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Telangana High Court Permission for BRS Yuva Sangrama Sabha

Hyderabad, July 17 : The Telangana High Court has given permission to the BRS party to organize a very prestigious 'BRS Yuva Sangrama Sabha'. It said that the meeting can be held at the Saroornagar Stadium in Hyderabad on Saturday. The High Court has given conditional permission to this extent. During the hearing, the bench ordered not to block the highway on the day of the meeting. It said that there should be no disruption to law and order. It ordered that the police instructions should be followed. There was enthusiasm in the BRS ranks with the High Court's orders. BRS youth wing leaders say that during the Telangana Assembly elections, Congress top leaders Rahul Gandhi.

Healthcare, education spending is investment in state's future: Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 17 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that government expenditure on healthcare and education should not be seen merely as free welfare, but as a long-term investment in human resources that will enhance the State's Gross Domestic Product. Under the aegis of the Insurance Medical Services (IMS) department, the Deputy Chief Minister, along with Labour Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy,

distributed appointment letters to 247 newly selected nursing officers at Sevalal Bhavan, Hyderabad on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister expressed concern that during the previous decade, workers' rights and minimum wages were se-

verely neglected. Bhatti Vikramarka recalled that, as a former opposition leader, he had consistently raised the issue of minimum wage revision in every Assembly budget session, but the then government failed to respond adequately.



Serving God is a rare privilege : Konda Surekha

Hyderabad, July 17 : Minister for Endowments Minister Konda Surekha said temples are sacred institutions that serve as centres for Indian culture, traditions, Vedic knowledge and the preservation of dharma. The Minister stated that the services rendered by priests, Vedic scholars, temple attendants, tradi-

tional musicians and temple kitchen staff, who are entrusted with preserving the grandeur and sanctity of temples, are truly sacred. Konda Surekha was speaking at a programme held at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad, where appointment orders were distributed to 191 religious staff members recruited by the Endow-

ments Department. She personally handed over appointment letters to several of the newly selected candidates. The recruits include priests, Vedic scholars, temple attendants and personnel for traditional musical services such as mridangam, dolu, nadaswaram (sannayi), shruti and talam.

CM Chandrababu Launches Massive Credit Outreach In Palnadu



Palnadu: July 17: CM Chandrababu Naidu said that we are giving a powerful weapon to the men of Palnadu. CM Chandrababu and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the

credit outreach program in Narasaraopet on Friday. On this occasion, loan documents were handed over to the beneficiaries. Later, the CM said that he wished that Palnadu should be the address to become entrepreneurs. He said

Banks are not just lending institutions, but partners in the development of the state

that loans have been provided to 15 thousand Dwakra women and 13,355 entrepreneurs. He also revealed that loans have been provided to 5 lakh people in Palnadu district. He clarified that the goal is to provide loans to farmers, students, and all those who are eligible. He said that it is a matter of pride that



banks go to the people and provide loans. He said that banks are not just lending institutions. They are partners in the development of the state. He said that these loans are useful to change the future of farmers. He said that reforms have been brought in line with Vikasit Bharat 2024. He said that a digital banking revolution has been brought. He said that crores of people have been given bank accounts through the Jan Dhan Yojana. CM Chandrababu said that the GST slabs were higher and many people lost money.



PM Modi's goal is to provide banking services to every village : Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that Prime Minister Modi's goal is to provide banking services to every village. The Union Minister participated in the credit outreach program organized in Narasaraopet. Speaking on

the occasion, she said that steps have been taken to provide banking services to villages since 2014. He said that the performance of banks would not have been good with non-performing assets.

PM Modi flags off India's first hydrogen train, launches development projects of Rs 14,700 crore from Jind



Jind (Haryana), July 17 : Indian Railways on Friday added another feather to its cap in clean mobility with Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging off India's first hydrogen fuel cell trainset from here, a train that generates its own electricity onboard using hydrogen, the cleanest fuel known.

The 10-coach train running between Jind and Sonipat in Haryana will cover 90 km in just two hours, a landmark in the green mobility journey. The train is powered by a 3,200 HP propulsion system -- one of the most powerful hydrogen-powered trainsets in operation -- and emits only water vapour. By leveraging India's own tech-

nology and handling everything from design to assembly domestically, India joins the ranks of countries operating hydrogen railways. Simultaneously, PM Modi dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stones of the National Highway project of over Rs 12,470 crore in Haryana. The milestone of a hydrogen-powered train marked the latest chapter in the evolution of how the Railways has powered its trains, reflecting India's broader journey from coal and steam to cleaner, more sustainable sources of energy. Over the past 12 years, rapid electrification has significantly reduced dependence on imported



diesel, paving the way for the next leap in clean rail mobility. From Jind, the Prime Minister dedicated to the nation the 157.92-km-long four-lane, fully access-controlled Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway (Packages 1 to 5), developed at a cost of around Rs 9,680 crore. The Greenfield corridor forms part of the 667 km Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway that will reduce travel time between Delhi and Katra from about 14 hours to nearly six hours, while cutting the Delhi-Amritsar journey from about eight hours to four hours.



Godavari Delta water to conservation is our priority : Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu

Amalapuram, July 17 : State Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu rode a bike to monitor irrigation management in the wake of the rain-deficient conditions in the district. His tour began from Dhavaleswaram Barrage along the Godavari Central Delta canals in Kothapet, P. Gannavaram, Amalapuram and Mummidivaram constituencies. On this occasion, the water levels of the locks were inspected at the field level. In Kothapet constituency.

Andhra plans to limit FCV tobacco production in view of ongoing crisis

Amaravati, July 17 : With the Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco sector in Andhra Pradesh being gripped by a crisis due to surplus crop, the State government is planning to limit the production in the coming season.

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED
Branch Office: Ground and 1st Floor, Alpha Centre, #216, Double Road, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560002

APPENDIX-IV [See Rule 8(I)]
PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable property)
[As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Axis Finance Limited (AFL)**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 28/05/2025 calling upon the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) **1) Mr. Madhav Kali Prasad Dasari (Borrower), 2) Mrs. Hymavathi Dasari (Co-Borrower)** have mortgaged the immovable properties being all that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Door no 1-138, a RCC Roof Ground & First floor in R.S no 53/3 to an extent of 188 sq yds of site situated at Rayalam Village, Rayalam Gram Panchayati area, Bhimavaram & All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Door no 1-144 (Old Door no 1-82), a RCC Roof in R.S no 53/3 to an extent of 150-4 sq yds of site situated at Rayalam Village, Rayalam Gram Panchayati area, Bhimavaram, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,10,69,071/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Seventy one Only) due as on 06th May 2025** with further interest at the contractual rate thereon till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) read with Section 14 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on 16th day of July of the year 2026.**

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Finance Limited for an amount of being **Rs. 1,10,69,071/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Seventy one Only) due as on 06th May 2025** and further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, etc. of Axis Finance Ltd until the full payment or realization in full.

The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgageor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) & sub section (13) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immoveable Property: Mortgaged as security towards LAN 0456MMA00009101: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Door no 1-138, a RCC Roof Ground & First floor in R.S no 53/3 to an extent of 188 sq yds of site situated at Rayalam Village, Rayalam Gram Panchayati area, Bhimavaram Sub-registr, West Godavari District, State of Andhra Pradesh, bounded by: **North:** 78 Links - Site of Nadimpalli Krishnakumar, **South:** 49 1/2 links - Site of Narayanapuram Peddairaju, **East:** 79 Links - Site of Kallakuri Satyanarayana Raju, **West:** 49 1/2 Links - 18 link width joint way.

Mortgaged as security towards LAN 0456MMA00009100: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Door no 1-144 (Old Door no 1-82), a RCC Roof in R.S no 53/3 to an extent of 150-4 sq yds of site situated at Rayalam Village, Rayalam Gram Panchayati area, Bhimavaram, Sub-registr, Bhimavaram Mandal, West Godavari District, bounded by: **North:** 78 Links - Site of Nadimpalli Krishnakumar, **South:** 49 1/2 links - Site of Narayanapuram Peddairaju, **East:** 79 Links - Site of Kallakuri Satyanarayana Raju, **West:** Site and building of Sagi Padmavathi, **West:** Site of Shaik Suban Wali

Date: 16/07/2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bhimavaram Axis Finance Ltd.

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APPENDIX-IV (See rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable Property)
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **CAPITAL INDIA FINANCE LIMITED [CIN NO. L74899DL1994PLC128577]** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 21.04.2026 for Loan Agreement No. **NLNLAPHDB0037487** calling upon the borrower(s) **1.MIS LAXMINARAYANA MINNI FANTANARAJU II (Through its Proprietorship) Mrs. SRAVANITHI GAJULA D/o Mr. SATYANARAYANA GAJULA 2.Mr. LAXMINARAYANA RYAKALA S/O Mr. RYAKALA PULLAIAH** to repay total amount mentioned in the demand notice being **Rs. 1,07,36,085/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Five Only)** As On : 30.04.2026 along with future interest in terms of loan agreement w.e.f. 01.05.2026 interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) 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 under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on 17-07-2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Capital India Finance Limited for an amount of being **Rs. 1,07,36,085/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Eighty Five Only) As On : 30.04.2026** along with future interest in terms of loan agreement w.e.f. 01.05.2026

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

(Description of Property-I) All That The Portion of Open Plot, In Survey No 244A, Admeasuring Area 534 Sq. Yards, Or 446.42 Sq. Meters (out of 914 Sq. Yards), Situated At Saidapur, Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadi-bhongir Districts, Under The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub District Yadagirigutta And Registration District Nalgonda, Gram Panchayat Saidapur, M.p.p. Yadadi-bhongir, T.s., And Bounded By:- North : 33 Wide Road, South :open Plot Of Kondapaka Shashirekha East :Yadagirigutta To Saidapur Road, West: Open Plot Of S. Venkatadri.

(Description of Property-II) All That The Portion Of Plot Bearing No.2/south Side, In Sy.No.s 4/e, And 152/e, In Block No.13, Admeasuring Area 62.5 Sq. Yards, Or 52.25 Sq. Meters, Situated At "koundinya Nagar", Yadagiripally Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadi-bhongir District, T.s., Under Yadagirigutta Municipality, Under The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub District Yadagirigutta And Registration District Nalgonda, M.p.p. Yadagirigutta,z.p.p. Yadadi-bhongir, T.s., And Bounded By:- North : Plot No.2/north Side, South : Plot No.1/1 of Ryakala Laxminarayana, East : Part of Open Plot Of Ryakala Laxminarayana, West: 30' Wide Road.

(Description of Property-III) All That The Portion Of Plot Bearing No.1/1, In Sy.No.s 4/e, And 152/e, In Block No.13, Admeasuring Area 171 Sq. Yards, Or 142.97 Sq. Meters, Situated At "koundinya Nagar", Yadagiripally Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadi-bhongir District, T.s., Under Yadagirigutta Municipality, Under The Jurisdiction of Registration Sub District Yadagirigutta And Registration District Nalgonda, M.p.p. Yadagirigutta, Z.P.P. Yadadi-bhongir, T.s., And Bounded By:- North : Plot No.2/south Side Of Ryakala Laxminarayana, South : Plot No.1 Of Ryakala Laxminarayana, East : Part Of Open Plot Of Ryakala Laxminarayana, West: 30' Wide Road.

(Description of Property-IV) All That The Portion of Plot Bearing No.1, In Sy.No.s 4/e, And 152/e, In Block No.13, Admeasuring Area 104 Sq. Yards, Or 86.95 Sq. Meters, Situated At "koundinya Nagar", Yadagiripally Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadi-bhongir District, T.s., Under Yadagirigutta Municipality, Under The Jurisdiction of Registration Sub District Yadagirigutta And Registration District Nalgonda, M.p.p. Yadagirigutta, Z.P.P. Yadadi-bhongir, T.s., And Bounded By:- North : Plot No.1/1 of Ryakala Laxminarayana, South : 150' Wide Road Yadagirigutta To Wangapally, East : Part of Open Plot of Ryakala Laxminarayana, West: 30' Wide Road.

(Description of Property-V) All That The Portion of Part of Open Plot, In Sy.No. 4/a/3, Admeasuring Area 67 Sq. Yards, Or 56.01 Sq. Meters, Situated At "municipal Block No.13", Yadagiripally Village, Yadagirigutta Mandal, Yadadi-bhongir Districts, Under Yadagirigutta Municipality, Under The Jurisdiction of Registration Sub District Yadagirigutta And Registration District Nalgonda, M.p.p. Yadagirigutta, Z.p.p. Yadadi-bhongir, T.s., And Bounded By:- North : Open Plot of Barje Ramesh, South : 150' Wide Road Yadagirigutta To Wangapally, East : Sri Sai Homes, West: Plot No.2/south Side, Plot No.1/1 And Plot No.1 of Ryakala Laxminarayana.

Date: 18-07-2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorised Officer Capital India Finance Limited

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) 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 under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **on 16-07-2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Capital India Finance Limited for an amount of being **Rs. 68,07,307/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seven Only) As On : 24.02.2026** along with future interest in terms of loan agreement w.e.f. 25.02.2026

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All That The Building Consisting of Ground Floor 855 SR, First Floor 1140 SR, Second Floor 1140 SR And Third Floor 348 SR Bearing Municipal No.2-3-655/28 In Survey Nos. 12 & 13, T.S.no.4, Ward No.166, Block No.-C, Admeasuring 125.00 Sq. Yards Or 104.50 Square Metres, Situated At New Durga Nagar, Amberpet, Hyderabad, And Bounded By: North : Road No.1- Neighbors East: Road West: Neighbors

Date: 18-07-2026 Place: Hyderabad Authorised Officer Capital India Finance Limited

BOI
Bank of India

MANSOORABAD BRANCH: Ground Floor, H.No.3-11-155, RTC Colony, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad.
SALE NOTICE TO THE GOLD LOAN BORROWER
Ref. No: BOI/MSBDB/2026-27/122 Date: 16-07-2026
To: Somavarey Kanaikaiah, H.No.3-4-17, Laxmi Nagar, R.T.C. Colony, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad. PIN Code: 500074.
Sir/Madam,
Sub: Auction of Gold Jewellery/Ornaments/Coins of your Gold Loan Account.
We refer to our letter No BOI/MSBDB/2026-27/106 dated 07-07-2026 informing you to repay the dues of **Rs.64,000 (Rupees Sixty Four Thousand Only)** in your gold loan amount within 15 days of receipt of our letter.
As we have not yet received the repayment in your account within the stipulated time as mentioned in our letter, we are constrained to auction the gold jewellery/ ornaments/coins pledged to the Bank to realize our dues. The auction of Jewels will be held at **Bank of India, Mansoorabad Branch, Ground Floor, H.No.3-11-155, RTC Colony, L.B. Nagar, Hyderabad at 10.30 a.m. on 29-07-2026.**
Please note that if the Bank auctions the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments/coins and if the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale proceeds of the gold jewellery/ ornaments/coins, we shall be constrained to take appropriate legal action against you in the court of law for recovery of balance amount from you.
Place: Mansoorabad, Date: 16-07-2026 Sd/- Branch Manager

Land Re-Survey Must Be Conducted Comprehensively and Transparently : District Collector Divakar T.S.

Boundary Identification Should Be Done in the Presence of Concerned Farmers Public Doubts Must Be Clarified on the Spot with Complete Awareness District Collector Inspects Land Re-Survey Works in Kakaravai Village of Tirumalayapalem Mandal

Khammam / Tirumalayapalem, July 17 : District Collector Divakar T.S. directed officials to conduct the Land Re-Survey Programme, being implemented by the State Government as a prestigious initiative, in a comprehensive, transparent, and rule-bound manner. On Saturday, the Collector undertook an extensive tour of the Palair Assembly Constituency. He inspected the ongoing land re-survey works in Kakaravai village of Tirumalayapalem Mandal. During the field visit, he reviewed the survey process and interacted directly with farm-

ers to understand their opinions and concerns. He patiently listened to the doubts and issues raised by farmers regarding the survey process and provided clear explanations to address them. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Divakar T.S. instructed officials to conduct surveys of every



landholding in the presence of the respective landowners and farmers and to accurately identify property boundaries. He emphasized that every aspect of the survey should be recorded strictly in accordance with regulations to prevent future land disputes. The Collector stressed that officials must work with utmost care to ensure there is no scope for errors in the survey process. The Collector stated that it is the respon-

sibility of officials to create complete awareness among the public about the land re-survey programme. He advised them to promptly respond to every query raised by villagers and build confidence among the people. Officials were directed to strictly adhere to government guidelines, update land records regularly.

Kargil Lake Beautification Works... Must be completed within the deadline : Bandi Sanjay



Rajanna Sircilla, July 17: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar directed that the beautification works of the Kargil Lake bund in Sircilla town, undertaken under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme, be completed within the stipulated deadline. On Friday, the Minister, accompanied by District Collector Garima Agrawal and SP Mahesh B. Githe, laid the foundation stone for the restoration and beautification of Kargil Lake in Sircilla town at a cost of 1.32 crore under the AMRUT 2.0 scheme. He inspected the lake surroundings along with officials and paid tribute to the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Kargil War. Speaking on the oc-

casion, Bandi Sanjay Kumar instructed the contractor to ensure the restoration and beautification works are completed with high quality and within the set timeframe. He stated that special measures are being taken to prevent sewage from flowing into the lake.

He explained that the beautification of the lake would provide a pleasant environment for the residents of Sircilla town and the district. Municipal Chairperson Jindam Kala, Market Committee Chairperson Swarupa, Sircilla RDO Sridhar Babu, Public Health EE Sampath, DSP Nagendrachari, Tahsildar Mahesh, Municipal Commissioner Khadeer Pasha, ward councilors, and others participated in this program.

Government focuses on riverfront tourism in Amaravati : Minister Narayana

Amaravati: July 17 : The government is focusing on the development of riverfront tourism in the AP capital Amaravati. Minister Narayana held a review with Amaravati Development Corporation Limited (ADCL) officials on Friday on the tourism projects to be undertaken in Amaravati. ADCL will develop amusement parks and eco-tourism parks under the PPP model. In this context, the minister has issued instructions to the officials to complete tourism projects by the time the construction of roads and



buildings in Amaravati is completed. The minister ordered to speed up the projects to attract tourists.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale
Sale of Immoveable property mortgaged to IFIL Home Finance Limited (IFIL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 and Branch Office at- 2-3-3/1, 2nd floor, Ward No-21, Government Hospital, Road, Bhimavaram-534201 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFIL-HFL had taken the possession of the following properties/presumptive pursuant to the notice issued U/ 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFIL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through auction platform provided at the web-site : www.ifilonehome.com

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immoveable Property Secured Asset	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price
Mr. Vamsikrishna Gummuluri Mrs. Gundabathula Naga Bhavani Vamsikrishna Construction Contractor (Prospect No- IL10993038)	09/01/2026 Rs.675978/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) Bid Increase Amount Rs.20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing: Rs.No.304/305, D No.1-121, Anakodu, Main Road, Bhimavaram, Near Durga Devi Temple, West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, India, 534201 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built-Up Area Property Area: 1306.00, 819.00	09/07/2026 Total Outstanding As On Date 06/07/2026 Rs.744478.77 (Rupees Seven Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight and Seventy Seven Paise Only)	Rs.982000/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Thousand Only) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.98200/- (Rupees Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Mode of Payment: EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit <https://www.ifilonehome.com> and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction.
For Balance Payment - Login <https://www.ifilonehome.com> >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.ifilonehome.com>, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will be automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
- The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
- The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFIL HFL.
- Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.ifilonehome.com> and <https://www.ifil.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may call the service provider E-Mail ID:- care@ifilonehome.com, Support Helpline no.1800 2672 499.
- For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFIL HFL toll free no.1800 2672 499 from 09.30 hrs to 18.00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- care@ifilonehome.com.
- Notice is hereby given to avoid said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFIL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
- Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.
- AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IFIL-HFL will be final.

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:- Bhimavaram, Date: 18-July-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFIL Home Finance Limited.

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DEMAND NOTICE
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NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
31.07.2016	12.06.2026	Rs. 69,44,769/-	Rs. 12,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: NLGNDTF1506290011- Description Of The Immoveable Property/Property Holder Name: Avula Venkulu With Document No: 7102 OF 2015

Nalgonda District, Nalgonda Sub District, Chitayal Mandal, Chitayal Gram Panchayath And Village Accounts, Santosh Nagar, Sy.NoS. 229, 230, 231/U.U, 230, 231/U.U, 230/U.U, 231/E, 230 And 231 In Block No.9 Inside Residential Zone, G+1 Construction Admeasuring 100.22 Sq.Yards Or 83.79 Sq.Mtrs..North: 15 Ft Wide Road. South: 1.6 Ft Lane East: Plot Of Pavirala Mallesh West: Remaining Plot Of Others

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date:17-07-2026,Place:Miryalaguda. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Date:17-07-2026,Place:Miryalaguda. Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address
1.Biradar Hemalathapatil, W/O. Biradar Surya Prakash, Aged 56 Years, Occ : Ladies Emporium Business, EWS 931, 3 RD Phase, KPHB Colony, Kukatapally, Pin:500072. 2. Surya Prakash Kovuri, S/O. Nagappa Kovuri, Aged 47 Years, Occ : Ladies Emporium Business, EWS 931, 3rd Phase, KPHB Colony, Kukatapally, Hyderabad. Pin:500072. 3. Birdar Meenakshi, W/O. Sridhar Biradar, Aged 44 Years, Occ : Private Employee, Plot No. 50.51, Flat No -202, Meghana Hills ,Lake View Colony, Pragathinagar, Kukatapally, Pin:500072. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 29,33,062/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Sixty Two only)
Description of Property
KUTPLTF1906220002- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All That The Open Plot Bearing No.20, Admeasuring 200 Sq. Yards In Survey No.410,411,412,413,414,415,416,417 & 409, Situated At Kandi Village And G.P. Sangareddy Mandal, Sangareddy Dist., and Bounded As Follows: North: Road, South: Plot No.11, East : Plot No.21, West: Plot no.19.
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: 16-07-2026, Place: Sangareddy(Md), Sangareddy(Dt) Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address
1. Mohammad Abdul Sammad,S/O Hussain, Aged About 63 Years ,Occ : Foot Ware & Dresses Business , R/O . Hno : 17-6-335, Purani Haveli, Dabeerpura (Vi), Saidabad (Md), Hyderabad Dist – 500024. 2. Mohammad Rizwan,S/O Mohammad Abdul Sammad, Aged About 30 Years, Occ : Foot Ware & Dresses Business , R/O . Hno : 17-6-335, Purani Haveli, Dabeerpura (Vi), Saidabad (Md), Hyderabad Dist – 500024. 3. Mohammad Abdul Wajed, S/O Mohammad Abdul Kareem, Aged About 37 Years ,Occ : Cloth Merchant Business, R/O. Hno : 1-9-11/9/B/1, Azampura(Vi) & (Md) , Medak Dist – 502110. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 20,86,988.21/- (Twenty Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight Rupees and Twenty One Paisa only)
Description of Property
MEDA1TF2305240005- Description Of The Immovable Property All that the RCC Rooms and Open Place Bearing Municipal No.1-12-30/84,RCC Built –up Area 181.67 Sq.feet,or 20.18 Sq.Yards, and Open Place Consisting of 157.59 Sq.Yards,Thus Total Area of 177.77 Sq.Yards or 148.63 Sq.metres Situated at Gandhi Nagar Colony, In Medak Town,Medak District,Located in Ward No.1 and Block No.12 and bounded as :- North: Road, South: House of Raheem, East: House of Mohammed, West: House of Babu Miya.
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: 15-07-2026, Place: Medak(Md), Medak(Dt) Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IFIL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFIL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IFIL HFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower clears the dues of the "IFIL HFL" together with all cost charges, expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "IFIL HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "IFIL HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Boge Lingaiah, Mrs. Padma Boge (Prospect No IL10259098)	All that piece and parcel of H.No.2-29, Enukala Gudem, Manthani, Peddapalli Talangana, Near Hanuan Temple, Karimnagar, Telangana, 505187 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 637 Bounded By: North: Road South: Ch. Odhelu Property East: M.Mondhaya Property West: Way And Ch. Odhelu Property	Rs.337978/- Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight Only	09-03-2026	15-07-2026
Mr.Jayachandra Rapelli, Mr. Rajalli Jagan Mrs. Rachana Ravula (Prospect No IL1048429)	All that piece and parcel of Dr.No:16-187, Assessment No:122203016, Luxetpetti Village, Luxetpetti Mandal, Mancherial District, Telangana, 504205 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built, Up Area Property Area: 2313.00, 754.50 Bounded By: North: Road South: Land Of P.Sathiah East: Land of R.Lakshmi West: Land of R.Yellaiah	Rs.501256/- Rupees Five Lakh One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six Only	10-02-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Rakesh Burra Mrs. Sadaiah Burra Mrs. Swarupa Burra (Prospect No IL10550930)	All that piece and parcel of H.No.4-7-112, Auto Nagar, Medipally, Bheemupatnam, Under the limits of Ramgundam Municipality and Mandal, Peddapally, TS-505187 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Area, Built, Up Area Property Area: 726 Bounded By: North: H.No.4-7-112/1 of T Padmalai East: H.No. 4-7-111/1 of N Ravi East: Road West: House of Others	Rs.772501/- Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred One Only	09-03-2026	15-07-2026
Mr. Tudi Komuriah, Miss. Swarupa Agriculture Income Cattle (Prospect No IL10590310)	All that piece and parcel of Dr.No:4-187, Assessment No:454, Raghavapur Village, Raghavapur Mandal, Peddapalli District, Telangana, 505172 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built, Up Area Property Area: 1022.00, 754.50 Bounded By: North: Road South: C.Narsiah East: Open Place Of B.Rajamma West: House Of K.Rajiah	Rs.1024757/- Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Only	10-02-2026	15-07-2026
Miss. Gudisela Manema, Mr. Gudisela Ananthiah, Own Agra Income (Prospect No IL10643273)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 1-53, Assessment No.53 , Rasman Village, Yalal Mandal, Vikarabad, T.S., 501144 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 628 Bounded By: North: House Of D.Narandu South: House Of Gudisela Chandranna East: House Of Baikadi Chandramma West: C C Road	Rs.408444/- Rupees Four Lakh Eight Hundred Forty Four Only	09-03-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Narsimlu Ramaiah Hanjan, Miss. Hanjan Padhanna, Miss. Padamamma, Mr. Hanjan Elappa, Own Agra Income, Own Driving Work (Prospect No IL10644254)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 2-2/42, Assessment No. 142, Brahmanpally, Doma, Vikarabad, T.S. 501502 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1647 Bounded By: North: House Of P.Narsiah South: Plots Of Hanjan Shivamma East: Remaining Place Of Donor West: Road	Rs.726186/- Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six Only	09-03-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Vadakapuram Sathish Chary Haveli-Owner Mr. Vadukapuram Hanmantha, Mrs. Vadakapuram Suprappa Vadakapuram Sathish Chary Haveli-Owner (Prospect No IL10891360)	All that piece and parcel of H.No.3-19, Assessment No.441, Kachapur Village, Julapalli Mandal, Peddapalli District, Telangana 505470 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 2424 Bounded By: North: House Of Vendor No.2 (Vadukapuram @ Vadukapuram Tirupathi Chan) South: House Of Gaggireddy Sumitra & House Of Avula Tirupathi East: G.P Road And House Of Avula Tirupathi West: Canal Road	Rs.546254/- Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Four Only	09-03-2026	14-07-2026
Mrs. Eprui Sujatha, Mr. Shiva Nagaraju Agra, Mrs. Bonu Parvathi Kirana Business (Prospect No IL10253573)	All that piece and parcel of Door No.1-37, Sy.No.225, Ravuru Village, Guduru Mandal, Prakasham District, Andhra Pradesh, 523291 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 3049 Bounded By: North: Road South: Bujamma House East: Road West: Ranganayakulu, Kanakurthi Kondiah House	Rs.281380/- Rupees Two Lakh Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only	09-03-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Appa Rao Bonu, Mrs. Bonu Parvathi Kirana Business (Prospect No IL10403198)	All that piece and parcel of Dr.No:1-132, Assessment No:400, Sy.No:305-2, Makkuvu Village, Makkuvu Mandal, Parvatipuram Manyam District, Andhra Pradesh-535547 Area Admeasuring (In sq.ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 400 Bounded By: North: Open Place Of E.Anand South: Open Place Of B.Savittamma East: Road West: House of I.Somulamma	Rs.179626/- Rupees One Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Only	09-03-2026	13-07-2026
Mr. Malayadi Ponugoti Mrs. Ankkamma Ponugoti Nalton Work (Prospect No IL1064839)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No.27, Sy.No.7662,Yelurupadu Village, Guduru Amrpal, Prakasham District, Ap 523291 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built, Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Empty Site South: Plot No.28 East: Plot No.40 West: Road	Rs.317318/- Rupees Three Lakh Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Only	10-02-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Kagana Appalaswamy, Mrs. Kagana Kamalamma, Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10714318)	All that piece and parcel of Sy No. 183, H.No. 1-143, Pindi, Bobbili Mandal, Pindi, Near Wate Kan, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, India-535548 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built, Up Area Property Area: 588 Bounded By: North: C C Road South: Vacant Site Of Kagana Kamalamma East: House Of Sila Srinu West: House Of Kagana Krishna	Rs.422655/- Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five Only	09-03-2026	13-07-2026
Mr. Chinthada Narayana Mrs. Chinthada Adalakshi Narayana Mason Works (Prospect No IL10899030)	All that piece and parcel of S.No:41-2 H.No:1-26, Parvatipuram Manyam District, Peddakalamar Mandal, SC Colony, Peddakalamar, Near Chury, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, India-535548 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built, Up Area Property Area: 480.00,360.00 Bounded By: North: CC Road South: Canal East: Daba House Of Chinthada Tirupathi Rao West: Daba House Of Chinthada Venkatesh	Rs.226186.55/- Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five Only	09-01-2026	14-07-2026
Mr. Dudekula Babu, Mrs. D Reshma Babu Plumbing Work (Prospect No IL10914602)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No:1423, Sy.No:28-33, Pothula Nagapalli Village, Dhanuram District, Andhra Pradesh, India-535548 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 646 Bounded By: North: Plot No:1424 South: Plot No:1422 East: 30 Ft Road West: Plot No:1420	Rs.318149/- Rupees Three Lakh One Thousand One Hundred Forty Nine Only	09-03-2026	14-07-2026
Mrs. G C Sathish Sumalatha Labour Works (Prospect No IL10927154)	All that piece and parcel of Syno28.29.33,Plot No.1281, Pathulanagapalli, Dharmavaram, Anataparam, AP-515001 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Built, Up Area Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No.1280 East: Road West: Plot No.1228	Rs.303633/- Rupees Three Lakh Three Hundred Sixty Three Only	10-02-2026	14-07-2026

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** Door No. 9-8-11 1st Floor, Bank Street, Arundelpet, Narsaraopet D.No 6611, Balaji Nagar, Tangellamudi, Kandrikugudem Center, Eluru, W.G.Dt, A.P. 534005/ D.No.37-175/8/2,1st Floor, Opp. Konjeti Petrol Bunk, Kurnool Road, Ongole-523001/ KTR Complex, Ground Floor, Door No.6-1-1/6, Beside More Super Market, Balaji Road, NTR-533401 Sal Prem Center, 4th Floor,Dwarakanagar 2nd Lane,Vishakhapatnam-530016/ House No.25-26A,1st Floor, Sarjanaveenagar Gate, Main Road, Nandya-15801/15-570-34/1, 1st Floor,Pallavi Towers, Opp. Canara bank Anantapur 515001, Andhra Pradesh, India/ Shop No:687, TJ Complex, State Bank Main Branch Circle, Kurnool-515004/ D.No. 25-478 Adhalah Circle, ODDO DECO Office, DC Plaza, 1st Floor, Hanumakonda, Warangal-506017/ D.No.5-2/28/01/5th Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad-500004/ or Corporate Office: Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Date: 18-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IFIL Home Finance Ltd.



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

S.no	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Mannem Venkanna, S/O: Mannem Appaiah Age: 40 Years Occ: Business R/O: H.No: 3-126 Shivajinagar Chitlyala Mandal Nalgonda -508114. (Borrower)
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Rajanna Sircilla, July 17: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar expressed strong displeasure over the diversion of 15th Finance Commission funds—released by the Modi government at the Centre for village development works—towards electricity bills and staff salaries. He stated that Sarpanches are being threatened and pressured in this regard. “How can funds allocated for development works be diverted to pay electricity bills and salaries? This violates regulations. If the state government does not change its attitude, I will have to write to the Centre. If neces-

sary, we will consider depositing Finance Commission funds directly into the Gram Panchayat accounts,” he said. He lashed out, asking if the state government was in such a dire financial state that it could not even provide funds for Gram Panchayat electricity bills and staff salaries. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar visited Sircilla town on Friday as part of his tour of the district. District Collector Garima Agrawal, SP Mahesh B. Geethe, and several senior officials welcomed the Minister. Accompanied by relevant officials, BJP District President Reddaboyina Gopi, and local BJP leaders, he laid the foundation stone for the restoration and beautification of Kargil Lake,



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Indian Armed Forces veterans honoured in Seattle, Consulate General celebrates their service

The Indian mission in Seattle organised a special event to honour Indian Armed Forces veterans and their families, recognising their dedicated service, sacrifice and enduring commitment to the nation. The gathering, organised, brought together veterans and their families residing across the Greater Seattle area and highlighted their continued contribution to society even after retirement from military service. The event was hosted by the Consulate General of India in Seattle in collaboration with the Embassy of India. It recognised not only the veterans' distinguished service in uniform but also their ongoing role in mentoring younger generations, strengthening community ties and preserving the values of patriotism and national service, as highlighted by the Consulate in a series of posts on X. Sharing details of the event, the Consulate General of India in Seattle posted on X, "Saluting the Indian Armed Forces Veterans in Seattle! In a unique celebration (organised in partnership with Embassy of India), Consulate hosted today a special gathering of Indian Armed Forces Veterans and their families, from the Greater Seattle Area and honoured them for their service, sacrifice and enduring commitment to India." The Consulate expressed appreciation for the veterans' continued service to society, saying, "Thank each one of them for their reaffirmation that service to nation does not end with the uniform, but evolves into mentorship, community leadership and the passing on of values to future generations!" The event was warmly received by veterans, organisers and members of the Indian community, many of whom described it as a meaningful and memorable initiative. Several attendees noted that the gathering was the first of its kind in the region and appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with fellow veterans while being recognised by the Indian mission. Addressing those present at the event, Indian Navy Commandant Anurag Davey (Retd.) praised the initiative and the efforts of the Indian mission. "Today, we are here in Indian Consulate in Seattle. We concluded a wonderful gathering, coming together with all the veterans of all the Indian Armed Forces. This is a very nice initiative by the Indian mission and the military attachée here," he said. A member of the organising team also expressed pride in being associated with the programme and acknowledged the significance of the recognition extended to veterans. "It is my deep honour to be a part of the organising team of this event. We are immensely honoured and deeply touched by this initiative," the organiser said. One of the attendees said the gathering reinforced a sense of belonging among members of the Indian diaspora.

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Ro Khanna says armed settlers in Israel's West Bank detained him

Washington, July 17 : Indian American Congressman Ro Khanna has accused armed Israeli settlers and Israeli soldiers of detaining him and other American citizens in the West Bank and called for an investigation into the episode. Khanna, a California Democrat, told NBC News that settlers carrying M4 rifles stopped his delegation during a three-day visit to the occupied territory. He said the group feared for its safety. "They had violent settlers detain American citizens, including an American government official," Khanna said. "You had these settlers brandishing M4s, kicking the tyres of our van, laughing at us, mocking at us, videotaping us." Khanna said the settlers held the delegation for about 20 minutes before four Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers arrived. Instead of immediately clearing the road, he alleged, the soldiers continued to block the group. "We were detained for about 20 minutes, fearful of our lives," Khanna added. "Then the IDF comes- four soldiers -- they tell our translator that they're on the side of the settlers. They further detain us and block us in." The delegation then contacted the US Embassy. Khanna said an official identified as David Brownstein intervened and reached Israeli authorities. He said the group was allowed to proceed about 75 minutes after the episode began.



Retirement lifeline nears breaking point; US social security faces financial crisis

Washington, July 17 : Social Security, the backbone of retirement security for millions of Americans, is approaching a financial cliff, with lawmakers warning that benefits could be cut sharply within the decade if Congress fails to act. At a Senate Budget Committee hearing, lawmakers from both parties said the programme faces a worsening funding gap driven by demographic shifts, rising costs and insufficient revenue. Projections show the main trust fund could be exhausted as early as 2032, leaving the system able to pay only a fraction of scheduled benefits. "This program is under stress because of demographics," Senator Lindsey Graham said, pointing to fewer workers supporting a growing number of retirees. Officials warned that once the trust fund is depleted, benefits could be cut by roughly a quarter. For millions of Americans who depend on Social Security as their primary source of income, even modest reductions would have immediate consequences. "It's right here," Senator Jeff Merkley said, noting that the shortfall could hit within the

current political cycle. Experts told lawmakers that the scale of the challenge leaves few easy options. Karen Glenn said programme income is projected to fall short of costs "in all future years," adding that lawmakers would need to increase revenue, reduce benefits, or pursue a combination of both to restore solvency. Data presented at the hearing showed that about 72 million Americans are expected to receive Social Security benefits in 2033, underscoring the system's reach across the population. The debate exposed sharp differences over how to address the shortfall. Senator Bill Cassidy proposed creating a government-backed investment fund to supplement the programme's finances.

PM Modi presents rare tea, handicrafts, decoratives to Indonesia's President during visit

Jakarta, July 17 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Indonesia, presented rare tea, Indian handicrafts and decoratives to President Prabowo Subianto, representing the artistic elegance of India. PM Modi presented Manohari Gold Tea, one of India's finest speciality teas, to President Prabowo. The tea showcases the rich tea heritage and craftsmanship of Assam. Made exclusively from the tender buds of the P126 tea clone, it is hand-plucked, hand-rolled, and naturally sun-dried during the second flush season in June,

giving it its distinctive golden appearance, delicate flavour, and exceptional quality. Produced in extremely limited quantities of about 25 grams a day, it is among the world's rarest artisanal teas. An Uttarakhand Aipan art of Shiva was also presented to President Prabowo. Aipan is a traditional folk art from the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, created mainly by women during festivals on floors and walls using a terracotta-red base (Geru) and intricate white patterns made from rice paste (Biswar). Drawn freehand with remarkable precision, the art reflects centuries-old traditions passed down through generations. This artwork is dedicated to Lord



Shiva and features sacred geometric motifs symbolising cosmic energy, highlighting the deep bond between art and spirituality in India. It also celebrates the shared cultural heritage of India and Indonesia, making it a meaningful symbol of the close friendship and enduring cultural ties between the two countries. PM Modi also gave a traditional Kashmiri Papier-Mache bowl to President Prabowo, which featured hand-painted floral and bird motifs.

The Traditional Kashmiri Papier-Mache Bowl is a fine example of Kashmir's renowned handicraft tradition. Handmade from processed paper pulp and decorated using the traditional Naqashi technique, it features intricate hand-painted floral motifs, birds, ornamental patterns, and fine gold detailing, finished with a glossy lacquer that enhances both its beauty and durability. A Traditional Repousse silver decorative plate showcasing India's rich silversmithing tradition was also presented to Prabowo by PM Modi. The silver plate was crafted entirely by hand using the intricate repousse and chasing techniques. Featuring a central lotus medallion surrounded by elephants, stylised trees, and ornate floral borders.

Former US Security Adviser warns Trump policies driving allies away



Washington, July 17 : Former US Deputy National Security Adviser Jon Finer has warned that countries across Europe, Asia and the Middle East are reducing their dependence on the United States, arguing that President Donald Trump's policies are weaken-

ing American partnerships and imposing economic costs at home. "The World Is Cutting Ties With America. It's Already Costing Us," Finer wrote in a guest essay published by The New York Times on Friday. He said European policymakers were expanding their defence, energy and technol-

ogy industries while diversifying relations with other countries. The shift was visible at last week's NATO summit in Ankara, where Trump renewed threats against US allies Denmark and Spain, he wrote. Finer argued that the trend extended well beyond Europe. He attributed it to what he described as the Trump administration's "ostentatious corruption, trade conflicts, military adventurism and mercurial artificial intelligence regulation". The former Biden administration official said this amounted to "a nearly global grand strategy of countries distancing themselves from the world's most powerful nation".

India declares one-day national mourning on demise of Qatar's former Amir

New Delhi, July 17 : India declared one day of national mourning on July 17 following the demise of Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Father Amir of the State of Qatar, who passed away earlier on Friday. "The Government of India has declared one-day national mourning tomorrow, 13 July 2026, as a mark of respect for His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Father Amir of the State of Qatar, who passed away today. The National Flag will be flown at half-mast on the day of mourning throughout India on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly, and there will be no official entertainment on the day," read a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju is expected to visit Qatar shortly to convey condolences on behalf of the Indian government. Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences at the demise of Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, noting that he was a visionary leader who led Qatar to great levels of development and prosperity and was a true friend of India. "We deeply mourn the passing of Father Amir of State of Qatar, HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. A visionary leader who led Qatar to great levels of development and prosperity, we remember him also as a true friend whom I had the honour of meeting during my last visit to



Qatar in February 2024. I convey my sincere condolences to the Amir of Qatar, HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the entire royal family and people of Qatar. May the departed soul rest in eternal peace," PM Modi posted on X. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani ruled Qatar from 1995 to 2013, when he handed over the reins of leadership to his son Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani. During his reign, Qatar witnessed massive economic, social and cultural development, and the country extended its status among the Arab and international community, according to Amiri Diwan's statement.



'Political manoeuver' with no legal basis, says Cuban President on US indictment of Raul Castro

Havana, July 17 : The charges by the US government against Cuban Revolution leader Raul Castro are a "political manoeuver" with no legal basis whatsoever, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel has said. Diaz-Canel said on X on Friday (local time) that the charges "only reveal the arrogance and frustration of the empire's representatives in the face of the unwavering resolve of the Cuban Revolution and the unity and moral strength of its leadership." Earlier on Wednesday, a grand jury from the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida indicted Raul Castro for his alleged role in ordering the downing of two planes operated by a Cuban exile group in the United States named "Brothers to the Rescue" in 1996.

US issues anti-dumping tariff ruling on S. Korean chemical materials

Seoul, July 17 : The US Department of Commerce has reached a preliminary decision to impose up to 65.72 per cent anti-dumping tariffs on certain chemical materials from South Korea, Seoul's industry ministry said on Friday. The Department announced its preliminary affirmative determination to impose anti-dumping duties between 10.94 per cent and 65.72 per cent on two Korean companies exporting monomers and oligomers to the United States, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources, reports Yonhap news agency. The decision came about six months after Washington initiated a dumping investigation into certain monomers and oligomers from Korea

and Taiwan at the request of a U.S. chemical producer. The preliminary margins represent a significant reduction compared with the 137 per cent to 188 percent dumping margins originally alleged by the petitioner, according to the ministry. The ministry said it will closely communicate with the companies to ensure they do not face unfair treatment in the U.S. department's final ruling in May. Last month, South Korea's trade watchdog made a preliminary decision to impose anti-dumping tariffs on PVC paste resin imports from Germany, France, Norway and Sweden after its initial investigation identified potential damage to the domestic industry.



'Deliberate distraction': EU's foreign policy chief rejects Moscow's claim of Ukraine targetting Russian govt sites

Brussels, July 17 : European Union's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Kaja Kallas on Friday termed Russia's claim of Ukraine targetting its key government sites a "deliberate distraction." She accused Russia of attempting to derail progress made towards peace by Ukraine and its Western partners and urged international community to not trust Moscow's claims. In a post on X, Kallas stated, "Russia's claim that Ukraine recently targetted key government sites in Russia is a deliberate distraction. Moscow aims to derail real progress towards peace by Ukraine and its Western partners. No one should accept unfounded claims from the aggressor who has indiscriminately targetted Ukraine's infrastructure and civilians since the start of the war." Her statement comes as Major General Alexander Romanenkov, Chief of the Russian Aerospace Forces' Anti-Aircraft Missile Troops, said on Wednesday that Ukrainian armed forces' drone attack on Russian President Vladimir Putin's residence in the Novgorod region were launched from Sumy and Chernihiv regions. "At around 7:20 p.m. on December 28, an air attack using unmanned aerial vehicles was discovered from the Sumy and Chernihiv regions of Ukraine," Russian media outlet Izvestia quoted Romanenkov as saying on Wednesday. Ukraine's attack was targetted, meticulously planned, and multi-layered. According to Russia's Ministry of Defence, its air defence assets destroyed all Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) aimed at the presidential residence. Russia used Surface-to-Air



Missiles (SAMs) and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems to repel Ukrainian armed forces attacks over the Bryansk, Smolensk, and Novgorod regions. As many as 41 drones were shot down over the Novgorod region while 49 drones were shot down over the Bryansk region between December 28-29. On Monday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused Ukraine of launching UAVs at the state residence of Putin in the early hours of December 29. He stated that Russia will respond to Ukraine's attack, Russia's news agency Tass reported. On the night of December 28-29, "the Kyiv regime launched a terrorist attack using 91 long-range strike unmanned aerial vehicles on the state residence of the president of the Russian Federation in Novgorod Region", the Foreign Minister said. All drones were destroyed by Russian air defences, and there were no reports about casualties or damage, he said, noting that the development comes amid intense negotiations to resolve the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Monday rejected Russia's allegations, terming it "dangerous statements to undermine achievements of shared diplomatic efforts" made with US President Donald Trump's team and "lies".

German Chancellor Merz urges Europe to assert interests amid 'epochal shift'

Berlin, July 17 : Delivering his New Year's address on Friday, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said that Europe must strongly assert its own interests in an increasingly volatile world. In the address, Merz characterised the current global situation as an "epochal shift," marked by geopolitical upheavals, a return to protectionism, and changing transat-

lantic dynamics, Xinhua News Agency reported. "Our partnership with the United States of America, which has long been the reliable guarantor of our security, is changing," he said. "For us Europeans, this means that we must defend and assert our interests much more strongly by ourselves." Addressing the security situation, Merz said that Germany must im-

prove its deterrence and defence capability to ensure long-term peace. In terms of economy, he pledged that his government, formed after the federal elections in February 2025, would focus on restoring Germany's competitiveness by cutting red tape and fostering technological innovation. "We are not the victims of extraneous circumstances. We are not at the mercy of great powers,"



Merz said, stressing that 2026 can be a decisive year for Germany and Europe. "It can be a year in which Germany and Europe, with new strength, reconnect with decades of peace, freedom and prosperity," he said.



China's stance during West Asia conflict showcases Iran as its second-tier partner: Report

London, July 17 : China considers Iran as a second-tier partner while Pakistan continues to occupy a first-tier position. That asymmetry showcased during the recent conflict in West Asia as China did not send a single warship, missile battery or a soldier after the Israeli and American strikes killed Iran's then-Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and other senior military officials, a report has claimed. "China's Iran strategy is not an alliance. It is a hedge, calibrated to the barrel and the missile. Beijing will buy Iran's oil at a discount, share intelligence and satellite access, dangle fighter jets, and lean on Moscow to keep Tehran diplomatically afloat -- but it will not fire a shot on Tehran's behalf, and it will not let its friendship with Iran cost it its far deeper relationship with Washington," Jasim Al-Azzawi mentioned in an opinion piece in UK-based Middle East Monitor. When China and Iran signed the 25-year Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Chinese state media termed it as a civilisational bond. The agreement covers several areas like infrastructure, banking, energy and "military-technical" cooperation. However, it does not include a mutual defence clause and stops short of the ironclad commitments China has made to Pakistan, or that Russia has promised North Korea. During the recent tensions in West Asia, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi condemned the killing and termed the conflict "a war that should never have happened and benefits no party". His statement is a studiously neutral formulation that scholars at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs said was "not an outright condemnation of the United States or Israel, or indeed of Iran", but instead a "more generalised statement of regret". "Beijing's caution was not cost-free neutrality; it was profitable neutrality. China spent the better part of the past two years quietly assembling one of the largest strategic petroleum reserves in its history, an estimated 1.2 billion barrels, equal to some 109 days of import cover, built substantially on sanctioned Iranian.

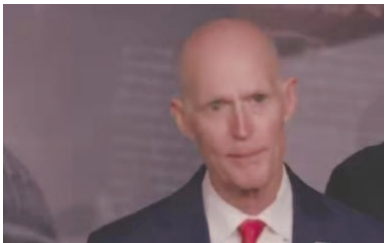


Africa CDC urges stronger protection measures for Ebola responders

Addis Ababa, July 17 : The confirmed infection of a US humanitarian worker supporting the ongoing Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak response in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has added critical urgency to the protection of health responders, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said. The Africa CDC said in a press statement that health workers, humanitarian personnel, volunteers and operational staff are "sustaining the response under intense pressure," identifying cases, caring for patients and protecting affected communities in order to contain transmission. It said relevant authorities and the response team have launched an epidemiological investigation, contact tracing and exposure risk assessments concerning the US humanitarian worker, while highlighting that the exact circumstances of the exposure remain under investigation. The confirmed case has been supporting the outbreak response in Bunia, the capital of eastern DRC's Ituri Province and the epicentre of the outbreak, Xinhua news agency reported.

Venezuela denounces impact of US coercive measures on health sector

Caracas, July 17 : Venezuela denounced the impact of US unilateral coercive measures on its health system during the 79th World Health Assembly in Geneva, saying they have affected access to medical supplies, medicines and equipment. Mauricio Vega, Venezuela's vice Minister of Hospitals, told the World Health Organization forum that the restrictions have also affected the availability of health personnel, while defending the country's public health model based on equity and primary care. "Health is a fundamental human right, not a commodity," Vega said. He said Venezuela has experienced a decline in health personnel due to mass migration in recent years, but has strengthened training programs for new professionals. Vega also warned of the resurgence of diseases that could affect the population amid structural limitations caused by US sanctions, reports Xinhua news agency. Despite these challenges, Venezuela maintains policies aimed at ensuring universal access to health care and calls for the "total and unconditional elimination" of what it describes as inhumane unilateral coercive measures, he said. The Venezuelan Health Ministry said the country's delegation to the 79th World Health Assembly, headed by Vega, would reaffirm its position on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the country.



US bill targets Chinese tech firms over national security concerns

Washington, July 17 : Republican Senator Rick Scott has introduced legislation that would require the US government to determine whether several Chinese technology firms pose threats to national security. The proposed "Blocking CCP Spy Tech Act of 2026" targets a group of Chinese companies known as the "Six Little Dragons", including DeepSeek, Game Science, Unitree Robotics, DEEP Robotics, BrainCo and Manycore Tech. The companies are based in Hangzhou, China, and are seen as part of Beijing's push into artificial intelligence, robotics and digital technologies. Under the bill, US national security officials would have one year to investigate whether equipment or services from the companies threaten US national security or public safety. If deemed a risk, the firms could be added to the Federal Communications Commission's "Covered List", which identifies communications equipment and services considered a security threat.

H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurates new IISCO water reservoir to expand capacity of steel plant in Bengal's Burnpur

New Delhi, July 17 : Union Minister for Steel, H.D. Kumaraswamy, on Friday commenced his three-day visit to West Bengal with an extensive review of the IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) at Burnpur and inaugurated the new RCC water reservoir to meet the requirement of further expanding the

capacity of the plant in the future, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Steel. The visit covered a comprehensive assessment of the plant's ongoing expansion projects, production facilities, infrastructure, sustainability initiatives and workforce welfare, reaffirming the Government of India's commitment to strengthen-

ing India's public sector steel ecosystem. The newly constructed Reinforced Cement Concrete (RCC) Water Reservoir has a storage capacity of 84,000 cubic metres, developed to meet the water requirements of COB-10 while also supporting the future 4.08 MTPA Expansion Project at IISCO Steel Plant under the Steel Authority of

India Limited (SAIL). Officials told the Union Minister that the integrated system comprises a newly constructed Booster Pump House, a dedicated Pump House for COB-10 and a Process Water Pump House, currently under construction, which will establish a closed-loop water circulation system to maximise water conservation.



Manipur's rich sporting legacy inspiring new generation of athletes: Guv

Imphal, July 17 : Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has said that the state has a rich sporting legacy and its athletes have consistently brought laurels to the country through outstanding performances at national and international competitions. The Governor, accompanied by Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and Home Minister Konthoujam Govindas Singh, who also holds the Youth Affairs and Sports portfolio, attended the closing ceremony of the first Bishnupur District Olympic Games 2026 at Chengei Lampak in Moirang of Bishnupur district on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, Governor Bhalla said the inaugural Bishnupur District Olympic Games truly embodied the spirit of sports by bringing together young ath-

letes from across the district to compete in 16 sporting disciplines while promoting the values of discipline, perseverance, teamwork and excellence. He congratulated the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and organisers for successfully conducting the sporting event. The Governor also highlighted Manipur's rich sporting heritage and acknowledged the achievements of several distinguished athletes from Bishnupur, whose accomplishments continue to inspire the younger generation to pursue excellence in sports. Governor Bhalla emphasised that district-level sporting events play a crucial role in identifying and nurturing future champions by providing talented young athletes with opportunities to progress to state, national and international competitions. He noted that Thoubal district had taken the lead by organising the first district-level Olympic Games, while Bishnupur had successfully carried the initiative forward.



J&K's Anti-Narcotic Task Force arrests absconding drug peddler

Srinagar, July 17 : The Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) said on Friday that it has arrested an absconding drug peddler in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar district. A statement issued by the ANTF said, "Continuing its unwavering operation against drug peddlers, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Kashmir achieved a significant breakthrough by arresting a hardcore woman drug peddler, namely Tamana Ashraf, daughter of Mohammad Ashraf, resident of Batamaloo, Srinagar, involved in FIR No. 10/2023 u/s 8/20 NDPS Act registered at ANTF Jammu and

was evading her arrest for the last three years. The woman accused is involved in trafficking more than 7 kgs of charas, which was being sent to Mumbai through Courier Services. The said woman was evading her arrest since the registration of cases in different states across the country; however, due to continuous efforts of ANTF Jammu and Kashmir.



'Politics should stay out of literature': Maha CM Fadnavis at Marathi Sahitya Sammelan

Satara, July 17 : The 99th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan (All India Marathi Literary Meet) was officially inaugurated on Friday in Maharashtra's Satara, with the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis present at the event. Addressing the gathering of writers and intellectuals, the Chief Minister emphasised the need to maintain a clear boundary between the world of politics and the sanctity of literature. Responding to the long-standing debate over political presence on literary platforms, Chief Minister Fadnavis assured the literary community that his administration has no intention of interfering in their work. "The Literary Meet serves as a compass for society, and the Presidential address sets the direction for the coming year. I want to clarify that we have no interest in bringing politics into literature. As long as I am the Chief Minister, I will ensure there is no political interference in this field," he said. ?The Chief Minister also requested the literary fra-

ternity, adding: "I welcome writers to enter politics, but I urge you not to bring politics into literature." ?On criticism and the future of Marathi, Chief Minister Fadnavis lauded the contributions of Marathi scholars in enriching the language, asserting that the pride of the Marathi language will remain as long as "the sun and moon exist". Speaking on the role of literature in society, he noted: "Literature is not merely for entertainment but to expand social consciousness." Chief Minister Fadnavis remarked that he does not take offence at criticism from the literary world.

ACB sleuths arrest Police Constable, accomplice for collecting bribe of Rs 20,000; ASI's role being probed

Jaipur, July 17 : The Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajasthan, on Friday arrested a Police Constable and a private person for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 at Kathumar Police Station in Alwar district. The action was taken following directions from the Anti-Corruption Bureau Headquarters. According to Director General of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Govind Gupta, the arrests were made after a complaint was received on the Anti-Corruption Bureau helpline (1064). The complainant alleged that ASI Narendra Singh, Constable Rameshwar Singh (No. 17), and a private individual identified as Niranjana Singh, were demanding Rs 20,000 to provide relief in an ongoing investigation.



Kolkata Police tighten Zero FIR protocol to ensure faster case transfers

Kolkata, July 17: Kolkata Police have issued strict guidelines to expedite the registration and transfer of Zero FIRs within its jurisdiction as well as to neighbouring districts, a senior police officer said on Friday. The guidelines have been issued to prevent administrative reluctance and systemic delays at the police station level in registering and transferring such FIRs. Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nand issued the order on Friday. According to the order: "It has been observed that there is an inordinate delay in filing of FIR after registration of Zero FIR within the jurisdiction of Kolkata Police as well as neighbouring districts. Such delays adversely impact the timely disposal of criminal cases and the effective administration of criminal justice." According to the guidelines, the officer-in-charge registering the Zero FIR must personally contact the officer-in-charge of the receiving police station to ensure the immediate and seamless transfer of the case.



Punjab BJP picks holes in Mann-led AAP govt's borrowings

Chandigarh, July 12 : State President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Punjab, Kewal Singh Dhillon, on Friday said that the Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Aadmi Party government has pushed the state into a deep financial crisis through continuous borrowing, saying the government's policies have transformed the dream of "prosperous Punjab" into a "kangal (bankrupt) Punjab". Dhillon said the state government's latest Finance Department notification dated July 10 is to raise another Rs 1,000 crore, 'exposed' Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema's repeated claims of strong revenue growth. The Punjab BJP chief said that Cheema frequently highlights rising Goods and Services Tax (GST).



BJP demands Rs 50,000 per acre compensation for drought-hit farmers in North Karnataka

Bidar, July 17 : Karnataka BJP President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra on Friday accused the Congress government of neglecting farmers in the drought-hit regions of North and Kalyana Karnataka and urged it to immediately provide compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre to affected farmers. Addressing a press conference at Bidar airport, Vijayendra said the drought situation had become alarming in Bidar, Kalaburagi and Yadgir districts, where rainfall has been only around 12 per cent of normal. He alleged that the lack of rainfall had prevented sowing on more than 30 lakh hectares of agricultural land.

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A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower M/s Bhaanu Agro Foods, have defaulted in the repayment of Principal and interest of the loan facilities obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.
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SEBI introduces stricter service rules, investment norms for employees

New Delhi, July 17 : The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has tightened its employee conduct framework by notifying sweeping changes to its service regulations, introducing stricter conflict-of-interest safeguards, tighter investment restrictions and enhanced disclosure requirements.

Under the SEBI (Employees' Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, the capital markets regulator has expanded the definitions of 'family' and 'dependent' to include adopted and stepchildren, as

well as individuals who are substantially dependent on an employee. The decision broadens the scope of compliance requirements relating to investments, disclosures and other service obligations. One of the key changes is the introduction of a two-year cooling-off period for former SEBI employees.

During this period, retired or resigned employees will not be permitted to represent any person before the regulator in matters related to proceedings, adjudication, settlements or approvals. In addition,

the amended regulations require employees to disclose any employment negotiations with prospective employers within one month of initiating such discussions, strengthening safeguards against potential conflicts of interest.

The market watchdog has also introduced a clear distinction between permitted and non-permitted investments for its employees. Under the revised rules, employees and their family members will not be allowed to make fresh investments in equities.

Indian real estate logs \$3.2 billion in private equity investments in Jan-June

New Delhi, July 17 : Private equity investment inflows into the Indian real estate sector reached \$3.2 billion in H1 2026, marking a 33 per cent year-on-year increase, a report said on Monday. Investment inflows stood at \$2 billion in Q2 2026, marking a 25 per cent increase over the same period last year, according to the report from global real estate consulting firm Savills India. Private equity institutional investments include equity deals executed through private routes, structured debt deals by AIFs and NCD issuances, and exclude plain debt deals executed via fund raises, QIPs, public market deals and platform formations.

Investments in data centres led with a 38 per cent share of total inflows in Q2 2026, bucking the trend of office-

led investments. The office segment followed with a 30 per cent share, while residential held the third spot at 16 per cent. Overall, office remained the leading segment during the first half of the fiscal year, with a 34 per cent share of equity inflows. Investors also diversified into hospitality, which garnered an 8 per cent share, and student housing or co-living, which captured a 3 per cent share. Domestic capital accounted for 51 per cent of PE inflows in H1 2026, the report noted. Capital was deployed across a broad spectrum of asset classes, including alternative

segments, but office remained the top choice, capturing 68 per cent of domestic investments, largely concentrated across India's Tier I cities. Foreign-based investors accounted for the remaining 49 per cent of investments and 69 per cent of the foreign capital originated from the USA and Canada, directed mainly into data centres and the hospitality segment.

"PE inflows in the first half of 2026 reaffirm the growing confidence investors have in India's real estate market... Continued diversification into hospitality, healthcare, and student housing/co-living reflects a maturing investor base that is increasingly betting on India's digital and alternative real estate growth story," said Sumeet Bhatia, Managing Director, Capital Market Services, Savills India.



China wants African nations to switch from USD to yuan in debt repayments

New Delhi, July 17 : Beijing has started asking African countries to shift their debt repayments to China from the US dollar to the yuan as part of its strategy to strengthen its own currency and dent the dominance of the American currency in the global payment system as per a media report. Kenya's decision to restructure part of its Chinese debt and shift repayment from United States dollars into Chinese yuan "is increasingly being interpreted as an early signal of a wider reconfiguration in international finance, one in which nations under pressure are searching for alternatives to the traditional dollar-centred order", according to the article in Nigeria's Independent newspaper. It points out that China, after rising into the ranks of the world's largest economies, is seeking to reduce the importance of the dollar, as it is a currency that Beijing does not control. China has risen as a predominant lender to Africa, and this did not emerge accidentally. It grew from a lacuna that many developing nations struggled to fill. Across the continent, governments faced enormous infrastructure deficits, roads remained unfinished, ports underdeveloped, rail systems outdated, power generation insufficient, and industrial expansion constrained by inadequate logistics. Traditional international lenders often attached governance conditions, extensive policy requirements and long approval timelines to financing. China was always on target, arriving with speed, scale and a different proposition.

The article underlined that historical estimates indicate African countries collectively accumulated roughly between \$150 bn-\$180 bn in Chinese lending commitments across two decades, though outstanding balances vary as loans mature and repayments continue. Countries such as Angola, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zambia, Egypt, Cameroon, South Africa, and Nigeria emerged among major recipients of Chinese-backed development fi-



nancing. Nigeria itself illustrates both the attraction and complexity of the model. Chinese financing became associated with projects that were tangible and politically visible: modern rail corridors, airport terminal expansion, hydropower generation, communications infrastructure, urban transit systems and strategic transport links. Supporters argue these projects delivered assets that might otherwise have remained on drawing boards for years. Yet debt rarely arrives without conditions and consequences, the article observed. The article pointed out that criticism of the Chinese model of lending is centred less on borrowing itself and more on what follows after construction ends. Infrastructure does not automatically create revenue at the pace repayment schedules demand. Governments collect taxes largely in local currencies while repay-

ment obligations remain external. Currency depreciation therefore becomes a silent multiplier of debt pressure. A railway may carry passengers, a road may shorten travel time, and a dam may improve electricity supply, yet those benefits do not always translate into immediate financial returns. Governments then face difficult trade-offs. More resources are directed toward debt servicing, leaving less fiscal room for education, healthcare, social investment, and security expenditure. It is within this context that Kenya's move becomes strategically important. By renegotiating portions of Chinese debt from dollar denomination into yuan, Kenya sought relief from exchange pressures and lower financing costs.

Domino's India operator

Jubilant Foodworks clocks 14 pc drop in Q4 profit

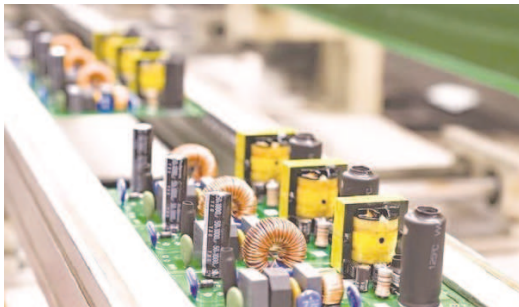
New Delhi, July 17 : Domino's pizza chain operator in India, Jubilant FoodWorks Ltd on Friday reported its Q4 FY26 net profit fell 13.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 42.6 crore, even as revenue rose 6.4 per cent to Rs 1,679.7 crore. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) rose 11.5 per cent to Rs 345 crore, while the EBITDA margin expanded to 20.5 per cent from 19.6 per cent a year earlier, according to its stock exchange filing. The company declared a dividend of Rs 1.2 per share. The company's pizza retail franchise Domino's India's order growth was up 10.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis. "PAT from continued opera-

tions before exceptional items decreased 2.8 per cent YoY to Rs. 537 million and PAT margin compressed 30 bps YoY to 3.2 per cent," the filing said. Domino's revenue increased 5.0 per cent YoY while the delivery revenue rose 10.3 per cent YoY and overall order volume grew 10.4 per cent annually. The company also mentioned net addition of 61 stores across all brands during the quarter, ending the period with 2,562 stores in India. Average bill values moderated due to affordability-led interventions, including lowering the free delivery threshold to Rs 99, targeted cashbacks, and zero packaging charges in select markets, its letter to shareholders said. Its southern fried chicken fast food chain Popeyes saw a 28 per cent year-on-year same store growth.

Govt okays 22 projects under electronics component PLI; Rs 41,863 crore worth investments likely

New Delhi, July 17: The government on Friday approved 22 new proposals under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), which are likely to receive Rs 41,863 crore worth investments and generate nearly 37,000 direct and indirect jobs - a move which is aimed at strengthening domestic supply chains and reducing import dependence for critical electronic components. The output from the 22 approved projects is projected at Rs 2.58 lakh crore. The approved proposals include applications from Dixon, Samsung Display Noida Pvt Ltd, Foxconn's Yuzhan Technology India Pvt Ltd, and Hindalco Industries. The latest approval comes in addition to 24 applications approved earlier which involved investments of Rs 12,704 crore.

According to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), this round of approvals covers manufacturing across 11 segments with applications spanning mobile phones, telecom, consumer electronics, strategic electronics, automotive



and IT hardware. The projects will be set up across eight states — Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Industry leaders welcomed the move, saying that the success of the ECMS scheme marks India's decisive shift from intent to execution in electronics manufacturing. "As 2025 concludes, India has earned global trust as a credible, investible ESDM destination. ECMS is a game-changer because a strong ecosystem needs components, materials and electronics value addition — not just semiconductors," said Ashok Chandak. President IESA and SEMI India.

India's natural gas consumption projected to rebound in FY27

New Delhi, July 17 : India's natural gas consumption is expected to grow by 3-4 per cent (year-on-year) in FY27, following near-term moderation in FY26, driven by lower offtake from fertiliser, power and refineries, a new report has said. The latest report from ICRA forecasts a rebound next year led by recovery in industrial offtake and continued expansion of the City Gas Distribution network, which will position natural gas as a focal point in India's evolving energy narrative.

Natural gas consumption in

the country is set to grow, supported by increased offtake from the refining, fertiliser, and city gas distribution sectors, said Varun Gogia, Assistant Vice President and Sector Head, ICRA. The report added that crude oil prices are projected to average \$60-\$70 a barrel in FY27, due to muted global demand growth amid increasing supplies. It will keep domestic crude producers' profitability and capex plans intact, while petroleum product consumption may rise 1-2 per cent. "Singapore GRMs are expected to be in the range of \$4-5/barrel" and that "the marketing margins on retail sales of auto fuels are ex-

pected to remain healthy owing to stable crude prices and under recoveries in domestic LPG are expected to reduce," Gogia informed. Global LNG prices have eased on expectations of warmer winters in key regions and healthy inventory levels and the upcoming LNG capacity additions globally are expected to lead to a moderation in prices from 2027.





Rajasthan HC raps 'tantrik-based' probe, orders change of investigating officer

Jaipur, July 17 : The Rajasthan High Court has strongly criticised the police investigation into a jewellery theft case in Nagaur district after it emerged that the probe was influenced by a 'tantrik' (witch doctor). The court observed that a criminal investigation cannot be carried out on the dictates of a tantrik and ordered the removal of the investigating officer within 15 days. The order was passed by the single bench of Justice Munnuri Laxman while hearing a petition filed by 80-year-old petitioner Khemi Devi, a resident of Utwalia village under Sri Balaji police station limits in Nagaur district. The court directed the Nagaur Superintendent of Police to transfer the investigation from Sri Balaji police station to a sub-inspector or higher-ranking officer from another police station. According to the petition, Khemi Devi had lodged an FIR on

March 8, alleging theft of gold and silver jewellery belonging to her and her daughter-in-law from their home on the night of March 7. Her counsel, advocate Manohar Singh Rathore, told the court that despite being provided with the names of suspected persons, the investigating officer, Head Constable Ratiram, failed to recover the stolen jewellery or identify the accused. The petition further alleged that instead of relying on evidence, the investigating officer resorted to superstition and allegedly visited a tantrik in Alwar district along with the daughter-in-law's father and some village elders. According to the petitioner, the tantrik allegedly claimed that the daughter-in-law's father was involved in the theft, after which the police began treating him as a suspect without any concrete evidence and attempted to frame him in the case.



UP govt forms panel for OBC reservation in rural local bodies

New Delhi, July 17 : The Government of Uttar Pradesh has officially announced the appointment of the Chairman and members of the newly formed "Uttar Pradesh State Rural Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission". Issued by the Panchayati Raj Department, this significant government notification marks a critical step forward in addressing backward classes representation within the

state's rural local self-governing structures. The commission is being established to evaluate, study, and ensure proper legal frameworks for Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation in the three-tier Panchayati Raj institutions. This framework satisfies the structural triple-test criteria mandated by the judiciary before implementing backward class quotas in local body elections.

Assam: Two suspected poachers, absconding wildlife offender arrested in Raimona National Park

Guwahati, July 17: Two suspected poachers and an absconding wildlife offender were apprehended in two separate anti-poaching operations by forest personnel at Assam's Raimona National Park under the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), officials said on Friday. In a major boost to wildlife protection and conservation efforts, the Central Range of Raimona National Park (RNP) conducted an intensive anti-poaching operation that led to the arrest of two persons allegedly involved in illegal wildlife activities. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Addl PCCF) and Council Head of De-



partment (CHD), BTC, Sonali Ghosh, said the operation was launched following credible intelligence inputs received around 20 to 21 days ago regarding the movement and suspicious activities of five to six unidentified persons inside the national park. Acting swiftly on the information, Forest Department officials initiated a detailed investigation.

Delhi Police bust 'Kaku gang' module; arrest habitual offender with 14 criminal cases

New Delhi, July 17 : The Special Staff of Delhi Police on Friday busted a module of the notorious 'Kaku Gang' involved in organised mobile theft and snatching across South Delhi and adjoining areas. Police arrested one active gang member and recovered three stolen and snatched mobile phones linked to multiple criminal cases. According to Delhi Police, the accused has been identified as Gopal alias Kaku, a 28-year-old resident of Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi. Police said the accused is a habitual offender with involvement in 14 previous criminal cases related to theft, receiving stolen property, and violations under the Arms Act. The arrest was made as part of the South District Police's ongoing drive against organised street crime. Officials said the breakthrough also helped police solve three cases of mobile theft and snatching registered at Saket and Maidan Garhi police stations.



A dedicated raiding team comprising ASI Dushyant Kumar, Head Constable Narender Kumar, Head Constable Yashpal, Head Constable Santvir Singh, Constable Mahender, and Constable Surender was constituted under the leadership of Inspector Anuj Kumar, In-Charge of Special Staff, South District. The operation was conducted under the supervision of Additional DCP (Operations) Arvind Kumar.

Police said that on May 19, the Special Staff received specific intelligence that Gopal alias Kaku would arrive near Dhobi Ghat in Block-5 of Dakshinpuri to dispose of stolen mobile phones. Acting swiftly on the information, the police team laid a strategic trap at the location and apprehended the accused before he could escape. During a cursory search, officers recovered three stolen.

3 lakh MP farmers dropped from 'Kisan Samman Nidhi' scheme: Kamal Nath

Bhopal, July 17 : Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior Congress leader, Kamal Nath, on Friday alleged that more than three lakh farmers have been removed from the beneficiaries' list of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme in the state under the BJP government. In a statement issued on Thursday, Kamal Nath claimed that farmers in Madhya Pradesh are being "deceived in every possible way" by the state government. In a statement issued to the press on Thursday, he claimed that while 86.49 lakh farmers received ben-

efits under the scheme during 2024-25, the number dropped to 83.01 lakh in 2025-26. "More than three lakh farmers have been excluded from the scheme in a hidden manner," he alleged. The Congress leader also claimed that e-KYC verification of more than 80,000 farmers is still pending, while the bank accounts of around 1.87 lakh farmers are not linked with Aadhaar numbers. "Because of this, many farmers are not receiving installment payments in their accounts," he alleged. The Congress leader demanded that the government immediately release pending payments to all eligible farmers instead of



"harassing" them. He also raised allegations of cyber fraud related to wheat procurement payments in Shivpuri district. According to him, several farmers who sold wheat at Minimum Support Price (MSP) did not receive payments in their bank accounts, and the money was allegedly transferred to suspicious accounts. "A large number of farmers have become victims of cyber fraud. There should be a thorough investigation and af-

ected farmers must be given compensation immediately," he said. Kamal Nath further alleged that despite the BJP frequently highlighting the Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, the number of beneficiaries in Madhya Pradesh has declined significantly within a year. The Madhya Pradesh government has not yet responded to the allegations.

BJD targets BJP over induction of former MLA Pravat Biswal

Bhubaneswar, July 17 : After the induction of former Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MLA Pravat Ranjan Biswal into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday, the BJD has targeted the ruling party in Odisha, alleging that instead of returning money to chit fund depositors as promised, the BJP had inducted one of the accused in the multi-crore chit fund scam into its ranks. Addressing a press conference at the BJD headquarters here, party spokesperson and media coordinator Lenin Mohanty claimed that the development would have no impact on the party. Mohanty said that BJD had denied Biswal a ticket after he was named as an accused in the chit fund case. He added that Biswal was expelled from the party a few months ago for indiscipline.



Ritabrata Banerjee-led rebel Trinamool faction claims court order recognises its committee

Kolkata, July 17: The rebel faction of Trinamool Congress led by Ritabrata Banerjee on Friday claimed that the committee constituted by it on June 22 is the only legitimate committee of the Trinamool Congress. Addressing a press conference, Ritabrata Banerjee, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the state Assembly, made the claim citing directives issued by an Alipore court in connection with a case. He also asserted that no committee other than theirs can claim to represent the Trinamool Congress. Ritabrata Banerjee said the Trinamool National Working Committee meeting was held on June 22, during which Howrah Madhya MLA Arup Roy was elected chairman of the Trinamool Congress. According to him, the court has ruled that the committee headed by Arup Roy is the only legally valid committee of the Trinamool Congress. "General Trinamool workers filed a case in the Alipore court. The verdict in that case has said that the committee formed on June 22 is the



only legally valid committee," he said. Ritabrata Banerjee further said: "If anyone other than the committee led by All India Trinamool Congress Chairman Arup Roy claims to be an office-bearer of the Trinamool Congress, it will not be valid. It is illegal for such people to run the party. They cannot issue any instructions relating to the party. No one else can use the party's records, bank accounts, funds or property." There has also been speculation over the past few days about who will take possession of the Trinamool Congress party office in Kolkata's Metropolitan area. Ritabrata Banerjee visited the of-

fice recently. Referring to the party office, he said: "No one other than the Trinamool Congress led by Arup Roy will be able to use the Trinamool building in Metropolitan." He added that it would be illegal for anyone outside the Arup Roy-led Trinamool Congress to enter the Metropolitan office or any other Trinamool party office. Ritabrata Banerjee said he would visit the Trinamool building in Metropolitan on Monday or Tuesday. Speculation has also intensified over former Trinamool MLA from Panihati Nirmal Ghosh joining the rebel camp after he attended its meeting on Friday.



17-year-old boy stabbed to death in South Delhi; three accused held

New Delhi, July 17 : A 17-year-old boy died after being allegedly stabbed during a violent altercation in the Molarband area of South Delhi's Badarpur. Police have apprehended three accused in connection with the case, while efforts are underway to trace the remaining suspects. According to Delhi Police, information about the incident was received through DD No. 94A at Police Station Badarpur at around 8 p.m. on Friday. The alert was conveyed by local beat staff, who reported a stabbing incident near Pandey Medical Store in Gali No. 4 on the 40-Foot Road in Molarband. A preliminary inquiry revealed that the victim.

BJD alleges 'political motive' behind changes to Mission Shakti website

Bhubaneswar, July 17 : The Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Friday accused the BJP government in Odisha of making a "futile attempt" to erase the legacy of Mission Shakti, a flagship women's empowerment programme launched under the previous BJD regime, by removing the photograph and information of former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik from its official

website. Addressing a press conference at Sankha Bhawan, the BJD headquarters, senior party women leaders, including Chief Whip in the Odisha Assembly Pramila Mallik, Rajya Sabha MP Sulata Deo, former Minister Tukuni Sahu and former Odisha State Women's Commission chairperson Lopamudra Buxipatra, alleged that the move reflected the state government's "insecurity" and "inferiority complex" rather

than confidence in its own governance.

The leaders said deleting Patnaik's photograph and information from the Mission Shakti portal was an attempt to rewrite history and undermine the contribution of lakhs of women associated with the flagship programme.

"A government that has the ability to create history preserves it, whereas a government that is incapable of creating history at-



tempts to erase it. It is indeed unfortunate and regrettable that instead of creating history, the present government is making desperate attempts to erase it," the regional party alleged.

They stressed that Mission Shakti was not a party programme but a people's movement built through

the efforts of women, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and grassroots workers under Patnaik's leadership. Any attempt to erase this history, they said, amounted to disregarding the contribution of Odisha's women. The BJD maintained that every elected government is a constitutional institution

and its work becomes part of the institutional history of the state.

The leaders further stated that former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was the democratically elected Chief Minister of Odisha and that Mission Shakti was one of the landmark initiatives of his government.

The BJD leaders argued that governments may change, but the continuity of governance remains. They said government departments and official platforms are not the property of any political party; they belong to the people of Odisha.

Union Minister Manohar Lal calls for adopting sustainable construction

New Delhi, July 17 : Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal, on Friday emphasised the need to

adopt eco-friendly and sustainable construction practices, promote modern and emerging technologies, strengthen capacity building



and accelerate digital transformation in public infrastructure development. Speaking at Central Public Works Department's (CPWD) 172nd Annual Day celebration at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, Manohar Lal appreciated CPWD's contribution.



Criticism of Muslim League and CPI is issue based: SNDP strongman Natesan

Alappuzha, July 17 : SNDP Yogam General Secretary Vellappally Natesan on Friday reiterated his criticism of the Muslim League and the CPI, stressing that his comments are issue-based and directed at party policies, not at any community. Speaking to the media in Alappuzha, he clarified that attempts to portray him as anti-Muslim are misleading. Vellappally accused the Muslim League of failing to implement social justice while in power and of attempting to turn the Muslim community against the Ezhava community. He also said that the CPI's po-

sitions have created an impression of disunity within the Left Democratic Front (LDF), urging that differences be addressed internally and reminding that backward communities remain the backbone of the Left. He alleged that the League, while in power, failed to implement social justice, allowing generous educational opportunities for the Muslim community in Malappuram, while the Ezhava community received only one aided college. He said the party is now attempting to turn the Muslim community against the Ezhavas, warning that this could lead to communal tensions similar to the Marad riots.



All crop, soil and irrigation water samples within safety limits: Punjab to NGT

New Delhi, July 17: The Punjab government has informed the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that all crop, soil and irrigation water samples analysed so far under a state-commissioned study on agricultural runoff and groundwater pollution were found to be within prescribed safety limits. The information was provided in the first interim report (March-June 2025) submitted by the Punjab Biotechnology Incubator (PBTI) in a

suo motu case registered by the green tribunal based on a media report alleging that agricultural runoff was contaminating groundwater in Punjab. Placing the findings before the NGT, the Punjab government said the Phase-I study covered 11 locations across nine districts -- Ropar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Mohali, Nawanshahr, Sangrur, Bathinda, Fazilka, Ludhiana and Moga -- and involved the collection of 440 samples, including 275 agri-food commodities, 88 soil samples and 77 irrigation water samples. According to the interim report, "all the 440 samples of agri-food commodities, soil and irrigation water were found below maximum limits defined in respective standard requirements".



JPC on 'One Nation, One Election' visits UP; Anurag Thakur says gathering nationwide feedback

Lucknow, July 17 : BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Friday said that the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) examining the proposed 'One Nation, One Election' legislation is consulting political parties and government officials across the country to gather suggestions before finalising its report on simultaneous elections. The committee is currently in Lucknow as part of its nationwide consultations on the proposed electoral reform. Speaking to IANS in Lucknow, Thakur said, "The Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on 'One Nation, One Election' visited several states to consult with political parties, government officials, and civil society regarding the government's proposed bill, seeking suggestions or amendments to improve it. The objective is to enable simultaneous elections for Legislative Assemblies and the Lok Sabha across the country." He said the existing electoral system results in repeated disruptions to governance because of the frequent enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct. "Currently, the repeated imposition of the Model Code of Conduct over a five-year period disrupts governance and stalls investments or development projects; furthermore, the electoral cycle often overshadows other critical administrative tasks, as vast numbers of personnel are diverted to election duties," Thakur said. Highlighting the differing viewpoints surrounding the proposal, the BJP leader said there is substantial data supporting the concept of simultaneous elections, although political parties continue to hold divergent opinions on the issue. "While there is significant data supporting the 'One Nation, One Election' concept and the benefits of involving so many people in this process.



TN delta farmers seek faster paddy procurement as stocks pile up in open centres

Tiruchi, July 17 : Delta farmers have urged the Tamil Nadu government to speed up paddy procurement and ensure the immediate movement of procured stocks from Direct Procurement Centres (DPCs), warning that delays are causing large accumulations at open yards and slowing fresh procurement during the ongoing summer harvest season. With harvesting of the summer crop almost complete across the Cauvery Delta, farmers say poor planning has left thousands of bags of paddy ly-

ing exposed at procurement centres for several days. They fear prolonged storage in the open could affect grain quality while also delaying procurement from growers still waiting to sell their produce. The short-term summer paddy crop was cultivated on around 1.60 lakh acres across the Delta beginning in April. Procurement commenced during the last week of June and is scheduled to continue until August.

Quality healthcare must reach the last person in society: LS Speaker Om Birla

Nashik, July 17 : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said on Friday that the government and private institutions must work together to ensure that quality healthcare reaches the last person in society. He made these remarks while inaugurating a private health facility in Nashik, Maharashtra, according to an official statement. Birla noted that the Central government has been working to promote the health and well-being of all. He observed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently encouraged a healthy lifestyle and that Yoga has today become an integral part of the daily lives of people across the world. He stressed the need to adopt Yoga and an environmentally sustainable lifestyle to ensure a healthy and disease-free life. Birla observed that the Central government has taken sev-

eral important steps to strengthen the country's healthcare system. Medical infrastructure has been expanded, seats in medical colleges have been increased, and major initiatives, including Ayushman Bharat, have been launched. He added that the participation of the private sector is also yielding meaningful results, with new medical colleges being established, medical infrastructure being strengthened, and greater emphasis being placed on research alongside the treatment of serious diseases. Emphasising the importance of medical research, Birla stressed that medical professionals and institutions must prepare themselves to address the challenges posed by existing as well as emerging diseases. India, he said, must further strengthen its capabilities in medical research and innovation. Referring to India's growing capabilities in science and healthcare, he recalled that there



was a time when India depended on developed countries in several areas of healthcare. However, during the pandemic, Indian scientists made a significant contribution to the development of vaccines, which served humanity during an unprecedented global crisis. He stressed that the Central government and the private sector must work together to promote research, science and technology and develop effective responses to

emerging diseases. Birla further emphasised the need to establish research and innovation centres in universities and colleges. Noting that new diseases can emerge unexpectedly and pose serious challenges, he observed that strengthening medical infrastructure must go hand in hand with investment in research, innovation and scientific capabilities.



‘Vriksh Mitra Parivar’ to have a national structure: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

New Delhi, July 17 : Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday took a resolve to turn environment protection into a mass movement among nearly 17,000 ‘Vriksh Mitra’ connected from across the country. Chouhan presented a clear and clean roadmap to give environment protection the form of a concrete mass movement based on suggestions and dialogue received from ‘Vriksh Mitra’. He decided that every family will plant a tree on occasions like birthdays, wedding anniversaries, birth of children, and pious memories of parents and turn these into ‘Tree Festivals’, so that slowly this tradition becomes a habit in every household. Every ‘Vriksh Mitra’ will plant at least one tree in a year and take a resolve to connect at least five new people with this campaign, whose public announcement will be made through

their post on social media so that a strong network can be prepared by Hariyali Amavasya on August 12. Chouhan proposed forming committees of ‘Vriksh Mitra Pariwar’ at national, state, district, block and village levels to run the entire campaign in an organised framework, getting this structure formally registered and identifying fixed sites for plantation in panchayats and urban local bodies, where every auspicious work and government schemes – like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Lakhpati Didi Yojana, programmes of Agriculture and Rural Development Departments – will start only by planting trees. He was speaking at the ‘Environment Protection Resolve Programme and Vriksh Mitra Samvad’ organised at Pusa Complex in New Delhi.

Odisha EOW arrests

accused in Rs 40-crore share trading fraud case

Bhubaneswar, July 17 : The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Odisha Police has arrested the main accused in a Rs 40 crore share trading fraud case from West Bengal, a senior official said on Friday. The accused was identified as Amit Mandal, a resident of South Boilapara under Bishnupur police station area in Bankura district of West Bengal. He was arrested on December 31, 2025 in connection with

a case registered over the allegations of Sushant Kumar Das of Odisha's Khordha district. Das alleged that the accused Mandal, along with his associates, induced him to invest in share trading by assuring returns of around 3.5 to 7 per cent per month. The accused persons also executed an agreement with Das, apart from issuing post-date cheques (PDCs) to win his confidence.

Constitution the only ‘Brahmavakya’: Shiv Sena(UBT) in 'Saamana'

Mumbai, July 17 : The Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray (UBT) on Friday said that Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has sparked a heated debate following his recent remarks in the Legislative Council, where he stated that directives from the Speaker or Chairperson are not "final" or "divine words (Brahmavakya)". It labelled this stance as a matter of "political convenience", pointing to contradictions in the government's previous positions. The Thackeray camp in the party's mouthpiece, 'Saamana', editorial said the controversy stems from a clash in Satara involving the BJP and the Shinde-

led Shiv Sena regarding the Zilla Parishad presidency. During the incident, police allegedly favoured the BJP, leading to an altercation involving Minister Shambhuraj Desai. In response, Legislative Council Deputy Chairperson Neelam Gorhe, who recently joined the Shinde faction, directed the suspension of Satara Superintendent of Police, Tushar Doshi. However, Fadnavis refused to implement the suspension, arguing that the executive branch holds the ultimate decision-making power and that the chair's directives are not absolute. Taking aim at CM Fadnavis, the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena claimed that if directives given

from the Chair are not "Brahmavakya", then the Chief Minister should immediately declare that the January 10, 2024, decision by the Assembly Speaker regarding MLA disqualification was also not "Brahmavakya". In a democracy, no decision from any position is beyond reproach; it is subject to judicial review. There is only one "Brahmavakya", and that is the Constitution. “This double standard reminds many of January 10, 2024. On that day, Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar rejected the disqualification petitions filed by the Shiv Sena, headed by Uddhav Thackeray. He refused to disqualify Eknath Shinde and 15 oth-



ers who had shredded the 10th Schedule of the Constitution through open defection. Furthermore, he performed the 'feat' of recognising the Shinde faction as the 'real Shiv Sena',” said the editorial. It further added, “At that time, Fadnavis and the Shinde faction accepted that decision as 'Brahmavakya'. They hailed it as a 'legally sound' and 'historic' victory for truth.



Tripura to offer rooftop solar panels for Rs 1,000 under PM Surya Ghar scheme

Agartala, July 17 : Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Friday announced that the state government and the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited would provide rooftop solar panels for just Rs 1,000 to consumers using less than 50 units of electricity, with 1.5 lakh families already identified under the initiative. The Minister announced after launching the Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic System Handbook at Geetanjali Government Guest House here. Highlighting the benefits under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft

Bijli Yojana, Nath said that the government is providing subsidies of Rs 33,000 for 1 kilowatt, Rs 66,000 for 2 kilowatts, and Rs 85,800 for 3 kilowatt solar systems. He said that the PM Surya Ghar initiative has already gained momentum in Tripura, with around 17,000 people registering under the scheme and nearly 3,500 families installing rooftop solar systems. “Currently, we are generating 11 megawatts of power under the PM Surya Ghar scheme. In collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited, and the state government, we have set a new target to identify 1.5 lakh

families consuming less than 50 units of electricity. These families will receive solar systems worth Rs 66,000 by paying only Rs 1,000,” Nath said. He said that the initiative is expected to generate around 150 megawatts of electricity in the state. “We are hopeful that the work will begin next month. We are identifying beneficiaries based on official records of consumers using less than 50 units of electricity. There are nearly three lakh such families in the state, and initially 1.5 lakh families will be covered under the scheme,” the Minister added. Nath further informed that Germany-based organisation GIZ, in collaboration with Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited, has been imparting training to officials, engineers, and vendors on the maintenance and repair of rooftop solar systems. He said that following the training programme, two handbooks in English and Bengali were published for consumers and stakeholders associated with rooftop solar projects.



Manipur: 27 bombs, arms and ammunition recovered; two militants held

Imphal, July 17 : The security forces in joint operations have recovered 27 country-made bombs, some arms and ammunition and arrested two militants of a banned outfit during the past 24 hours in Manipur, officials said here on Friday. A police official said that the central and state security forces in a joint operation recovered 27 country-made bombs from a spot near Monglham village area under Thoubal Dam police station in Imphal East district. Police are yet to confirm who or which organisation is behind the deposit of the bombs in the village. The security forces, however, diffused the bombs. In another operation, the security forces recovered several arms and ammunition from Langdum Nungjengbi area under the same Imphal East district.

Five killed as SUV collides with unidentified vehicle on Jodhpur National Highway

Jaipur, July 17 : A devastating road accident on the Jodhpur National Highway in Rajasthan's Balotra district claimed the lives of five pilgrims and left three others critically injured, said police on Friday. The accident happened late Sunday night. The victims were returning from the Padasla Bhomiaji temple in Osian when their SUV collided with an unidentified heavy vehicle near Bhandiyawas-Kudi around midnight. According to police, eight people from Kanod vil-

lage in the Baytu area were travelling in the SUV. The collision was so severe that the vehicle was badly mangled. Two young men trapped inside the SUV died at the scene and were pulled out after a lengthy rescue effort. Another injured pilgrim succumbed during treatment at Nahata District Hospital, Balotra. The remaining five injured were referred to Jodhpur due to their critical condition, where two more victims later died during treatment, taking the death toll to five. The deceased have been identified as Kishan, son of

Sheraram, resident of Kanod; Bhavesh, son of Kalaram, resident of Kanod; Revant Marudhar, Swaroop Godara and Bharat Godara. The three surviving victims remain under treatment in Jodhpur, and their condition is reported to be critical. Local residents who heard the crash rushed to the spot and alerted the police. Rescue teams and villagers worked together to extricate the trapped occupants before shifting the injured to the hospital. Police said the SUV was travelling from Jodhpur towards Balotra

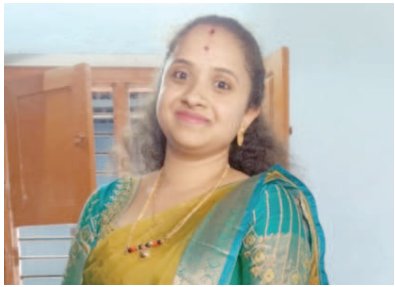


after the group had offered prayers at the Padasla Bhomiaji temple in Osian. The bodies of the deceased have been placed in the mortuary of Nahata District Hospital for post-mortem examination. Police have launched a search for the unidentified heavy vehicle involved in the collision and are investigating the exact cause of the accident.

'If I die, please don't spare them, mother':

Newly married woman dies by suicide in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, July 17 : A 25-year-old woman committed suicide at her residence in Bengaluru, leaving a death note wherein she has blamed her husband and in-laws for torture and harassment. "If I die, please don't spare them, mother," wrote the woman in an emotional death note before allegedly ending her life by hanging herself from a ceiling fan at her residence. In the note, she allegedly held her husband and sister-in-law responsible for her death, accusing them of subjecting her to continuous harassment, police said on Friday. The deceased has



been identified as Shwetha, a native of Chikkamagaluru, who was residing at Sunkadakatte in the Kamakshipalya police station limits. She was working as a teacher at a private school in Bengaluru. She had entered into a love marriage about four months ago.

Maulana Rashidi calls for communal harmony, slams hate politics amid Bengal cattle crisis

New Delhi, July 17 : Maulana Sajid Rashidi on Friday appealed for communal harmony and mutual respect between communities while criticising the growing use of hate-driven rhetoric in politics and society amid the ongoing cattle crisis in West Bengal. Speaking to IANS, the All-India Imam Association President said many Muslims in Bengal had voluntarily refrained from buy-



ing cows as a mark of respect for Hindu religious beliefs. "It has been seen that Muslims in Bengal chose not to buy cows, saying, 'Hindus consider the cow as their mother, and we respect their faith,' in an attempt to send a strong message of harmony and respect."

Reviewing Assembly poll defeat, will strengthen organisation for future battles: Assam Jatiya Parishad chief

Guwahati, July 17 : Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) President Lurinjoyti Gogoi said on Friday that the party has begun an extensive review of its poor performance in the recently concluded Assam Assembly elections and is preparing a long-term strategy to strengthen its organisational base and nationalist politics in the state. Speaking to reporters after a series of internal meetings, Gogoi added that the regional party had carried out a detailed assessment of the elec-

tion results, including the reasons behind the Opposition alliance's failure to achieve the expected poll outcome against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). "We have conducted extensive discussions and analysis over the last three days regarding the election results. We examined why we could not achieve success despite Opposition unity and why the ex-



pected poll results did not come," the AJP President said. The AJP had contested 10 seats in alliance with the Congress during the recent state Assembly polls but failed to secure a single victory.



Defence deals with US risk compromising Bangladesh's sovereignty: Advocacy group

Ottawa, July 17 : A leading international advocacy group has expressed grave concern over reports of the Bangladesh government signing two major defence agreements with the United States, warning that the move could carry far-reaching geopolitical and strategic consequences. The remarks came after Bangladesh and the United States had reached a political-level understanding to deepen defence cooperation, with negotiations progressing on two long-discussed agreements -- the General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) and the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA), according to local media reports. Canada-based 'Global Centre for Democratic Governance (GCDG)' said that both the

agreements --- GSOMIA and ACSA --- risk drawing Bangladesh into the military and strategic orbit of a global power, weakening the country's independent decision-making capacity and compromising sovereign control over defence and security matters. The GCDG said that finalising the agreements without public consultation, parliamentary scrutiny, or national consensus would mark a "dangerous" shift from Bangladesh's foreign policy principle of "friendship to all and malice toward none". Citing reports, the organisation said that ACSA could expand logistical access for foreign military operations, while GSOMIA may deepen intelligence sharing and military integration with external actors. "Bangladesh has historically pursued a balanced and non-aligned foreign policy, maintaining constructive relations with all major global and regional powers. Entering into binding military arrangements under foreign pressure risks increasing regional tensions in South Asia and the Bay of Bengal.

South Korea to showcase traditional 'gat' craftsmanship at UNESCO heritage session

Seoul, July 17 : Foreign delegates and visitors attending a key UNESCO committee meeting in South Korea will have the opportunity to watch master artisans craft the traditional Korean hat of "gat," famously worn by Saja Boys, the in-film idol boy group in the megahit animation "KPop Demon Hunters," officials said on Friday. The Korea Heritage Service (KHS) announced it will host a public showcase of various Korean traditional skills, including gat-making craftsmanship, from July 20 to July 29 at the BEXCO convention centre in Busan, about 330 kilometres southeast of Seoul. BEXCO will serve as the venue for the 48th session

of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee during this period, marking the first time for South Korea to host such a meeting. The event titled "Living Heritage X ICH" aims to introduce various traditional skills representing the nation's intangible cultural heritage to



foreign delegates and visitors coming to attend the session, the agency said. Recognised masters of the skills will demonstrate their crafts in the showcase co-organised by the Korea Heritage Agency, which operates under the KHS, reports Yonhap news agency.

Irresponsible to blame Iran while failing to hold aggressors accountable, says Tehran on UN stance

Tehran, July 17 : Iran has condemned the statement by the United Nations on the military escalations in the region, framing recent Iranian strikes on US bases in Bahrain and Kuwait as lawful self-defence rather than aggression, citing US-Israel attacks starting February 28 that killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei. Tehran accused the US of using Gulf states' territories as launchpads, asking the UN to urge those countries to halt support and hold aggressors accountable under international law. Iranian Foreign Minister Spokesperson Esmaeil Baqaei also insisted on using the term "Persian Gulf" per longstanding UN directives from 1994 and 1999. In a post on X, Baqaei said, "This is not a 'military confrontation'. It is the continuation of a blatant and unprovoked act of aggression initiated on 28 February by the United States and Israel. Iran does not 'attack'. Iran's strikes on US military bases and assets stationed in the southern Persian Gulf constitute a legitimate and lawful exercise of its inherent right to self-defence under international law." "You should urge the countries in question to immediately cease allowing the United



States to use their territories as launchpads for aggression against Iran. It is far from responsible to blame Iran for defending its sovereignty while failing to hold the aggressors accountable for their egregious violation of international law," he said. Citing the UN directives of 1994 and 1999, the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson said, "BTW, it is 'Persian Gulf'; please be loyal to the UN directives (notably on 18 August 1994, and 14 May 1999) mandating the use of the full term 'Persian Gulf' in all UN texts." This came as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres expressed deep concern over the escalation and renewed military confrontations in the Gulf region, including the "Iranian attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz, the attacks by the United States on Iran, and the attacks by Iran on targets in the neighbouring countries". The UN chief "calls on all parties to exercise maximum restraint, avoid further escalatory action and take immediate steps to de-escalate," his spokesperson, Stephane Dujarric, said in a statement.



Nikki Haley rules out bid for US senate seat

Washington, July 17 : Former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley will not run in the special election to replace Senator Lindsey Graham, her spokesperson said on Friday, ending early speculation about the prominent Indian American Republican's political plans. "While she has been blessed to serve her state and country as Governor, UN Ambassador, and as a candidate for President, she has no plans to run for office at this time," the spokesperson said, according to NBC News reporter Alec Hernandez. Haley's name had emerged among several Republicans who could contest the seat after Graham's sudden death on Saturday. Inside Elections had listed her as a potential candidate alongside Congresswomen Nancy Mace, Congressman Ralph Norman, Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette and businessman Mark Lynch. Haley had earlier paid tribute to Graham without addressing the succession contest. "Lindsey loved South Carolina deeply. There was never a day he stopped fighting for the people of our state," she said.



Three French nuclear reactors shut down amid heatwave

Paris, July 17 : Three nuclear reactors in France have been shut down, and eight others are operating at reduced power amid the ongoing heatwave, local media reported. French daily Le Parisien on Friday quoted state-owned electric utility company EDF as saying that the reactors were taken offline "because of the weather conditions and in order to comply with regulations governing thermal discharges and therefore protect the environment". High river tem-

peratures can limit the ability of nuclear power plants to use river water for cooling, requiring operators to reduce output or temporarily halt operations to meet environmental regulations, Xinhua news agency reported. In a report released on Thursday, Meteo-France said that, following the exceptional heatwave that swept France in late June, scorching temperatures are once again spreading across much of the country. On Sunday, the national weather agency placed 37 departments under its highest-level red heatwave alert since 12 p.m. local time (1000 GMT).

Cuban FM denounces US indictment of Raul Castro as 'farce'

Havana, July 17 : Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez condemned the US indictment of former Cuban leader Raul Castro, saying the move was intended to reinforce a "fraudulent narrative" to justify intensified aggression against the Cuban people. Rodriguez said on X on Friday (local time) that the US accusation against Raul Castro was "illegitimate and illegal," and the act was based on lies and ignored documented historical



facts about the 1996 downing of two aircraft operated by "Brothers to the Rescue," a Cuban exile group in the United States. Havana maintains that the aircraft were shot down in Cuban airspace and that Cuba acted in legitimate self-defence.



China upgrades flood alert as Typhoon Bavi affects vast regions

Beijing, July 17 : China's Ministry of Water Resources on Friday upgraded its flood warning to yellow, as Typhoon Bavi is forecast to bring heavy rainfall to vast swathes of the country from Thursday to Friday. China has a four-tier colour-coded warning system for floods, with red being the most severe, followed by orange, yellow, and blue. The yellow alert calls for heightened preparedness and precautionary measures. The downpours, with accumulative precipitation ranging from 40 mm to 90 mm, are expected to hit parts of eastern, central and south-

ern China, including the Yangtze-Huaihe region, the Yellow River basin, and northeastern areas. Some regions may see rainfall exceeding 260 mm, Xinhua news agency reported. Several rivers in the Haihe River basin have already experienced their first floods of 2026. The upcoming rains could trigger new numbered floods in major water-

ways such as Taihu Lake, Liaohe River, and Songhua River. Authorities have warned of higher risks of flash floods, mountain torrents and urban waterlogging in the affected areas, urging the public to stay vigilant and avoid low-lying zones, underground passages and mountain valleys during downpours. Typhoon Bavi, the ninth typhoon of the year, made successive landfalls along the coast of east China's Zhejiang Province late Saturday before moving inland. It is expected to move northwest while gradually weakening. Over 50 major tourist attractions in Shanghai have been temporarily closed or have adjusted their operating hours as of 4 p.m. on Saturday. Earlier on Saturday, China's National Meteorological Centre issued a red alert for rainstorms, the highest level in its four-tier system, and an orange alert for the typhoon. Maximum accumulated rainfall could reach 250 to 500 mm in parts of eastern and southern Zhejiang and northern Fujian, and 250 to 800 mm in parts of central and northern Taiwan Island, according to the National Observatory's forecast.

Pakistan spinner Nawaz's suspension ends after testing positive for substance abuse during T20 WC

New Delhi, July 17 (IANS) Pakistan left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz's suspension has effectively come to an end after he accepted a three-month ban for breaching the ICC Anti-Doping Code, which will be reduced to one month on completion of a substance of abuse treatment programme. Nawaz, 32, had tested positive for a 'Substance of Abuse' (Carboxy-THC) following an anti-doping test conducted after Pakistan's ICC

Men's T20 World Cup 2026 opening match against the Netherlands in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on February 7. Carboxy-THC is an inactive metabolite, or breakdown product, of THC, which is the primary psychoactive chemical found in cannabis. When the human body processes it, the liver converts the compound into this specific substance. Due to its long-lasting presence in the system, Carboxy-THC serves

as the primary target compound, detected during standard urine drug tests. Nawaz admitted to the violation but successfully demonstrated to the global governing body that the substance was used out-of-competition and in a manner entirely unrelated to sports performance. While the ICC officially handed him a three-month period of ineligibility, it was backdated to May 1, 2026 - the date he began a voluntary provisional suspension.

Furthermore, on being convinced by Nawaz's explanation, the ICC allowed the ban to be reduced to just one month upon the completion of an approved substance abuse treatment programme. "Further to accepting the sanction and committing to the substance of abuse treatment programme."



FIFA WC: 'Stopping Harry Kane will be France's biggest challenge,' says Gurpreet Singh

New Delhi, July 17 : India goal-keeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu believes stopping England captain Harry Kane will be France's biggest tactical challenge when the two European heavyweights meet in the FIFA World Cup 2026 third-place play-off. Sandhu believes that Kane's ability to influence games beyond his goals makes him England's biggest attacking weapon. "If Harry Kane starts, he'll be England's biggest threat. His ability to drop into midfield, link play and create space for runners makes him extremely difficult to defend against. That's exactly how England created problems in the semi-final, and France's centre-backs will have to decide whether to follow him or hold their shape. Getting that balance right will be one of the biggest tactical battles of the match," said Sandhu, who is part of Zee5 FIFA WC 2026 expert panel.



'Hearing Jai Ho in China after becoming World No.1 was one of my best moments': Chirag Shetty

New Delhi, July 17 : India's star doubles shuttler Chirag Shetty has recalled one of the most memorable moments of his career, when the iconic Indian song Jai Ho echoed through the arena in Hangzhou after he and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy clinched badminton gold at the Asian Games 2023, a triumph that also coincided with their rise to World No. 1. Chirag revealed that becoming the world's top-ranked men's doubles pair took a back seat during the tournament as his only focus was winning the gold medal. After battling illness through-

out the Games, Chirag said his coach informed him after the semifinal that he had become World No. 1. "Our coach told me, 'You've become World No. 1.' I said, 'Don't tell me that. I don't care if we've become World No. 1. I want to win the tournament. Winning that title along with becoming World No. 1 is one of the best moments I've had,'" Chirag said in an upcoming episode of the Quest Talk podcast by iQOO.



Salima to lead India at FIH Women's World Cup in Netherlands and Belgium

New Delhi, July 17 : Salima Tete will lead India at the FIH Women's World Cup 2026, as Hockey India announced the 20-member squad that chief coach Sjoerd Marijne has described as a well-balanced group. The showpiece tournament, which will be hosted jointly by the Netherlands and Belgium, is scheduled to be held from 15 to 30 August 2026. The squad, currently training at the

national camp in Bengaluru, features a mix of experienced campaigners and promising young players, who impressed everyone during recent international assignments - most notably at the FIH Nations Cup in New Zealand last month, where the team lifted the trophy and remained unbeaten.



ODI WC format change makes it harder for Associate nations to play against the best, says Edwards

New Delhi, July 17 : Netherlands captain Scott Edwards has criticised the ICC's recent decision to alter the format of the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup, saying that the sudden changes directly undermine the sport's global growth and make it significantly harder for Associate nations to compete against the best teams in the world. The decision to change the format and introduce a preliminary qualifying stage within the main tournament for the three lowest-ranked teams in the 14-team competition has drawn sharp criticism for taking away guaranteed opportunities for the associate sides to play against elite cricketing nations.

Mystery surrounds 15-year-old national level shooter Damayanti Sen's disappearance from Howrah station in Bengal

Kolkata, July 17 : The sports circles in West Bengal have been rocked by the mysterious disappearance of a national level shooter, Damayanti Sen, from the Howrah Station near Kolkata since Thursday after-

noon. The 15-year-old girl could not be traced till Friday morning despite frantic searches by her parents and the police. As per the missing case registered by her parents at the local police station, Damayanti Sen, who had

been recently selected for trials in the national team, went out of her residence on Thursday afternoon to purchase some household items and did not return home after that. According to her parents, when she left the house to purchase

some household items, the teenager was carrying her mobile phone. After Damayanti Sen did not return home for quite some time, her family members started tracking her whereabouts and enquired about the teenager from her friends, shooting associates and relatives.

