred. It spreads hatred, breeds hatred and carries out propaganda based on hate.



Brazil's supreme court opens probe into funding for ex-president's film

Brasilia, July 13 : Brazil's Supreme Federal Court has ordered an investigation into the possible diversion of parliamentary funds to cultural projects, including a film about former President Jair Bolsonaro. The order was issued by Justice Flavio Dino on Monday (local time) after a complaint filed earlier this year by lawmaker Tabata Amaral of the Brazilian Socialist Party. Amaral alleged that public funds allocated through parliamentary amendments may have been used for electoral marketing and audiovisual content linked to Bolsonaro, who is serving a sentence for an attempted coup, reports Xinhua news agency. According to the complaint, sev-



eral lawmakers from Bolsonaro's Liberal Party allegedly transferred a total of 2.6 million reais (about 514,000 US dollars) from parliamentary amendments. The case came amid media reports that Senator Flavio Bolsonaro, the former president's son and a presidential hopeful, sought 130 million reais.



India says USTR failed to prove trade harm

Washington, July 13 : India on Monday told the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) that its proposed 12.5 per cent tariff on Indian imports lacks the legal and evidentiary basis required under Section 301, arguing that Washington has failed to establish any causal link between India's policies and harm to U.S. commerce. Presenting India's case before a USTR public hearing, Dr. Brij Mohan of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said the investigation relied on broad assumptions rather than country-specific evidence and urged the U.S. to reconsider its findings against India. "The USTR has neither identified nor engaged with the discrete elements of Section 301 for

any country, including India, that directly amounts to an unreasonable act, policy or practice," Dr. Mohan said in his testimony. He added that the current determination represented "a departure from the USTR's previous determination" in earlier Section 301 investigations. He argued that the absence of an explicit prohibition on imports made with forced labour should not be interpreted as permitting such practices. "The absence of an explicit forced

labour import ban does not constitute acquiescing to or permitting forced labour in any form," he said, adding that the International Labour Organization's approach recognises that eliminating forced labour requires multiple policy measures tailored to individual countries rather than relying solely on import bans. A central plank of India's argument was that the USTR had failed to demonstrate that India's policies burden U.S. commerce, a key legal requirement under Section 301.

"There is inadequate and insufficient evidence" to show that the absence of an import prohibition in India provides an unfair competitive advantage or harms U.S. industry, Dr. Mohan said. He pointed specifically to the USTR's own trade data. "In fact, USTR's data in Appendix A, such as in relation to cotton, rice and tobacco, contradicts" the adverse findings against India, he said. According to Dr. Mohan, the data show rising U.S. exports and negligible or declining third-country competition in India in those product categories, indicating that the absence of an import prohibition has not adversely affected U.S. commerce.

Bihar Cabinet approves 22 key proposals: RRTS, AIIMS Patna expansion among major decisions



Patna, July 13 : The Bihar Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, on Monday approved 22 major proposals, focusing on infrastructure, healthcare, education, renewable energy, agriculture, employment, and urban development. The meeting was held in the Cabinet Hall of the Chief Secretariat. The Cabinet approved the creation of 76 teaching positions across various faculties in 10 state engineering colleges and the Bihar Engineering University. The move is expected to strengthen technical education and improve faculty availability in government engineering institutions. Under the Jal Jeevan Hariyali Abhiyan, approval was granted to install 500 MW of grid-connected rooftop solar power plants on government buildings between the financial years 2025-26 and 2029-30. The initiative aims to promote renewable energy, reduce electricity costs, and support Bihar's clean energy goals. The Cabinet approved

the construction of a Bailey bridge, installation of a new suspended slab, and comprehensive repair and restoration of the Vikramshila Setu over the Ganga River in Bhagalpur. The project is expected to improve connectivity and ensure safer movement across the ageing bridge. In a landmark transport decision, the Cabinet approved the preparation of the Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Bihar's proposed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS). The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will prepare the reports. The proposed corridors will connect Patna-Muzaffarpur, Patna-Begusarai, Patna-Ara, and Patna-Gaya. The high-speed regional transit network is expected to significantly improve regional connectivity, promote economic growth, and support urban expansion. Administrative approval was granted for the acquisition of 26.76 acres of land at Mauja-Bhusaula, Danapur, for the expansion of AIIMS Patna.

Top North Korean parliament official meets Vietnam FM in Pyongyang

Seoul, July 13 : A top official of North Korea's rubber-stamp legislature met Vietnam's Foreign Minister Le Hoai Trung for talks in Pyongyang earlier this week, the North's state media reported on Monday. Jo Yong-won, chairman of the standing committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, met Trung on Friday during his visit to the country as Vietnamese President To Lam's special envoy, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said. The KCNA dispatch did not offer details of the talks, which included North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Pak Sang-gil and Vietnamese Ambassador to North Korea Le Ba Vinh,



but noted that it took place in a "friendly atmosphere." Jo is considered a top aide to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un and one of the most influential officials in Pyongyang, reports Yonhap news agency, quoting KCNA. Trung arrived in Pyongyang on Tuesday and met North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son-hui the next day. His visit came amid warming ties between the two countries following a summit between Lam and Kim in Pyongyang in October, which marked the first visit by a top Vietnamese leader to the North in 18 years.

TN Minister Nirmal Kumar claims DMK, AIADMK losing political strength

Coimbatore, July 13 : Tamil Nadu Minister Nirmal Kumar on Monday launched a sharp attack on the DMK and the AIADMK, claiming that both parties were rapidly losing their political strength and would soon be left without cadres. He also accused the opposition of attempting to prevent Chief Minister Joseph Vijay from visiting Karur and of using legal proceedings to silence the government. Interacting with mediapersons, Nirmal Kumar questioned why

the DMK was allegedly apprehensive about the Chief Minister's proposed visit to Karur, where the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is probing the alleged custodial death of temple security guard Ajith Kumar. Referring to a petition submitted to Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar seeking a CBI probe into the incident, Nirmal Kumar alleged that the opposition's real objective was to prevent the Chief Minister from visiting the district. "If the Chief Minister's visit is of no significance, why are they

making repeated attempts to prevent him from going to Karur?" the minister asked. "They have been filing petitions continuously. If they are so confident, why are they worried about his visit?" He said the CBI investigation was already underway and pointed out that the agency had not yet filed its charge sheet in the case. According to him, the opposition was trying to exploit the investigation for political purposes and weaken the ruling government. "For the past one week, they have been trying to silence both our

party and our Chief Minister by using this case. Every one of those attempts has failed," Nirmal Kumar said. The minister further alleged that the same political parties had earlier questioned the need for a CBI investigation but were now approaching the courts with fresh petitions on the issue. Claiming that both the DMK and the AIADMK had exhausted all political options against the ruling government, Nirmal Kumar said their strategies had failed to make an impact. "All the efforts made by the DMK



and the AIADMK have ended in failure. Both parties are steadily weakening. The day is not far when there will be hardly anyone left in either of these parties," he said. The remarks come amid es-

calating political tensions in Tamil Nadu over the Karur custodial death case and the continuing war of words between the ruling TVK government and the opposition parties.



1,087 long-pending pension grievances taken up for redressal, 815 resolved on the spot

New Delhi, July 13 : The government on Monday said that 1,087 grievances related to long-standing grievances of pensioners pertaining to 30 departments and ministries were taken up in the 15th Pension Adalat this month. The grievances belonged to the Departments under Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Finance, Posts, Housing and Urban Affairs and Civil Aviation, etc. The 15th Pension Adalat was held at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on December 24 for redressal, out of which 815 grievances were resolved on the spot, underscoring the efficiency of this initiative in delivering timely justice to pensioners,

according to Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. For example, "Satyam Mishra who belongs to Prayagraj and had his grievance pending for more than 114 days". "The grievance was regarding non-release of pensionary benefits on account of Extra Ordinary Pension since July, 2024. He himself joined through VC to voice his concern. It was apprised in the Pension Adalat by the officers in BSF that after due processing, the case has been settled and arrears amounting to Rs 5,73,728/-including the Ex-gratia have been paid," according to the ministry. "It was also informed that his Extra ordinary pension will be started

with effect from 01.12.2025," it added. Another pensioner, Nasim Akhtar who belongs to Srinagar had his grievance pending for more than 150 days. His grievance was regarding delay in settlement of a family pension case pending since August 2020. He attended the Adalat through VC. The case was that of Department of Census Operations. It was informed by CC(P), CPAO that the Authority has been issued on 24.12.2025 and without any further delay, arrears will also be paid, the ministry informed. Mukta Chakraborty who belongs to Guwahati, Assam and had her grievance pending for more than 150 days.

Man arrested for hacking woman relative to death in Bengal's Nadia

Kolkata, July 13 : A man in West Bengal's Nadia district was arrested on Monday for hacking his niece-in-law to death following a family dispute, police said. The incident was reported from the Gopinathpur panchayat area under Palashipara police station in Nadia. Based on a complaint lodged by the deceased's family, the police arrested the accused

from near his house after an all-night search. He was to be produced before a local court, with police aiming to seek his custody for further questioning. According to police sources, the deceased was identified as Shampa Biswas, aged 27, who had married Uttam Biswas a few years ago. Local residents alleged that Biswas and his uncle, Sufal Biswas, 52, had a long-standing family feud. On Friday, the dis-



pute escalated to a violent level. During the argument between the two families, the uncle allegedly attacked Shampa with a sharp weapon, striking her in the neck. The screams and commotion from the two families alerted the neighbours, who rushed to the house and found Shampa lying in a pool of blood.



Karnataka has emerged as model for country in Panchayat Raj system: Dy CM Parameshwara

Tumakuru (Karnataka), July 13 : Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara said on Monday that the state has emerged as a model for the entire country in the Panchayat Raj system. He was speaking after inaugurating the 2026-27 workshop for Gram Panchayat Administrators and Gram Panchayat Development Officers at the Tumakuru Zilla Panchayat auditorium. Parameshwara said Gram Panchayats must focus not only on drinking water, road development and financial management, but also on building an atmosphere of equality and peace, free from caste and religious discrimination. He instructed officials to ensure transparency in the use of public funds and to take up development works without discriminating against any community. He also stressed the importance of proper auditing of expenditure. He said the concept of Panchayat Raj was shaped by Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Gram Swaraj. Through the 1993 Constitutional Amendment and the 1994 Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, a three-tier Panchayat system was introduced in Karnataka and has been functioning successfully. Parameshwara recalled that 1.44 crore pages of Revenue Department records have been

scanned and securely stored in e-Khajane. He said the systems introduced by former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna continue to serve the state. He also noted that Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had recently spoken in Kalaburagi about holding Panchayat elections soon. Speaking about the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, Parameshwara said the World Bank has appreciated the initiative, which was implemented in Karnataka to empower women. He added that opposition leaders had criticised the scheme when it was first introduced in the state, but today, similar schemes have been implemented in 14 states across the country. He appreciated the government officials and staff for their cooperation in successfully organising government programmes in Tumakuru. He said the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had visited the district four times and, with the collective effort of everyone involved, the programmes were conducted in a manner that became a model for the entire state. State government's Special Representative in Delhi T.B. Jayachandra, Deputy Commissioner Shubha Kalyan, Zilla Panchayat CEO Ashwija B.V., Superintendent of Police Ashok K.V. and others were present at the programme.

Bengal Minister welcomes decision to hold long-pending Howrah, Bally civic polls

New Delhi, July 13 : West Bengal Minister Dilip Ghosh on Monday welcomed the announcement of elections to the Howrah Municipal Corporation (HMC) and Bally Municipality, saying the decision would restore democratic governance in civic bodies where polls have remained pending for several years. Speaking to reporters, Ghosh said elected representatives were essential to ensuring better public services and that prolonged administration through state-appointed officials was not in the interest of the people. "This is a good decision. Elections have not been held in some corporations for seven, eight, or even nine years. There are no elected representatives, so people are not receiving the services they deserve. The administration has been running these bodies. Our government has decided that, in keeping with democratic principles, the administration should be handed over to elected public representatives," Ghosh said. He said that the process has begun, adding, "There are dozens of municipalities and corporations where elections have not been held for six, eight years.



Constable shoots himself dead in Chhattisgarh

Raipur/Narayanpur, July 13 : In a tragic incident, a constable posted at the Kodnar security camp under Kohkameta police station in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district, allegedly died by suicide on Monday. The constable, on duty in this Naxal-affected Bastar region, shot himself with his service rifle, sustaining a severe head injury, police officials said. He was immediately rushed to the district hospital in Narayanpur for emergency treatment. However, due to excessive bleeding, he succumbed before receiving medical attention, they said. Preliminary police investigations indicate that health-related issues may have contributed to the extreme step, the officials further said. Further inquiries and legal proceedings are underway to ascertain the exact circumstances. This incident adds to the growing concern over mental health challenges faced by security personnel deployed in high-stress.



Simple events, more EV use and fewer foreign trips: Gujarat introduces key measures after PM's appeal

Gandhinagar, July 13 : The Gujarat government has announced a wide-ranging set of measures aimed at reducing fuel consumption, government expenditure and foreign exchange outflow, while increasing the use of virtual administration and public transport across departments. The decisions were announced after a state cabinet meeting held under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi on Monday, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal for the prudent use of resources. Addressing the media after the meeting, state government spokesperson and minis-

ter Jitu Vaghani said the state had decided to implement several administrative measures in response to the prevailing global situation and in the interest of conserving resources. "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, the state government is committed to protecting both the environment and the government treasury," Vaghani said. According to the new guidelines, travel for government work will now be undertaken only when necessary. Officials have been instructed to avoid physical travel wherever possible and instead make maximum use of video conferencing, telephone and e-mail for official work.

UN experts slam Pakistan over Mahrang Baloch's life sentence, call it 'travesty of justice'

Geneva, July 13 : The United Nations experts on Monday strongly condemned the life sentence handed down to Baloch woman human rights defender and Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leader Mahrang Baloch by an Anti-Terrorism Court in Pakistan's Quetta, describing the verdict as “unjustified” and a “travesty of justice”. The criticism came after the anti-terrorism court on June 22 sentenced four activists, including Mahrang, to life imprisonment in connection with a case relating to the killing of a Frontier Corps official. “Dr. Baloch’s punishment is a travesty of justice, following an unfair trial and the misuse of counter-terrorism and murder

charges to suppress peaceful protest and freedoms of association and expression,” said the UN experts. The experts noted that several additional cases remain pending against Mahrang, with hearings ongoing. They warned that further convictions remain possible, as nearly 50 police complaints had reportedly been filed against her. “We are dismayed by the number of cases Dr. Baloch has faced, which aim to intimidate, punish, and deter her and other Baloch activists advocating for victims of human rights violations,” they said. Condemning the ruling, the experts said Mahrang’s trial was



marred by “serious due process concerns.” They noted that the trial was conducted inside a prison, with the accused denied the opportunity to appear in person despite Mahrang raising concerns over remote video proceedings and their impact on her ability to effectively participate in her defence. The experts further said that she was denied the right to choose her own legal counsel and was forced to be represented by a

state-appointed lawyer. They also expressed grave concern over Mahrang’s health and poor conditions of detention, including inadequate access to medical care and allegations of pressure on her family. “The right to fair trial under international law must always be respected, even where national security or counter-terrorism measures are invoked,” the experts said.

India launches 'One Stop Centre for Women' in Canada

Toronto, July 13 : The Consulate General of India in Canada's Toronto has set up a dedicated One Stop Centre for Women (OSCW), to assist Indian women facing distress, covering issues including domestic violence, abuse, family conflict, abandonment, exploitation and legal challenges. The Centre would operate from the Indian mission in Toronto. "The One Stop Centre will provide coordinated, beneficiary-centred assistance by connecting aggrieved women to timely and appropriate pathways of support, including immediate counselling, facilitation of psycho-social support, and coordination of legal assistance and advice, while helping women access relevant community and social-service resources in Canada.



Vance announces fresh crackdown on H-1B fraud

Washington, July 13 : Vice President J.D. Vance on Monday announced a fresh crackdown on alleged fraud involving the H-1B visa programme, saying the US Department of Labor has launched “dozens of subpoenas and investigations” targeting foreign entities accused of misusing the system to undercut American workers. Speaking at an anti-fraud event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Wednesday (local time), Vance said the

Trump administration was expanding its broader anti-fraud campaign beyond federal spending programmes to include employment-based visas. “We have a programme called the H1-B Visa programme, and this goes to show how broad-based the fraud task force is. We're fighting for your taxpayer money, but we're also making sure that fraudsters don't take advantage of these visa programmes,” he said. Describing the original purpose of the programme, Vance said it was

designed to allow “a brilliant technology person or a brilliant scientist or a brilliant doctor” to work in the United States. “But you know, what's happening way too much is that big corporations and fraudsters overseas are using this programme to undercut the wages of American workers,” he said. Announcing the new enforcement action, Vance said: “So, you know what we're doing in the Trump administration?

Ashley Tellis case: US govt opposes bid to drop charges



Washington, July 13 : The US government has opposed an attempt by well-known American policy expert Ashley J. Tellis to get serious charges against him dismissed, saying he wrongly kept highly sensitive national security documents at his home for years. Tellis is widely regarded as one of the foremost experts on India and South Asia in the United States, with a long career in government and strategic policy circles. According to government filings, Tellis — who worked with the US State Department and the defence establishment — held top-level security clearance but is accused of removing classified

material from secure offices and storing it at his residence. Prosecutors say the case is straightforward. They allege that Tellis “removed without authorization and retained” government documents, including papers marked TOP SECRET, and kept them in different parts of his home. They argue that even if someone has permission to see classified material at work, that does not mean they can take it home or keep it outside secure locations. In their filing, the government said the law applies to “any unauthorized possession” of national security information — meaning anyone who keeps such material without permission, regardless of their position.

Chinese Communist Party poses challenge to democracy: US NGO chief

Taipei, July 13 : National Endowment for Democracy President and CEO Damon Wilson has said that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) poses a big challenge to democracy and accused it of using political, economic and technological tools to reshape

the global order as per its own interests, local media reported on Monday. In his address at China In The World (CITW) Summit in Taipei on Monday, Wilson said that China's negative influence has been a key driver of 20-year consecutive decline in global freedoms.



Why Europe should be worried about Pakistan's terror ecosystem

Washington, July 13 : Pakistan's labour corridor to the Persian Gulf, marked by isolated compounds and informal religious networks, serves as a breeding ground for radicalisation and transnational recruitment, combining sectarian influ-

ences with worker vulnerabilities, a report said on Monday. It added that returnees reinforce Pakistan's terror ecosystems like Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and Lashkar-e-Taiba, while onward migrants through Turkey-Balkans or Libya routes create blind spots in Europe's counter-radicalisation

frameworks, exposing a stealth security vector that remains largely unmonitored. “Managed through Pakistan's Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment, the system has evolved into a structured pipeline dominated by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar, alongside substantial

irregular flows. Policymakers traditionally view this migration through an economic lens, and focus on labour rights and employment cycles, but emerging security assessments reveal a critical oversight. A security vector also permeates the Pakistan-Persian Gulf labour corridor.”



Robert Mueller remembered for boosting India–US counterterror ties

Washington, July 13 : Robert S. Mueller III, the former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation whose career came to define America’s post-security architecture and later its political divisions, is being remembered in India for a quieter but enduring legacy — his role in shaping modern India-US counter-terror cooperation. Mueller, who died at 81, engaged with India at critical moments in its security trajectory, beginning soon after he took charge of the FBI and continuing through the aftermath

of the 2008 Mumbai attacks. His first official visit to India came on January 21–22, 2002, just months after the September 11 attacks in the United States and weeks after the assault on India’s Parliament. At the time, both countries were recalibrating their approach to terrorism. In New Delhi, Mueller met with Indian officials to discuss intelligence sharing, joint investigations, and expanding counter-terrorism coordination. The visit marked an early step in what would become a deeper institutional relationship between

American and Indian security agencies, particularly in tracking cross-border terror networks operating in South Asia. That relationship would be tested — and transformed — years later. In the wake of the November 2008 Mumbai attacks, Mueller returned to India in early 2009, when the country was still grappling with the scale of the coordinated assault that killed more than 160 people and exposed vulnerabilities in urban security and international intelligence-sharing. This time, his meetings carried a different urgency. Mueller met the



then Home Minister and P. Chidambaram, National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan, and senior intelligence officials to discuss the investigation into the attacks and the broader challenge of transnational terrorism. The discussions focused on access to evi-

dence, intelligence flows, and coordination across agencies. After the meetings, Mueller framed the attacks in global terms, saying: “Terrorism is not just a local issue. It is not an issue of one country; it is an issue across the world.” He also underscored the scale of collaboration that followed, noting that there had been “unprecedented cooperation between our various agencies both during the Mumbai attacks and after.” That cooperation was extensive, laying the groundwork for an unprecedented level of cooperation in the counter-terrorism sector between the two countries. Led by Muller, FBI teams worked alongside Indian investigators, analysing communications, reconstructing digital trails, and assist-

ing in forensic work that helped establish links between the attackers and handlers operating from Pakistan. Investigators conducted dozens of interviews and extracted data from damaged devices recovered from the attack sites. Weeks later, speaking at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington on February 23, 2009, Mueller returned to Mumbai as a defining example of modern terrorism and international cooperation. “This type of attack reminds us that terrorists with large agendas and little money can use rudimentary weapons to maximize their impact,” he said, pointing to the need for coordinated global responses.



One-off Test: Sachin Tendulkar addresses Indian team ahead of historic final day

London, July 13 : In a magnificent gesture, legendary batter Sachin Tendulkar addressed the Indian women's cricket team on the hallowed turf of Lord's Cricket Ground just before the start of the morning session on the final day of the one-off Test against England. Widely regarded as one of the

greatest cricketers of all time, Tendulkar was seen walking out and interacting with the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side, as well as the support staff members, to provide an unforgettable motivational boost, especially with India standing on the cusp of a famous Test victory on English soil. "Wow, the day gets better and better if you're an Indian player, an Indian fan. The great man, the great man Sachin Tendulkar unannounced.

Charani, Bryce, Wyatt-Hodge shortlisted for ICC Women's Player of the Month award after T20 WC heroics

New Delhi, July 13 : Rising India left-arm spinner N Sree Charani has been nominated for the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for June 2026, following a spectacular individual campaign at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

The young left-arm spinner is joined on the shortlist by Scotland captain Kathryn Bryce and England's veteran opener batter Danni Wyatt-Hodge. While India's tournament campaign came to an end in the group stages, Charani emerged as the silver lining, finishing the marquee event as its leading wicket-taker.

Charani spun a web around batting line-ups to pick 14 wickets in just six T20Is at a remarkable average of 11 and a highly impressive economy rate of 6.69. She picked up at least two wickets in all five of India's Group 1 encounters.

Her tournament-defining spells included standout figures of 3-21 against arch-rivals Pakistan, a lethal 4-19 against the Netherlands, and a masterful 3-24 against South Africa.



We'll put Messi to bed : Ex-England winger Joe Cole

New Delhi, July 13 : Former England winger Joe Cole believes that the Three Lions will put 'Messi to bed' during the FIFA World Cup 2026 semi-final clash at the Atlanta Stadium as Thomas Tuchel's side will meet Argentina for the first time in 21 years.

Thursday's (IST) meeting will be the latest instalment of the England-Argentina rivalry at the World Cup, with the two nations having clashed five times on the world stage previously in 1962, 1966, 1986, 1998 and 2002, with England coming out on top in their last meeting in Japan thanks to David Beckham's penalty.

Argentina are the reigning World Champions having triumphed in Qatar four years ago, which was their third World Cup triumph and first in 36 years. But, Cole believes that the South American side will be thwarted by England attacking strength.

"We will have to put Lionel Messi to bed. We're going to put him to bed," Cole said on The Rest is Football podcast. Like England, Argentina progressed to the semi-

finals of the World Cup in extra time. After a 1-1 draw with Switzerland in 90 minutes, Julian Alvarez curled in a spectacular second for the South American side, and Lautaro Martinez sealed the 3-1 win. In the Round of 16, they pulled off a dramatic World Cup comeback to battle from 2-0 down to beat Egypt 3-2. They were trailing by two goals in the 79th minute, with their three goals coming within 13 minutes of each

other. Before that, they were surprisingly taken to extra time by World Cup debutants Cape Verde in the Round of 32, before an own goal eventually saw Scaloni's side advance with a 3-2 victory. In the group stages, they beat Algeria, Austria and Jordan, and are the only side in the tournament alongside France with a 100% record (including extra time).

Hetmyer drafted in as injured Greaves misses next two New Zealand ODIs

Providence, July 13 : West Indies have been forced into a change for the ongoing ODI series against New Zealand after all-rounder Justin Greaves was ruled out of the second and third matches with a back injury, prompting the recall of left-handed batter Shimron Hetmyer. Cricket West Indies (CWI) confirmed that Greaves has returned to Barbados to continue his rehabilitation after the injury also kept him out of the series opener in Providence.

The board said the all-rounder will undergo further assessment before a decision is taken on his availability for the final two ODIs and the subsequent two-Test series against Pakistan. Hetmyer's inclusion comes after his Major League Cricket commitments ended earlier than anticipated.

The left-hander was unavailable for selection for the opening three fixtures of the New Zealand series as he had been allowed to complete his campaign with the Seattle Orcas.



Super Kings franchises end long association with Stephen Fleming

Chennai, July 13 : Stephen Fleming's long association with the Super Kings family came to an end on Monday after Chennai Super Kings (CSK), Texas Super Kings (TSK) and Joburg Super Kings (JSK) announced that they had mutually agreed to part ways with the former New Zealand captain across all three franchises. The announcements bring the curtain down on one of the most successful and enduring partnerships in franchise cricket. Fleming joined CSK as a player in the inaugural Indian Premier League season in 2008 before taking over as head coach in 2009, guiding the franchise to five IPL titles, two Champions League Twenty20 trophies, 10 IPL final appearances and a record 12 playoff qualifications. In SA20, Joburg Super Kings reached the playoffs in all four editions so far, without making the final. They also reached the playoffs in the first three editions of the MLC but never played in the final. CSK announced that the decision was reached following a series of discussions between Fleming and the franchise management. The two overseas Super Kings franchises, JSK at SA20 and TSK at Major League Cricket, also confirmed the development through separate statements on social media.

"The Texas Super Kings and Stephen Fleming have mutually agreed to part ways. We extend our sincere gratitude for his contributions to the franchise. We wish Fleming the best for his future," TSK wrote on X.



Very motivated by the way he bounced back after those six sixes, says Yuvraj on Broad

New Delhi, July 13 : Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has expressed immense pride in ex-England pacer Stuart Broad's remarkable career turnaround, after he hit him for six sixes in an over in the 2007 Men's T20 World Cup, adding that seeing his evolution gives him a lot of motivation and pride. "I'm actually very proud of his journey and very motivated by the way he bounced back after those six sixes.

Would love to spend time with him: Yuvraj expresses desire to mentor Sooryavanshi

New Delhi, July 13 : Former India star allrounder Yuvraj Singh expressed his desire to mentor Vaibhav Sooryavanshi the same way he did with Abhishek Sharma, calling the teenage batting prodigy a "serious player in the making."

Teenage batting sensation Sooryavanshi, who made his senior India debut in the recently concluded T20I series against England, had broken Yuvraj's record of fastest fifty in List A cricket during India A match against Sri Lanka A in the Tri-Series final in Sri Lanka, taking 11 balls to complete his fifty. Meanwhile, opener Abhishek has dazzled the international cricket scene ever since his debut. His growth and success in international cricket is attributed to Yuvraj, who called him Terminator 4, four times better than himself.

"I always call myself a Terminator. Now there is Terminator 4, Abhishek Sharma, who is four times better than me. And after him comes Terminator 6, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who has evolved even more. I did my part in my time, Abhishek elevated it, and now Vaibhav is setting new standards. This



is the third phase of the same journey. It is great to see the sport evolving," Yuvraj said on JioStar. "When I watch Sinner and Alcaraz, I see how tennis is changing. I see the same evolution in Abhishek and Vaibhav. I have spent a lot of time training Abhishek, and I would love to spend time with Vaibhav as well. He has a great career ahead of him. He is a serious player in the making, and I believe he will get there," he added. On Sunday, Sooryavanshi and Abhishek travelled to the All England Club to watch the men's singles final between Jannik Sinner and Alexander Zverev.