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Hyderabad, July 18: Determined to come to power in Telangana, the BJP is taking steps in that direction. As part of this effort, the party is planning to resolve internal differences and bring everyone onto the same page. A reconciliation has been brokered between Union Minister Bandi Sanjay and MP Etela Rajender, who had been at odds for a long time.



between the two and held a meeting with Etela Rajender and Bandi Sanjay today. The meeting, held at MP Laxman's residence, resulted in a reconciliation between Etela and Bandi. Patil directed both leaders to set aside their differences and work towards bringing the BJP to power in Telangana.



KTR questions Rahul Gandhi over broken youth promises

Hyderabad, July 18 : Bharat Rashtira Samithi working president K.T. Rama Rao on Friday directly questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over what he termed the Congress government's betrayal of Telangana's unemployed youth, saying the people of Telangana would write the party's political death declaration for failing to honour its promises. Addressing the Yuva Sangrama Sadassu at Saroor Nagar Stadium, KT Rama Rao reminded Rahul Gandhi of the Congress' much-publicised Youth Declaration, unveiled at the same venue three years ago, and asked him to explain why none of its major promises had been fulfilled. Addressing Rahul Gandhi, KTR said, "Rahul Gandhi ji, you may not understand Telugu, so let me ask you in a language you understand. Do you remember meeting unemployed youth at Ashok Nagar? What happened to your promise.



Revanth orders strict law to curb food, drug adulteration

Hyderabad, July 18 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has ordered the officials to formulate a strict law to curb the growing menace of the adulteration of food and medicines. The Chief Minister expressed serious concern over increasing cases of falling sick by people due to the widespread adulteration of vegetables, fruits, milk and other products. At a review on the Telangana Food Adulteration and Drug Control Act (TGFADCA) at MCRHRD institute on Saturday, Revanth Reddy stated that people were suffering from health ailments because chemicals were being used indiscriminately to extend the shelf life of leafy vegetables, vegetables, and milk, and to artificially ripen

fruits. He pointed out that chemical residues found in crop produce due to the excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides could be one of the main reasons the foreign countries refused to import such products. Revanth Reddy noted that some products are being sold in the market under the label of ‘organic’ and the people are purchasing them at high prices. There is no proper system in place to verify the authenticity of the available organic products in the markets, he said.

Assam, Telangana governors discuss cooperative federalism, welfare initiatives



Hyderabad, July 18 : Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya met Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at

Lok Bhavan here on Saturday, where the two leaders discussed constitutional values, cooperative federalism, and public welfare initiatives. They exchanged views on issues of mutual interest. Governor Shukla briefed his Assam counterpart on Telangana's rich cultural heritage, traditions, developmental initiatives and unique identity. Acharya, who was in Hyderabad for an official programme, visited Lok Bhavan with his family.

Vikram-1 launch will inspire youngsters to dream bigger, drive innovation: PM Modi



New Delhi, July 18 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated the team of Skyroot Aerospace on the successful launch of Vikram-1, saying the milestone reflects the growing strength of India's private space sector and will encourage youngsters

across the country to pursue innovation with confidence. In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister said he had spoken to the Skyroot Aerospace team and congratulated them on the successful launch of Vikram-1. “Spoke to the team of Skyroot Aerospace and congratulated

them on the successful launch of Vikram-1. This is a defining moment in India's space journey. The growing participation of our private sector is opening new frontiers and accelerating innovation. This achievement will encourage countless youngsters to dream bigger and innovate fearlessly,” PM Modi wrote. Earlier, during a telephonic conversation with Skyroot Aerospace CEO, Pawan Kumar Chandana, and Co-founder Bharat Daka, after the successful mission, the Prime Minister congratulated the entire team for carrying six payloads, including two satellites, into a 450-km low-Earth orbit aboard India's first privately-developed orbital launch vehicle. Addressing the founders, PM Modi said he had watched the en-



tire launch and praised the youthful team behind the achievement. "Congratulations to Pawan, Bharat and the rest of the team. Your feat will inspire youngsters to come forward. I was watching the entire launch programme today. Your entire Skyroot Aerospace team looks like they are 25-30 years of age," the Prime Minister said. He also conveyed his "grand greetings" to the team and expressed hope that 'Mission Aagaman' would continue to achieve greater milestones. Calling the mission a testament to India's self-reliance, PM Modi said the successful launch proved the country's capability to achieve major technological milestones under the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

CM, Deputy CM shocked over the death of five people in the Godavari River



Amaravati, July 18: Chief Minister Chandrababu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed shock over the incident in which five people died while fishing in the Godavari River near Gollagudem in Etapaka Mandal. The Chief Minister described the loss of five lives during the fishing trip as deeply tragic and sought details about the incident from officials. Officials reported that five individuals from Gommukothagudem—Turram Bharati, Uke Susheela, Uke Lakshmi, Basiboyina Balaraju, and Uke Ramesh—died while out fishing. The Chief Minister directed officials.

CM Chandrababu Naidu lunches Swarna Andhra Swachh Andhra program in Gudivada

Gudivada, July 18: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has warned that he will not spare anyone if they commit rowdiness. CM Chandrababu participated in the Swarnandhra - Swachhandhra program in Gudivada on Saturday. Amrit 2.0 AIUDF plaque was unveiled. Swachh awards were

presented to Swarna Panchayat employees. Pollution is having a serious impact on our health: CM Chandrababu said that pollution is having a serious impact on our health. He suggested that every family should participate in garbage management. He said that wet and dry garbage should be separated at home. He said that

wet garbage should be made into compost. He said that AP will be garbage-free by October 2. He revealed that money will be given under the Mother's Salutation this month itself. CM Chandrababu clarified that the Mother's Salutation will be implemented for Anganwadi workers and workers working in Swachh Andhra Pradesh.

CM Chandrababu commented that many people opposed the construction of Pattiseema. He said that Pattiseema was completed in 12 months and water was provided to the Krishna Delta. He said that 450 TMCs have been brought so far.



Telangana gives transgender community political voice with local body posts

Hyderabad, July 18 : In a landmark move towards inclusive governance, the Telangana Government has decided to appoint transgender persons as co-opted members in local bodies, marking a significant step in their political empowerment.

Announcing the decision at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat here on Saturday, Minister for SC Development, Tribal Welfare, Welfare of Persons with Disabilities.



Komatireddy announces 900 crore road projects for Vikarabad district

Vikarabad, July 18 : Minister for Roads and Buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy announced that the state government has allocated 900 crore for road improvement projects in Vikarabad district. On Saturday, the Minister, accompanied by IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, Tandur MLAs B. Manohar Reddy and Kale Yadaiah, and District Collector Deepak Tiwari, officially inaugurated road construction and upgrade initiatives valued at 290 crore in the Tandur Assembly constituency. During a public gathering at JPR Garden in Kandaneli, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy highlighted the government's commitment to investing record amounts in the state's road infrastructure. He specifically mentioned that 290 crore has been earmarked for road works in the Tandur constituency as part of this broader plan. He emphasised that enhanced road networks are crucial for fostering industrial expansion, stimulating commercial activities, and generating em-

ployment. The Minister confirmed that the approved projects would commence without delay. Furthermore, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy outlined the government's progress over the last 30 months, detailing various development programs implemented as part of its governance agenda. He noted that ration cards are being distributed to all eligible impoverished families across the state, with quality rice provided through the Public Distribution System. Additionally, LPG cylinders are being made available at a subsidized rate of ₹500. To support women's economic advancement, he stated that the government is offering interest-free loans of up to ₹10 lakh to women's self-help groups. He also reported that under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, farmers have received financial aid in their bank accounts within a nine-day period. The government is also focusing on strengthening public education in rural areas by establishing Young India Schools. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy assured the public that the 94 crore Railway Over Bridge project would begin within 18 weeks of the resolution of a pending court case.



Hyderabad, July 18: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy responded to the success of India's first private space launch 'Vikram-1'. He expressed his joy on social media platforms saying 'Hyderabad Rising.. Telangana Rising'. He said that India's first private orbital rocket 'Vikram-1' was successfully launched. He said that Vikram-1 has taken off from Sriharikota and Hyderabad-based company Skyroot Aerospace has achieved a great success. He said that India's space sector has reached another historical milestone. The CM said that Telangana has become the address for the country's space dreams. He said that Hyderabad's innovation power has been recognized on the world stage. On this occasion, the Chief Minister congratulated the Skyroot team. He praised Vikram-1.. India has shown its strength in the private space sector. CM Revanth Reddy posted on the platform that Telangana has taken a strong step for future space travel.

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DEMAND NOTICE
Notice issued Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.
The below mentioned person has been granted various credit facilities from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of property mortgaged by borrower/ guarantor by way of deposit of title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank are mentioned hereunder. As borrowers/guarantors have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank, the account have been classified as Non Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:- Borrower: Smt .P Madhavi W/o. Poojari Nagesh Goud, D.No. 2-8, Gandicheruvu, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana 501511. Co-Borrower: Sri. Poojari Nagesh Goud, S/o. Rangaiiah, D.No. 2-8, Gandicheruvu, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana 501511. Guarantor: Sri Bargella Yetaiiah, S/o. Sri. B Pochaiah, H.No.: 2-72 Gandicheruvu, Hayathnagar Mandal, Rangareddy, Telangana 501511.
Demand Notice Date:-15.07.2026 **NPA Date: 29.06.2026**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 1,56,243,37/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand and Two Hundred and Forty Three Rupees and Thirty Seven paise only) **together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.**
DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS: All that House bearing No. 2-8, admeasuring 132 Sq.yards, having plinth area of 740 Sft., with RCC., in Gramakantam, situated at Gandicheruvu, Koheda Village, Abdulapurmet Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy Dist., under Gandicheruvu Gram Panchayath, and bounded by: **North:** Road 20' Wide, **South:** Road 15' Wide, **East:** Road 10' Wide, **West:** House belongs to Poojari Jangaiah. **Registration SRO Pedda Amberpet (Document No. 4497/2017)** **CERSAI ID: 400038515777**
Name of Title holder: Smt. P Madhavi, W/o. Poojari Nagesh Goud
If the above mentioned borrower/guarantors fail to repay the above mentioned due by borrowers/guarantors with future interest and incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, within 60 days from the date of this notice, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under Sub-Section (4)(a) and (b) of the Section 13 of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings, as it deemed necessary under any other provision of Law.
Date: 15-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Koheda **Canara Bank**

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.
Branch: #Shree Balaji PSR Tower, 1st Floor H.No: 1-8-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016

[APPENDIX IV] POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule 8(1) (For Immovable property)
Whereas, The Undersigned Being The Authorised Officer of M/s.HDB Financial Services Ltd., 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) (3) & R/W Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Calling Upon The Applicant/Co-Applicants/Guarantor In **Loan A/C No 44462951**, 1.) **Bismillah Traders**, H No 20-4-530, Khil Wat Charminar Hyderabad - 500002 Telangana and aslo H.No 9-4-29/74 Admesuring 100sq Yards Hakeempet Hyderabad - 500002, 2.) **Saba Fatima** H.No 20-4-503 Khil Wat Anand Mahal Charminar Hyderabad-500002 Telangana, 3.) **Ahmed Nawaz** H No 20-4-503 Khil Wat Anand Mahal Charminar Hyderabad - 500002 Telangana To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Being **Rs.47,00,355/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Three Hundred and Fifty Five Only) As On **15.04.2026** Within 60 Days From The Date of Receipt of The Said Notice.
The Applicant /Co-Applicants/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant /Co-Applicants/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act R/w Rule 8 And 9, on this **16th day of July of the year 2026**.
The Applicant /Co-Applicants/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, for an amount of **Rs .47,00,355/-** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Three Hundred And Fifty Five Only) and interest and charges thereon.
The Applicant /Co-pplicants/Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of Sub- Sec.8 of the Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Schedule of The Securities
All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing House No 9-4-29/74, Admeasuring 100 Sq. Yds. Or 83.61 Sq Mtrs, Situated At Hakeempet, Tolichowki, Hyderabad, T.S. Unders On : (PTIN: 1070913924) **North:** Neighbour's house, **South:** Road, East: Neighbour's house, **West:** Neighbour's house.
Date: 16.07.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**
Place: Hyderabad **HDB Financial Services Ltd.**

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BANK OF INDIA
BODUPPAL BRANCH, Plot No.12, 13, Anusha Reddy Mansion, Veerareddy Nagar, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Dist-500092, Phone.No.040-27200934

[See Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of India under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 17.04.2026** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Jalaneela Naresh and Ms. Naveena Sandula** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.47,18,877.82 Ps** (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Seven Rupees Eighty Two paise plus interest) + interest from 02.04.2026 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the demand notices were returned, the same has been published in Newspapers on 08.05.2026.
The borrower having failed 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 sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **13th day of July of the year 2026**.
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of India, Boduppal Branch** for an amount **Rs.47,18,877.82 Ps** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Description of the Immoveable Property: All that Open Plot No.76, Western Part, in Survey No.710 & 711, admeasuring 100 Sq.Yds, or 83.6 Sq.Mtrs (out of 200 Sq.Yds) situated at Koremulla Village, Chowdarguda Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District under SRO Narapally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District in the name of Mr. Jalaneela Naresh & Ms. Sandula Naveena, **bounded by: North:** Plot No.55, **East:** Plot No.76 Eastern Part, **South:** 20' Wide Road, **West:** Plot No.75. **MOD Doc No: 2714 / 2023 dt: 17.03.2023, SRO Narapalli**
Date: 13-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**
Place: Hyderabad **Bank of India**

Chief Minister's Tour Arrangements Must Be Executed Meticulously: District Collector Divakar T.S.



Chief Minister to Inaugurate Godrej Oil Palm Factory

- All arrangements should be completed as per protocol.
- Minute-to-minute programme schedule must be implemented precisely.
- A comprehensive parking plan should be prepared to ensure smooth vehicular movement.
- District Collector inspects meeting venue and helipad arrangements at Anjanapuram ahead of the Chief Minister's visit.

Khammam, July 18: District Collector Divakar T.S. directed officials to complete all arrangements meticulously in view of the visit of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to Khammam district for the inauguration of the Godrej Oil Palm Factory. On Saturday, the Collector inspected the meeting venue, helipad, parking areas and other arrangements at Anjanapuram village in Konijerla Mandal of Wyras Assembly Constituency, where the newly constructed Godrej Oil Palm Factory is scheduled to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister. During the inspection, he issued several instructions to officials of Godrej Oil Palm Factory and various government departments. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Divakar T.S. instructed officials to make seating

arrangements strictly in accordance with protocol and to install clear identification boards for each gallery. He directed that a separate gallery be arranged for media representatives and emphasized that VIP passes should not be issued beyond actual requirements. The stage should be constructed to safely accommodate approximately 100 people, while seating on the dais should be arranged as per protocol. He also instructed officials to prepare the minute-to-minute programme schedule in advance and ensure that every department performs its responsibilities accordingly. The Collector directed the Police Department to make foolproof security arrangements.

SHIRIRAM Finance

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aaurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 15.07.2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Gandikota Sriramulu @ Alias Sri Ramulu, S/O: Gandikota Yellaiah, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 2-19, Thamadapally, Tirugandlapally, Mariguda, Nalgonda-508245, B/O: Proprietor Of "Sriram Rock Drills", At # Same As Resi Address. 2) Gandikota Janaki, W/O: Gandikota Sri Ramulu , Age: 39 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No: 2-19, Thamadapally, Marigudam, Tirugandlapally, Nalgonda-508245. 3) Gandikota Harikrishna, S/O: Eddaiah Gandikota , Age: 44 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: P No: 343, Sri Sri Homes, Almasguda, Badangpet, Hyderabad - 508245, B/O:Proprietor Of, "Civil Contractor ", At # B N Reddy, Hyderabad. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs)
Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 20,41,334/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four only)
Description of Property
IBPTMTF2103150005 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is Gandikota Sriramulu, Mortgage deed dated 16.03.2021 Registered as Document No 790/ 2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Chandur) All That The House Plot, With In Survey No. 24/A, Admeasuring 255 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 213.21 Sq. Mtre., Situated At Tirugandlapally Village, Mariguda Mandal, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Bazaar, Towards West: Bazaar, Towards North: Plot Of Derangula Yadaiah, Towards South: Plot Of Naraju Jangaiah. 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, Sd/- Authorised Officer, Place: Nalgonda Shriram Finance Limited

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Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400051; Tel: 022424210400, 02240603100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction>
Branch Office Address: D.No.5-6-470.40 S.R.Malliah Complex Hyd Road Nizamabad .

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.	Vishwanath Seelam, S/O:Seelam Bhaskar Rao, H.No:9-6-98, Gajulpet, Dist:Nizamabad, Pincode:503001 (Borrower)
2.	Seelam Dattadri , S/O:Bhaskar Rao, H.No:9-6-98 , Gajulpet, Dist: Nizamabad, Pincode:503001.(Co Borrower /Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to VISHWANATH SEELAM (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of NIZBRTF2301030001 for realization of amount due to **Shriram Finance Limited** under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. **Shriram Finance Limited, NIZAMABAD-II- Branch**, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **24.11.2025** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 30,25,490/- (Thirty Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred And Ninety Rupees only)** within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken **symbolic possession** of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 03.07.2026. And After the Authorized Officer of **Shriram Finance Limited** received **Physical possession** of the property on Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of VISHWANATH SEELAM Mortgage deed dated 03.01.2023 Registered as Document No. 50/2023 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (NIZAMABAD). Vishwanath Seelam, S/O:Seelam Bhaskar Rao All That The Part Of Plot No.21 Lies In Sy No.1864 Of Nizamabad Shivar, Mandal And District Nizamabad Admeasuring 200.48 Sq. Yds Or 167.96 Sq.Mtrs Situated In Ward No.10, Block No.10 At Indrapur, Nizamabad Of Nizamabad District Within The Limits Of Municipal Corporation, Nizamabad Under The Regn.Sub Dist Nizamabad, Dist Regn.Nizamabad [Subject Matter Of The Regd. Release Deed Document No.10535/2022 Dt.26.10.2022 SRO Nizamabad. Towards North: Remaining Part Of Plot No.21, Towards South : 40-0 Wide Road , Towards East: Plot No.22, Towards West: Plot No.19 (Present House Is Their)
Note "It is informed that "SHIRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHIRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHIRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHIRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Date: 15-07-2026, Place: Nizamabad. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHIRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Shri Vivek Nishant Nath takes charge as Director (Commercial), NMDC

Hyderabad, 18th July: Shri Vivek Nishant Nath assumed charge as Director (Commercial) of NMDC Limited, India's largest iron ore producer. With over three decades of experience in the metal and mining sector, Shri Vivek Nishant Nath brings extensive experi-

ence in sales and marketing, international commercial operations, procurement, logistics and supply chain management. Shri Nath began his professional career with NMDC in 1992 and served the Company for nearly fifteen years in various commercial roles, gaining extensive experi-

ence in domestic iron ore sales and marketing. He subsequently held key positions in Essar Steel Limited and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India before joining Odisha Mining Corporation Limited (OMC) as General Manager (Sales & Marketing) in 2021. He was subsequently promoted as

Chief General Manager (Sales & Marketing) in 2024 at OMC, where he headed the sales and marketing functions of iron ore, chrome ore, manganese ore, bauxite, limestone and ferrochrome. During his tenure at OMC, the company recorded significant



growth in iron ore sales and revenue. He played a key role in introducing customer-centric initiatives, transparent pricing mechanisms, digital systems and logistics reforms to improve commercial operations. Under his leadership, OMC's iron ore sales increased from 12.33 million tonnes in FY21 to 38.26 million tonnes in FY26.

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Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurrum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **16th July, 2026**.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Lenkala Narsimhulu, S/O: Lenkala Nagendram , Age: 44 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-187, Near Pochamma Temple, Madhapuram Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508116, B/O: Proprietor Of "M/S Laxmi Chaina Bazar", Main Road, Madhapuram, Thurkapally Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist- 508116. 2) Lenkala Latha, W/O: Lenkala Narsimhulu , Age: 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O : H.No : 3-140, Madhapuram Village, Thurkapally Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongiri Dist, Pincode: 508116. 3) Lenkala Srikanth, S/O: Lenkala Sathyanarayana , Age: 41 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-16-108/4/16/3, Ground Floor, 3rd Protion, Single Stored Building, Kamakshipuram, Ramanthapur, Medchal-Malkajigiri- 500013. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 44,17,179/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Nine only)
Description of Property
BHONGTF1312310004 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is Lenkala Narsimhulu, Mortgage deed dated 30.12.2013 Registered as Document No 11337/ 2013 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Bhongiri) All That The Open Land Bearing House No: 3-187 In Sy.No.135 Ademeasuring Area 144 Sq.Yds., Situated At Madapur Village, Turkpalle Mandal, Nalgonda District, Proceedings No. E1/2470/08.Dt.21.04.2012 Govt. Lands, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open Land, Towards West: Open Land, Towards North: 22 Ft, Wide Road, Towards South: Open Land.
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: Nalgonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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

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Borrower Name and Address
1. Kumhari Dhandu Bikshapathi, S/O Kumhari Dhandu Rajeru , Aged About 42 Years, Occ: Pot Sales Business, R/O.Hno : 6-60, Dundigal (Vi), Gandimaissamma (Md) , Medchal-Malkajigiri Dist, Pin:500043. 2. Kumhari Dhandu Swaroopa, W/O Kumhari Dhandu Bikshapathi , Aged About 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.Hno : 6-60, Dundigal (Vi), Gandimaissamma(Md) , Medchal-Malkajigiri Dist, Pin:500043. 3. Kaduria.Shekarcharya, S/O K.Narsimha , Aged About 48 Years, Occ: Business, R/O.Hno : 6-54, Dundigal(Vi), Gandimaissamma(Md), Medchal-Malkajigiri Dist, Pin:500043. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 24,65,463/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Three only)
Description of Property
AMRPTTF2401310006- Description Of The Immoveable Property All that the Part and Parcel of House bearing No.6-60 admeasuring 31 Sq.Yds equivalent to 25.91 Sq.mtrs(Out of 111 Sq.Yds)House bearing No.6-60 admeasuring 65.00 Sq.Yds equivalent to 51.83 Sq.mtrs With a Plinth area of 200 Sq.ft.(Tiled Roof)and H.No.6-60/1(South side)admeasuring 37 Sq.Yds equivalent to 30.93 Sq.mtrs With a Plinth area of 100 Sq.ft.total admeasuring 133.00 Sq.Yds equivalent to 111.18 Sq.mtrs and total built –up area of 300 Sq.ft Situated at Dundigal(Village),Dundigal Gandimaissamma (Mandal), Medchal –Malkajigiri District and bounded as Follows :- Boundaries For H.No.6-60 & 6-60/1 admeasuring an area of 133.00 Sq.Yds :- North: House Belongs to Mahesh & Shadulla, South: House Belongs to Pandu and Ramesh, East : 3' Wide Road, West: C.C.Road
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 17-07-2026, Place: Gandimaissamma(Md),Medchal-Malkajigiri(Dt) Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032, Branch Office: H.No.23-74/2, 2nd Floor, Mallareddy Complex, R K Nagar, Opp: Ramachandra Theater, Malkajigiri, Hyderabad-500047.

RULE - 8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE
Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the **physical possession** of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble The Court Of X Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate at Secunderabad under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 17-07-2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Godwelli Bal Reddy S/o. Yella Reddy Aged About 55 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Tent House, H.No: 12-11-763, Warasiguda, Secunderabad -500061. R. H.No: 12-1466, Flat No.203, Manikanta Apartments, Warasiguda, Secunderabad -50006. 2) Godwelli Chandrakesh Reddy S/o. Bal Reddy Aged About 24 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/o, H.No. 12-11-466, Flat No.203, Manikanta Apartments, Warasiguda, Secunderabad -500061. 3) Bejiam Yogesh S/o. Laxmaiah Aged About 53 Years, Occ: Govt Employee O/o. Conductor, Rani Gunj Depo, R/o. H.No. 12-10-590/ 59/2, Warasiguda Secunderabad-500061. Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 30,85,280/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Rupees only)
Description of Property
MALKATF2201280004: All that the portion of House No. 12-11-763, admeasuring 136.0 square yards or 113.69 square meters, situated at Warasiguda, Secunderabad and bounded by: North: House No. 12-11-762, South: Portion of House No. 12-11-763 allotted to 1 st party, East : Portion of House No. 12-11-763, West: 30' Wide Road.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Date: 17-07-2026, Place: Warasiguda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

State Bank of India
Amalapuram Branch, Amalapuram, East Godavari District.

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For movable and Immoveable properties)

WHEREAS
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **State Bank of India, Amalapuram Branch Amalapuram East Godavari District.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 11.05.2026**, calling upon the **Borrower: Smt. Munduri Surya Kumari**, W/o. Venkata Ramana D.No.1-5-53/3 Vidyuth Nagar Amalapuram East Godavari District. (HTL, **Suraksha A/c No. 43665571413, 43666829963**) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.53,88,550/- (Rupees Fiftythree lakhs EightyeightThousands Five Hundred and Fifty only) as on 27.04.2026**. Plus interest, costs, charges etc., less amount repaid subsequently within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower / guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on this **13 July 2026**.

The borrower / guarantor 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 State Bank of India, for an amount **Rs.53,88,550/- (Rupees Fiftythree lakhs EightyeightThousands Five Hundred and Fifty only) as on 27.04.2026**. Plus interest, costs and incidental charges etc., there on less further payments made by you if any.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIE
Property Belongs to: Smt. Munduri Surya Kumari W/o. Venkata Ramana
All that piece and parcel of land measuring an extent of North side 185.365 sq.yards out of full 510.32 sq.yards out of full Ac 0.47 cents out of full extent of Ac 0.94 cents in Z.DryR.S.No. 944-2A together with RCC Building Situated at Amalapuram SRO Kamanagaruru Village in Medha Gardens Area Amalapuram Mandal DR. B. R. Ambekar Konaseema District. **Boundaries: East :** Site of Prathiba layout Plot No. 138 26' 00" **South :** Site of Akula Venkata Durga Prasad & Akula Nagaa Veera Manikanta 64' 01" **West :** 33feet width Road 26' 00" **North :** House and site of Mattaparthi Naga Malleswara Rao 64' 03"

Date: 13-07-2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Amalapuram **State Bank of India**

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.
Branch: #Shree Balaji P&R Tower, 1st Floor H.N.1-4-616, 1, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana 500016

[APPENDIX IV] POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule 8(1) (For Immoveable property)

Whereas, The Undersigned Being The Authorised Officer of **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, 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) (3) & R/W Rule 8 & 9 Of The Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Calling Upon The Applicant/Co-Aplicants/Guarantor In **Loan A/C No 43951879.1) Tawakkil Chicken Center**, H.No 2-3-699/C/29/A, Lal Bagh Main Road Amberpet Circle 23 Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana and also Flat No.207 And 2nd floor Of Prajaya Avenue Phase I Hno 2-5-70 Hyderabad - 500013 And Also Flat No.205 And 2nd floor Of Prajaya Avenue Phase I Hno 2-5-70 Hyderabad - 500013 2) **Mohammed Salman H.No 2-2-70/T/205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana** 3) **Mohammed Saeem H.No 2-2-70/T/205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana** 4) **Asmath M H.No 2-2-70/T/205 Turab Nagar Amberpet Hyderabad - 500013 Telangana** To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Being **Rs.50,98,586.5/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Nine Eight Thousand Five Hundred And Eighty Six And Paise Five Only)** As On **15.04.2026** Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt Of The Said Notice.

The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act R/W Rule 8 And 9, on this **16th day of July of the year 2026**.

The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd.**, for an amount of **Rs.50,98,586.5/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Nine Eight Thousand Five Hundred And Eighty Six And Paise Five Only)** and interest and charges thereon.

The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of Sub- Sec.8 of the Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule Of The Securities I: All That The Plot No. 205 Bearing Separate Municipal No 2-2-70/205 (PTIN No 1090209512), In Second Floor, Having A Built up Area Of 710.00 Sq.Ft, Car Parking Slot No.8 In Stilt Floor Admeasuring 142.5 Sq.Ft, Together With Uds Of 20.75 Sq.Yds, Or 17.34 Sq.Mts, Out Of 2198.06 Sq Mts In The Complex Know As "PRAJAY AVENUE APARTMENT" constructed in the premises no 2-2-70, Situated Amberpet, Hyderabad And Bounded By Boundaries of Flat : North: Flat no.207 and open to sky, South: Open to sky, East: Corridor and open to sky, West: Open to sky, **Boundaries of Car Parking Slot No.8:** North: Car Parking Slot No.9, South: Car Parking Slot No.7, East: Scooter Parking, West: Drive Way.

Schedule Of The Securities II: All That The Plot No. 207 Bearing Separate Municipal No 2-2-70/207 (PTIN No 1090209517), In Second Floor, Having A Built up Area Of 520.00 Sq.Ft, Car Parking Slot No.10 In Stilt Floor Admeasuring 180 Sq.Ft, Together With Uds Of 15.50 Sq.Yds, Or 12.95 Sq.Mts, Out Of 2198.06 Sq Mts In The Complex Know As "PRAJAY AVENUE APARTMENT" constructed in the premises no 2-2-70, Situated Amberpet, Hyderabad And Bounded By Boundaries of Flat : North: Staircase And Open To Sky, South: Flat No 205 And Open To Sky, East: Corridor, West: Open To Sky, **Boundaries of Car Parking Slot No.10:** North: Open To Sky, South: Scooter Drive Way & Scooter Parking, East: Scooter Parking, West: Scooter Parking.

Date: 16.07.2026, Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd.**

HDB Financial Services Ltd.
Regd. Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-09.
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The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act R/W Rule 8 And 9, on this **16 th day JULY of the year 2026**.

The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **M/s. HDB Financials Ltd.**, for an amount of **Rs.24,00,728.32/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Seven Hundred And Twenty Eight And Paise Thirty Two Only)**and interest and charges thereon.

The Applicant /Co-Aplicants/Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of Sub- Sec.8 of the Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule Of The Securities I: All That The Residential House Bearing No 1-2- 270/87/21/M/1 (Part) An Extent of 225.55 Sq Yrds , In Plot No 41, Out Of B. Madharam Revenue Survey No 257 Situated In Krishnaganar Colony , Suryapet Municipality Limits And Suryapeta Dist With In The Following Boundaries Bounded By: Boundaries As:- **North:** Hyma Rest Apartment (H/o - 1-2-270/87/21/M/2), **South:** Land Of Gundu Pappiah, **East:** Place Of Sravan Kumar, **West:** 30 Feet Wide Road

Schedule Of The Securities II: The Residential House Bearing No - 1-2- 270/87/21/M/3/1 (Part) An Extent Of 155.55 Sq Yrds In Block No 2 In Ward No 1out Of B. Madharam Revenue Survey No 257 Situated In Krishna Nagar Colony , Suryapet Municipality Limits And Suryapet Dist Within The Following Boundaries Bounded By **North:** Place of V. Jyothi, **South:** Place of Gunda Sudha, **East:** 18feet Road, **West:** Place of M Krishna Reddy.

Date: 16.07.2026, Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Ltd.**

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Medi Narsimha, S/O: Medi Ramulu , Age: 38years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-18, Shivalayam Veedhi, Near Kanakadurga Temple Main Road, Chitlyal (M), Nalgonda (D)-508114, B/O: Proritor Of "Narasimha Poultry Farm", Near Chitlyala Pala Kendaram, Vijayawada Main Road, Chitlyala-508114. 2) Mounika Medi, S/O: Narsimha Medi , Age: 28 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-18, Shivalayam Veedhi, Near Kanakadurga Temple Main Road, Chitlyal (M), Nalgonda (D)-508114, B/O: Proritor Of "Narasimha Poultry Farm", Near Chitlyala Pala Kendaram, Vijayawada Main Road, Chitlyala - 508114. 3) Srinivas Reddy Devarapally, S/O: Sathi Reddy Devarapally , Age: 43 Years, Occ:Employee, R/O: H.No: 3-12-42-28/1, Sri Laxmi Nagar Colony, Mansorabad, L B Nagar, Near S K Functon Hall, Hyderabad-500074, O/O: "M.K Dry Fish" Working As A "Collection Boy", At # Begum Bazar, Near Mankalamma Temple, (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.39,10,009/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Ten Thousand And Nine Only)
Description of Property
CHKDPTF1807310005 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is MEDI NARSIMHA, Mortgage deed dated 02.08.2018 Registered as Document No 11591/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Nalgonda (R.O) All That The Plot Admeasuring 180 Square Yards Equivalent To 167 square Meters In Forming Part Of Survey No 229, Inside Residential Zone, Situated At Block No.9, Santoshnagar, Chitlyal Village & Mandal, Nalgonda District Within The Gram Panchayath, Chitlyal M.P., Chitlyal ZP, Nalgonda, Registration District, Nalgonda And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open Place Of K. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Towards West: Open Place Of C. Sathaiiah, Towards North: Open Place Of B. Pullaiah, Towards South: Bazar.
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: Nalgonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurrum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **15th July 2026**.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Ramu Pappula, S/O: Pappula Yellaiah , Age: 33 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 4-99, Vattimarthy, Chitlyal, Nalgonda- 508254, B/O: " Ramu Dairy Farm". 2) Yellaiah Pappula, S/O: Chandraiah Pappula , Age: 77 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 4-99, Vattimarthy, Chitlyal, Nalgonda- 508254, B/O: " Agriculture". 3) Annimala Shiva Kumar, S/O: Krishnaiah Annimala , Age: 41 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 4-27, Marrigudem, Nalgonda- 508245, B/O: " Civil Contractor And Steel Iron Shop". (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.50,55,994/- (Rupees Fifty Lacs Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four only)
Description of Property
BHONGTF1802280006 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is PAPPULA YELLAIAH, Mortgage deed dated 26.02.2018 Registered as Document No 3068/ 2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NALGONDA) All That The Open House Plot Within Survey No. 1256, In Ward No. 6, Block No. 3, Inside Residential Zone, Admeasuring An Area Of 198.44 Sq. Yards Or 165.92 Sq. Meters Situated At Gandhi Nagar, Arjalai, Nalgonda Town And Mandal And Nalgonda Municipality And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: House Of Murali H. No. 6-3-651, Towards West: 20' Wide Road, Towards North: 5'0" Wide Lane, Towards South: House Of Sirramoji Bikhshama Chary And Narsimha Chary H. No. 6-3-654.
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: Nalgonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Govt to inaugurate Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans in 22 districts soon: Revanth

Hyderabad , July 18 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the new 'Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans' in 22 district headquarters will be inaugurated soon.

The Mahila Shakti Bhavans, which are being equipped with corporate standard facilities, will serve as hubs for training, marketing and other business activities of the women self help groups (SHGs), the Chief Minister said. He said the foundation stones were already laid for 8,000 'Indira Stree Shakti Bhavans' for self-help groups across the state recently.

BJP chief hails Vikram-1 success, credits modi's vision

Hyderabad, July 18 : Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao hailed the successful launch of the Vikram-1 rocket, calling it a landmark achievement for India's space sector and a reflection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and the talent of Indian scientists. Congratulating ISRO, Skyroot Aerospace and the scientific community.

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India, Poland reaffirm commitment to strengthening cooperation across diverse sectors

India and Poland on Monday held discussions and reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening cooperation across political engagements, trade and investment, technology, defence, culture, the fight against global terrorism and other areas of mutual interest. The discussions were held during a meeting between Secretary, West, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sibi George, and Poland's Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wladyslaw T. Bartoszewski and Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Michal Baranowski. Additional Secretary, MEA, Pooja Kapur, and other officials were present during the meeting. In a post on X, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said: "Secretary (West) Sibi George met with the Polish Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wladyslaw T. Bartoszewski and Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Mr. Michal Baranowski." "The wide-ranging discussions reflected the depth of the India-Poland Strategic Partnership and reaffirmed our shared commitment to strengthening cooperation across political engagements, trade & investment, technology, defence, culture, fight against global terrorism and other areas of mutual interest," he added. Earlier in March, Additional Secretary Kapur met Secretary of State Bartoszewski in Warsaw, with discussions held on deepening political exchanges and economic ties, including in areas like electric vehicles, mining and shipping and enhancing educational, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. "Ms. Pooja Kapur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs called on Polish Secretary of State H.E. Mr. W.T. Bartoszewski in Warsaw. The discussions reiterated the longstanding friendly relations between India and Poland, nourished by high-level political engagement. Further deepening of political exchanges, economic ties including in areas such as EVs, mining and shipping by leveraging the India-EU FTA, developing defence and technology cooperation, as well as enhancing educational, cultural and people to people exchanges were discussed," the Indian Embassy in Poland posted on X. During her visit, Kapur met Polish MP and Chair of the Poland-India Parliamentary Group Kinga Gajewska. "Ms. Pooja Kapur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs met Ms. Kinga Gajewska, Member of Parliament and Chair of the Poland-India Parliamentary Group. She also interacted with President of the Indo-Polish Chamber of Commerce and; Industry, Vice President of National Chamber of Commerce of Poland.

Chhattisgarh: Monsoon Session opens with Tejan Bai tributes, ruckus over Ram Mandir Trust theft

Raipur, July 18 : The monsoon session of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly commenced on Saturday with a poignant tribute to the legendary folk artist and Padma Vibhushan awardee Tejan Bai, who passed away recently. The House observed a two-minute silence in her memory and adjourned proceedings for five minutes as a mark of respect. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, while speaking on the condolence motion, highlighted Tejan Bai's immense contribution to Chhattisgarh's cultural heritage. He said she gave a new identity to the Kapalik style of Pandwani and took the state's folk culture to the global stage through her extraordinary artistry. The Chief Minister noted that despite challenging social circumstances, her struggle and



talent helped her achieve great heights, and her life would continue to inspire future generations. Her demise, he added, has caused an irreparable loss to the state. Culture Minister Rajesh Agrawal described Tejan Bai as an artist who brought international recognition to Chhattisgarh. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel remembered her as someone who rose above limited resources and difficult conditions.

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Jaish-e-Mohammed expands marriage trap tactic to recruit vulnerable Indian women: Intel

New Delhi, July 18 : In October 2025, the Jaish-e-Mohammed set up its first women's wing led by Sadiya Azhar, the sister of the outfit's chief Masood Azhar. The main aim of the wing was recruitment, radicalisation, and eventually to build a Fedayeen squad. The wing, known as Jamaatul-Mominaat (JuM), has been actively radicalising both men and women in Pakistan. Intelligence agencies have now learnt that a new modus operandi is in play so far as its India operations are concerned. An Intelligence Bureau official said that the JuM is now

trapping Indian women online. It is a sort of trap that the JuM has set for gullible women. The outfit has a set of youth who trap Indian women online and lure them into marriage, the official said. The trap is often set on women who live in the bordering areas so that it is easy for these women to cross over into Pakistan, the official said. The plan is to ensure that these women enter Pakistan and then get married. The women who get trapped are given the impression that they are entering into a legitimate relationship. Once in Pakistan, they are brainwashed, and then attempts would be made to send them back to India. An official said that once these



women are sent back to India, they are expected to gather information relating to sensitive locations. Although this is not a new phenomenon for the Jaish-e-Mohammed, the scale at which they are planning this operation is alarming. Earlier, such drives would be undertaken in Jammu and Kashmir. However, now the focus has shifted to Rajasthan, considering the state shares a long border with Pakistan. Rajasthan shares a 1,070

km long border with Pakistan, which runs from Hindumal Kot in Sri Ganganagar to Shahgarh in Barmer. A lot of social media activity has been reported in these areas. Many girls have been identified, and they are being contacted on social media by the ISI-backed elements. The handlers do plenty of scanning of profiles before starting to set a trap.

Assam Rifles jawan killed, four injured in Nagaland IED blast



Kohima, July 18 : One Assam Rifles jawan was killed and four others were injured after a powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED) exploded in Nagaland's Chumoukedima district on Saturday, officials said.

National flag flies at half-mast in Delhi as India observes mourning to honour Qatar's former Amir

New Delhi, July 18 : The national flag atop the Rashtrapati Bhavan and other buildings in Delhi flew at half-mast as India observed one day of national mourning on Saturday as a mark of respect for Qatar's former Amir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, following his death. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) shared pictures of buildings on X that showed the national flag flying at half-mast. India has declared one day of national mourning following the demise of Sheikh Hamad, who passed away at the age of 74 years, on Sunday. "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," the MEA said on Sunday. Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju is expected to visit Qatar shortly to convey condolences on behalf of the Indian government, according to the MEA statement.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed grief over the death of Sheikh Hamad, describing him as a "visionary leader" and a "true friend". He offered his condolences to Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the entire royal family and people of Qatar. "We deeply mourn the passing of Father Amir of State of Qatar.

Strengthening NCC a shared national responsibility: V-P Radhakrishnan

New Delhi, July 18 : Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan said on Saturday that strengthening the NCC is a shared national responsibility and suggested that all States try to have three to five Sainik Schools each. During a briefing on the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Sainik Schools by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, along with senior officers of the Ministry of Defence, Radhakrishnan also assured all possible support in engaging with the States on issues such as land and training infrastructure for the NCC. The presentations covered the growth of the NCC into a nearly 20-lakh-strong youth organisation, its training and na-

tion-building initiatives, as well as the functioning and expansion of Sainik Schools, including the roadmap for strengthening the network across the country, said an official statement. Appreciating the NCC's contribution to nation-building, the Vice President described the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camps as an excellent initiative for strengthening national integration. He also lauded the NCC's community service initiatives, including the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, and welcomed the establishment of the NCC Alumni Association. Emphasising that strengthening the NCC is a shared national responsibility, Radhakrishnan called



for greater infrastructure development, enhanced coordination with State Governments on issues such as land and training infrastructure and assured all possible support in engaging with the States, said the statement. The Vice President was also briefed on the functioning and expansion of Sainik Schools, including the existing and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models. Suggesting that the growing demand among students and parents be addressed, Radhakrishnan observed that each State could aim

to have three to five Sainik Schools. He also proposed exploring the possibility of increasing the intake capacity of existing Sainik Schools. Established in 1948 with an initial strength of 20,000 cadets, NCC has grown into the world's largest uniformed youth organisation with over 20 lakh cadets. The organisation has witnessed an increase of 6 lakh cadets between 2014 and 2025 and is currently present in more than 750 districts across the country.

Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil leads talks on water security, conservation



New Delhi, July 18 : Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil on Saturday discussed measures to further strengthen the country's water security through water conservation and enhancing water use efficiency in irrigation at a national conference. Interacting with officials at the All-India Conference of Senior Most Secretaries of Water Resources Departments of states and Union Territories at Chanakya Hall in Sushma Swaraj Bhawan here, Patil also took stock of measures for advancing the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Catch the Rain" resolve through public participation.

Babulal Marandi files PIL in HC to seek CBI probe into Jharkhand liquor scam

Ranchi, July 18: Leader of the Opposition in the Jharkhand Assembly Babulal Marandi has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Jharkhand High Court, seeking a CBI probe into the alleged liquor scam in the state. The petition contends that the investigation has been delayed for quite some time and that no chargesheet has been filed so far, thus making a CBI inquiry necessary. According to the plea, the names of several high-profile individuals, including suspended IAS officer Vinay Chaubey, have surfaced during the investigation. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered an FIR in the case in 2025 and arrested several accused persons. However, since the chargesheet was not filed within the stipulated time, all the accused were given de-



fault bail. The Marandi's petition states that nearly 14 months have elapsed since the case was registered, yet the investigation remains incomplete and is moving at a very slow speed. It alleges that the probe has failed to make meaningful progress and that no chargesheet has been submitted before the court against the accused. Marandi informed the court that Jharkhand introduced a new excise policy in 2022.

US lawmaker seeks biotech curbs on China

Washington, July 18 : A top House Republican on China has urged the Treasury Department to block American investments in Chinese biotechnology companies, warning that US capital and expertise are helping Beijing dominate the global pharmaceutical sector. Powerful Republican Congressman John Moolenaar, who is chairman of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, called on Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to designate biotechnology as a “prohibited technology” under the Comprehensive Outbound Investment National Security (COINS) Act of 2025. “The United States is engaged in a fierce biotechnol-

ogy competition with the PRC, with crucial implications for our national and economic security as well as for the future of healthcare and the security of American medical data,” Moolenaar wrote in a letter dated May 21. The Michigan Republican argued that China has pursued a “deliberate, state-directed strategy” to dominate pharmaceutical development, biologics manufacturing, and clinical research capabilities. Moolenaar said US investments, licensing agreements, joint ventures, and intellectual property transfers are accelerating China’s biotech ambitions and helping Chinese firms climb the global pharmaceutical value chain. “United States capital flowing to Chinese biotechnology companies

through licensing agreements, joint ventures, and equity investments is fueling China’s strategy,” he wrote. The letter cited data showing cross-border out-licensing transactions between multinational pharmaceutical firms and Chinese biotech companies totaled approximately \$136 billion in 2025. It added that 48 per cent of global pharmaceutical licensing deals worth \$50 million or more last year involved Chinese companies, compared to none in 2020. Moolenaar specifically highlighted recent agreements involving major American drugmakers, including Eli Lilly and Bristol Myers Squibb. According to the letter, Bristol Myers Squibb recently announced



a partnership worth up to \$15.2 billion with China’s Hengrui Pharma involving co-development of drug molecules and transfer of intellectual property and know-how. Moolenaar also raised concerns over China’s clinical trial system, describing it as “the cheapest and fastest human clinical trial system in the world” while alleging ethical concerns involv-

ing informed consent and involuntary participation. The letter further claimed that some clinical trials are conducted at hospitals in Xinjiang and Chinese military hospitals, potentially exposing sensitive American biotechnology data and intellectual property to the Chinese military.

US moves to overhaul military IT systems

Washington, July 18 : The Pentagon is pushing to overhaul its information technology systems. Officials say outdated networks and cyber risks could hurt military readiness. Defence Chief Information Officer Kirsten Davies outlined the plan at a House hearing. She said the department is driving a “bold transformation” to turn technology into a “decisive warfighting advantage.” “Our focus is to enable data supremacy and decision superiority,” she said. Lawmakers said strong networks are critical. “If the networks don’t work well, nothing else will,” said committee chair Don Bacon. Davies described four main priorities. First, the Pentagon plans to modernise its network backbone. This includes cables, satellites and 5G systems.



Australian govt to roll out digital passenger cards for all arrivals

Sydney, July 18 : The Australian government on Saturday announced it will roll out digital passenger cards for all international arrivals over the next 18 months, ending the reliance on paper cards. Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke said on Monday that the federal government will spend 56.1 million Australian dollars (38.9 million US dollars) over the next four years on traveller modernisation at airports, including a nationwide implementation of digital passenger cards.

Nigerian president orders release of minors arrested in recent protests

Abuja, July 18 : Nigerian President Bola Tinubu ordered the unconditional release of dozens of minors allegedly arrested during recent hunger protests in the country while calling for a probe into their detention. Minister of Information and National Orientation Mohammed Idris told reporters in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, that the president’s directive to the country’s attorney-general took immediate effect, not minding the ongoing legal processes instituted against the young citizens, reports Xinhua news agency. Tinubu also directed that all the law enforcement agents involved in the arrest and the legal processes be investigated, the minister said, adding that “if there are any infractions found to have been committed by any official of the government ... appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against him or her.” The minors, whose ages were below 18 years, according to local au-



thorities, were arrested in the northern part of the country during the hunger protests across Nigeria in August and prosecuted for treason last week in Abuja. Their arraignment sparked a nationwide debate after a local court gave strident bail conditions, including 10 million nairas (approximately \$6,000) and two sureties for

each of them. “The president has also directed the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction to immediately see to the welfare of those minors and also take part to ensure that they have a smooth reunion with their parents or guardians, wherever they are in the country,” Idris said.



India provides household solar systems to Myanmar's earthquake-affected ethnic people

Naypyidaw, July 18 : India’s Ambassador to Myanmar, Abhay Thakur, on Saturday handed over solar systems for 50 households of earthquake-affected ethnic people in Taunggyi. “50 household solar systems for earthquake-affected ethnic people of Inlay, a Quick Impact Project (QIP) under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Initiative, were handed over in Taunggyi today by Ambassador Abhay Thakur in the presence of Ethnic Affairs Minister U Than Maung and CM Shan.

Pakistan's Libya mediation exposes hypocrisy driven by financial interests: Report

Tel Aviv, July 18 : The emergence of Pakistan as a mediator between Libya’s rival eastern and western power centres adds a “cynical” dimension to the country’s already fractured political landscape. With the explicit knowledge of Washington and several regional stakeholders, Islamabad has positioned itself in 2026 as a self-styled peace broker seeking to bridge the divide between the Libyan National Army in the east and the Government of National Unity in the west, a report has stated. Yet this diplomatic initiative stems neither from a genuine commitment to North African stability nor from any longstanding strategic interest in the region. Rather, it re-

flects a transactional arrangement crafted by an economically distressed Pakistan seeking to leverage its defence infrastructure in exchange for much-needed hard currency, Amine Ayoub, a policy analyst and writer based in Morocco, wrote in The Times of Israel. He argued that the mediation’s underlying hypocrisy stems from a \$4 billion weapons agreement signed between the Pakistan Army and Saddam Haftar, Deputy Commander of the Libyan National Army (LNA) in Libya’s Benghazi in December 2025. “In a blunt display of realpolitik, Pakistan’s Army Chief Asim Munir met with Saddam Haftar to seal one of Islamabad’s largest-ever military exports, an order encompassing sixteen JF-17 fighter jets, basic trainers, and



long-term technical training. That this massive transaction moved forward in blatant defiance of the long-standing United Nations arms embargo highlights the hollow nature of international law when cash and weapons change hands. For Pakistan to now claim the mantle of an objective, neutral arbiter is structurally absurd,” said Ayoub. “A state cannot act as a primary arms supplier to one faction in a civil war while simultaneously presenting itself to the other side as an unbiased peace broker. This

double game has predictably triggered profound skepticism and open hostility across western Libya, where political and military factions in Tripoli and Misrata correctly perceive Islamabad as deeply compromised by its financial and military alliances with the Haftar family. The rhetoric of neutrality quickly dissolves when confronted with the physical reality of Pakistani-supplied hardware reinforcing the eastern military apparatus,” he added.

Rights body condemns two more custodial deaths in Bangladesh, demands independent probe

Paris, July 18: A leading international human rights organisation condemned the recent custodial deaths of an Awami League activist and another accused in Bangladesh, warning that the incidents raise serious human rights concerns over the right to life, the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or pun-

ishment, the right to health, and the state’s duty of care towards people in custody. Justice Makers Bangladesh in France (JMBF) alleged that both incidents constitute grave violations of the Constitution of Bangladesh, domestic law, and the country’s binding obligations under international human rights law. Citing reports, the rights body said that 40-year-old

Moniruzzaman Monir Matubbar, a leader of the Awami League’s youth wing, Jubo League, died on July 8 while in custody at Dhaka Central Jail. “His family members and political associates have alleged that he had long suffered from chronic cardiovascular disease and diabetes but was denied timely and adequate medical treatment while in state custody, resulting in his death due to medical

neglect,” JMBF noted. In a separate incident, 22-year-old Rubel Mia reportedly died on July 10 during police custody at Nikli Police Station in Kishoreganj district. “While law enforcement authorities have asserted that his death resulted from suicide, members of his family have alleged that he was subjected to torture while in custody and that the subsequent characterisation of his death as



suicide was intended to conceal the true circumstances surrounding his death,” the JMBF high-

lighted. The rights body called on the Government of Bangladesh to establish, without delay, an independent, impartial, transparent, and effective judicial inquiry, preferably under the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, with the participation of independent forensic and human rights experts, where appropriate, in accordance with international standards governing the investigation of potentially unlawful deaths.

Ramdev's 'Hindu Rashtra' comment stirs row: Clerics miffed, Congress accuses him of 'sowing divisions'

New Delhi, July 18 : A fresh political and religious controversy has erupted over Yoga Guru Ramdev's 'Hindu Rashtra' remarks, with many Muslim clerics voicing strong disapproval while those from Opposition parties, particularly Congress, see this as an attempt to sow communal discord and division. Yoga Guru, speaking at an event over the weekend, said

that the idea of "Hindu Rashtra" should not be viewed with apprehension, as our "ancestors remain the same" irrespective of different religions, and stated that minorities must not feel threatened by such a concept. "There is a Deoband near Haridwar. I was invited there in 2009. I told them, "Our religions may differ, but our ancestors are the same." There is no need for anyone to fear the concept of a 'Hindu Rashtra'. The an-

cestors of all of us were Sanatani Hindu Arya-Vedics. This is written right in front of us," Ramdev said, recounting his visit to an Islamic seminary in Uttar Pradesh. The remarks, as expected, were labelled 'divisive and inflammatory' even as many Muslim clerics objected to his claims. Maulana Khalid Rasheed Firangi Mahali, a member of All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), said, "We believe that

all religious leaders, regardless of their faith, have a responsibility to promote love, harmony and mutual brotherhood in society. What a person chooses to wear or not wear is their personal choice." Shia religious leader Saif Abbas said, "It's not appropriate for any religious leader to make such statements. Every person has a right to follow their own religion. Our country is governed by the Constitution and under the law,



every individual has the right to practice his own faith and live life accordingly." Yasoob Abbas, All India Shia Personal Law Board

said, "Whether one is Hindu or Muslim, we should speak about bringing everyone together.

Education key to Meghalaya's holistic growth: CM Conrad Sangma

Shillong, July 18 : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Saturday said education remains central to the state's vision of inclusive and holistic development, asserting that economic growth becomes meaningful only when it positively impacts every citizen. Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the new building of PASF-Along Noga College and inaugurating its conference hall in Tura, CM Sangma said Meghalaya is among the fastest-growing economies in the country, with nominal Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth exceeding 15 per cent. "Real growth is holistic growth," the Chief Minister said, adding that the government continues to invest heavily in education, youth,



women and farmers to ensure balanced and inclusive progress across the state. He said nearly 13 per cent of Meghalaya's state budget is currently allocated to the education sector, while stressing that improving the quality of education remains one of the government's biggest priorities. "The issue before us is no longer merely one of quantity, but of quality," CM Sangma said, noting that the government.

Calcutta HC grants conditional protection to ex-minister in recruitment corruption case

Kolkata, July 18 : The Calcutta High Court on Saturday granted conditional protection to former state minister Manas Bhunia in a recruitment corruption case. He had approached the high court fearing arrest in the case. His plea was heard by the single bench of Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya, which granted him protection from any coercive action. However, Bhunia will have to comply with several conditions. He will not be able to leave the Sabang police station area in West Midnapore district for the time being. The High Court also ordered the former state minister to cooperate fully with the investigation and to submit his

passport to the local police station. On these conditions, the former minister will be able to avoid arrest for the time being. He has been accused of giving jobs for money. On July 9, Bhunia appeared at the Sabang police station after receiving a summons to be questioned in a cash-for-job scam. According to police, he was questioned for about three hours at the police station. Bhunia, however, did not make any comments after leaving the police station. There are allegations against him that he took several lakhs of rupees on the pretext of promising jobs in the irrigation department while he was the minister. According to police sources, a written complaint was filed at the Sabang police station that several lakhs of rupees were taken on the promise of a job in the irrigation



department. Police started an investigation based on that complaint. The former minister was sent several notices for investigation, but he did not appear at the police station on the first two occasions. Challenging the notice, Bhunia approached the Calcutta High Court, which ordered him to cooperate in the investigation. After that, the former state irrigation minister appeared at the Sabang police station, and his statement regarding the complaint was recorded during the interrogation. A young man, a resident of Bishnupur Gram Panchayat in Sabang Assembly area, filed the complaint on June 10. According to his complaint, before the As-

sembly elections, his wife was given a job under CISB Services Private Limited at Temathani Irrigation Bungalow through the mediation of the then minister Manas Bhunia. However, in exchange for the job, they had to pay Rs 5 lakh. After that, his wife joined the job and received her salary last March. But within two months, she was dismissed from that job. The young man appealed to the police to take legal action against Bhunia, alleging that he had lost money and his wife had lost her job. Subsequently, police filed an FIR against the former irrigation minister. Bhunia, however, denied the allegations. Bhunia contested the 2026 Assembly elections on a Trinamool Congress ticket from Sabang constituency but was defeated by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate.

Delhi HC issues contempt notice to AAP leader Gopal Rai, journalist

New Delhi, July 18 : The Delhi High Court on Saturday issued notices to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Gopal Rai and investigative journalist Saurav Das in a criminal contempt petition alleging circulation of scandalous and contemptuous social media content against Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma in connection with the excise policy case. The petition, filed by Ashok Chaitanya under Section 15(1)(c) of the Contempt of

Courts Act, 1971, read with Article 215 of the Constitution, had also sought initiation of contempt proceedings against AAP national convenor and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and party leader Saurabh Bharadwaj. However, a Bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Ravinder Dubeja observed that Kejriwal and Bharadwaj had already been issued notices in the suo motu criminal contempt proceedings initiated earlier by the Delhi High Court. It directed that the two mat-

ters be heard together and listed them for the next hearing on August 4. The Delhi High Court directed the newly impleaded proposed contemnors to file their replies before the next date of listing and ordered the Registry to preserve the social media material relied upon in the latest petition. It further directed that Kejriwal, Bharadwaj, and senior advocate Rajdipa Behura -- the amicus curiae appointed to assist the court -- be provided with copies of the



petition and supporting material. "We also appoint Ms. Rajdipa Behura, Senior Advocate, as Amicus Curiae to assist the Court in this case. A copy of the paperbook be supplied to the learned Amicus Curiae by the Registry of this Court."

Odisha Vigilance arrests Forest Dept official for Rs 55 lakh embezzlement

Bhubaneswar, July 18 : Odisha Vigilance on Saturday arrested a Forest Department official on charges of embezzling government funds to the tune of over Rs 55 lakh. The accused has been identified as Jaya Kumar Juad, currently posted as a forester at the office of the Forest Range Officer, Biswanathpur, under Lanjigarh in Kalahandi district. Juad was arrested for allegedly misappropriating government funds amounting to Rs 55,04,607 by preparing fake muster rolls and vouchers in connection with Soil and Moisture Conservation (SMC) works at plantation



sites under the Thuamul Rampur Forest Section in Kalahandi district. "The investigation has revealed systematic embezzlement of government funds amounting to Rs 55,04,607. The accused, while functioning as a forester, allegedly manipulated funds earmarked for Soil and Moisture Conservation works during the 2024-25 period," Vigilance sources said.

Charas haul seized in Mumbai, one arrested

Mumbai, July 18 : The Mumbai Police Crime Branch's Anti-Narcotics Cell on Saturday arrested a suspected drug supplier near Lokmanya Tilak Terminus and seized 3.886 kilograms of charas from his possession. According to officials, the seized narcotics are valued at approximately Rs 3.89 crore in the international market. A case has been registered against the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and he has been taken into custody for further investigation. Officials of the Mumbai Crime Branch said efforts are underway to ascertain the origin of the drugs, including where the contraband was procured from and where it was intended to be supplied. Meanwhile, the Narcotics Control Bureau on Monday.

Assam: Ajmal slams proposed suspension rule for jailed CMs, PM; calls UCC a poll plank

Guwahati, July 18 : AIUDF chief and Binnakandi MLA Badruddin Ajmal on Saturday criticised a parliamentary panel's reported recommendation to suspend, instead of remove, a Prime Minister or Chief Minister who remains in judicial custody for 30 days, alleging that political leaders would never introduce laws that could be used against themselves. Reacting to the proposal, Ajmal questioned its intent and said the political class lacks the will to ensure accountability among elected representatives. He questioned who would punish whom, adding that tomorrow the punishment would fall on the same people who imposed it. Speaking to reporters here on the sidelines of the assembly session, he alleged that lawmakers across party lines protect each other and are unwilling to enact stringent measures against themselves, claiming that no one would punish anyone or frame laws against themselves, and that this was merely an exercise to fool the people.



Ajmal further alleged that a large number of legislators in Parliament are facing criminal cases and said such a system cannot be expected to introduce tougher legal provisions against elected representatives. He claimed, without furnishing any evidence, that more than 65 per cent of MPs are facing criminal cases.

Stubble burning : AAP slams Centre for rejecting Punjab's demand of Rs 1,200 crore

Chandigarh, July 18 : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday criticised the BJP-led central government for rejecting Punjab's demand of Rs 1,200 crore to prevent stubble burning, and has accused it of discriminating against the state. AAP MP and spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang told the media here that the Modi government has been consistently discriminating against Punjab. It has already withheld several funds from Punjab, such as the Rural Development Fund, Mandi Development Fund, and



the National Health Mission Fund, amounting to nearly Rs 10,000 crore. Issues were deliberately created in the lifting of paddy.



Reliance Power's stock hits 5 pc lower circuit after SECI ban

Mumbai, July 18 : Shares of Anil Ambani-led Reliance Power on Saturday hit the lower circuit of 5 per cent at Rs 41.58 after the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) debarred the company from floating any tender for the next three years for allegedly submitting fake documents.

According to the SECI, "Reliance Power and its subsidiary Reliance NU BESS were banned after it became the lowest bidder for a project based on fake documents".

A statement issued by SECI said that as per the requirements of the tender, the bank guarantee against the EMD (issued by a foreign bank) submitted by the bidding company was "fake".

This discrepancy was found after the e-reverse auction. Due to this, the SECI had to cancel the tender process.

LG Electronics

India Q4 net profit falls 8 pc to Rs 693 crore

Mumbai, July 18 : LG Electronics India on Saturday reported an 8 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in net profit to Rs 693 crore for the March quarter (Q4) of FY26. The company posted a net profit of Rs 755 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q4 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing. Despite the decline on a yearly basis, profit after tax surged sharply by 672 per cent sequentially from Rs 90 crore reported in the December quarter of FY26. Revenue from operations during the quarter rose 8 per cent year-on-year to Rs 8,054

crore from Rs 7,448 crore in Q4 FY25. On a sequential basis, revenue jumped 96 per cent from Rs 4,114 crore posted in Q3 FY26, as per its filing. In an official statement, the company said the strong quarterly performance was supported by broad-based demand recovery and rising premiumisation across categories, including large-panel televisions, French-door refrigerators, fully automatic washing machines and 5-star-rated air conditioners. LG Electronics India said it continued to maintain market leadership across key product segments during the quarter.



Ashok Leyland registers

37 pc jump in Q2 net profit, declares dividend

New Delhi, July 18 : Heavy commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland reported a net profit of Rs 770 crore for the July-Sept quarter, which marks a 37 per cent growth over the same period last year.

"Owing to continued improvement in the company's fiscal performance and a positive outlook for the balance half of the year, the Board has recommended an interim dividend of Rs 2 per share on face value of Re 1," a company statement said.

The Hinduja group company said its earnings before interest,

tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) for the quarter was up at 11.6 per cent, at Rs 1,017 crore, as against 11.2 per cent, or Rs 1,080 crore in the corresponding period last year.

Ashok Leyland's domestic MHCV market share continues to be over 31 per cent. The company maintained market leadership in the bus segment. The light commercial vehicle (LCV) domestic market share in the addressable segments has also gained in the first half of the year, according to a company statement.

The Chennai-based company

said its MHCV domestic sales volume was at 25,685 vis-a-vis 29,947 in Q2 FY'24. LCV volume was at 16,629 vis-a-vis 16,998 in Q2 last year. Export volumes for the quarter at 3,310 nos. were higher by 14 per cent. Defence, power solutions and aftermarket businesses continue to perform well and are expected to post good growth in the current fiscal. The company continued to expand its innovative product offerings in Q2 by launching new products in the tipper, bus, haulage, and LCV segments.

India's retail inflation touches 4.38 per cent in June as silver, gold prices jump

New Delhi, July 18 : India's retail inflation, based on the new Consumer Price Index (CPI) series, was recorded at 4.38 per cent in June this year compared to the same month of the previous year, according to data released by the Ministry of Statistics on Monday.

The commodities that posted

the highest inflation during the month were silver jewellery, which saw a 133.21 per cent jump in prices and gold jewellery, which clocked a 36.82 per cent increase in prices.

Overall food inflation in June stood at 5.32 per cent as the prices of potato plummeted by as much as (-) 20.34 per cent during the month while peas turned cheaper

by (-) 9.67 per cent. However, tomato prices shot up by 31.82 per cent during the month while the cost of ginger surged by 50.41 per cent, the figures showed.

Among the other goods which turned cheaper during June were cars, which registered a 6.89 per cent decline in prices and the two-wheeler auto segment which saw a 3.49 per cent fall in prices.

The year-on-year housing inflation rate for the month stood at 2.10 per cent. Sequentially, the inflation rate in June has moved up from 3.93 per cent in the previous month of May.

The CPI inflation is well within the RBI safe zone, which has 4 per cent as the midpoint. The tolerance zone of the RBI ranges from 2 per cent to 6 per cent.

The RBI's monetary policy aims to keep inflation within this zone as it balances its objective of promoting economic growth with stability.



Bharat Tex 2026 to bring together 7,000 buyers, 1,600 exhibitors

New Delhi, July 18 : Bharat Tex 2026 -- India's largest global textile event -- will begin here on Saturday, bringing together more than 7,000 buyers, over 1,600 exhibitors and delegates from more than 20 countries to showcase the country's textile value chain and strengthen global trade partnerships, according to an official statement issued on Saturday. The four-day event

-- held from July 14 to July 17 -- is being organised by the Bharat Tex Trade Federation, a consortium of Textile Export Promotion Councils and industry bodies, with support from the Ministry of Textiles. It will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Textiles Giriraj Singh.

According to the ministry, the event is expected to facilitate more than 4,000 business-to-business (B2B) meetings, over 100 busi-



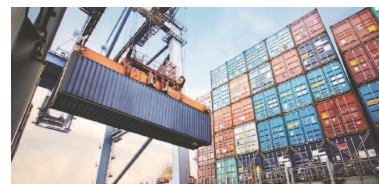
ness-to-government (B2G) interactions and the signing of more than 30 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) covering trade, investment, technology, sustainability and market access. Moreover, it is likely to attract

more than 1.3 lakh trade visitors and showcase over 20,000 textile products across 1.6 million square feet of exhibition space.

Global smartphone shipments drop 11 pc amid memory crisis

New Delhi, July 18 : Global smartphone shipments declined 11 per cent (year-on-year) in the April-June quarter (Q2 2026), reaching the lowest second-quarter levels since 2013, a report showed on Saturday, as the memory shortage deepened and emerged as the dominant drag on the industry.

According to preliminary estimates from Counterpoint Research's Market Monitor, DRAM and NAND prices continued to balloon through the quarter as memory suppliers kept prioritising AI data centre demand over consumer electronics, forcing OEMs to pass rising Bill of Materials (BOM) costs onto consumers via repeated price hikes, particularly on entry and mid-tier devices. Samsung reclaimed its global No 1 position with a 24 per cent share in Q2 and recorded the strongest growth among top five brands. Samsung held up relatively well in India and the Middle East, supported by better product availability, fewer price hikes and aggressive summer promotions that complemented flagship momentum, said the report.



2 key interventions to improve access to export credit, strengthen MSMEs: Industry

New Delhi, July 18 : The industry has hailed two key interventions under the 'Niryat Protsahan' sub-scheme to strengthen MSME exports by providing affordable and easier access to trade finance, saying this will lower the cost of exporting, expand access to finance, diversify export markets and strengthen India's export brand. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) welcomed the launch of two critical interventions, aimed at strengthening MSME exports and significantly improving access to affordable trade finance. "The launch of interest support for pre- and post-shipment export credit and the collateral guarantee mechanism marks a decisive step towards addressing two of the biggest challenges faced by MSME exporters—high cost of credit and lack of collateral. These measures will greatly enhance the competitiveness of Indian MSMEs in global markets," said SC Ralhan, President, FIEO. The first intervention provides interest subvention on pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit extended by eligible lending institutions.



MapmyIndia reports 8.2 pc drop in net profit in Q2, revenue up 14 pc

New Delhi, July 18 : CE Info Systems Ltd, the parent company of MapmyIndia, on Saturday reported 8.2 per cent drop in net profit in the July-September period at Rs 30.4 crore, from Rs 33.1 crore in the year-ago quarter. The Q2 FY25 revenue from operations increased to Rs 104 crore, a 14 per cent growth and the first half of FY25 (H1 FY25) saw revenue at Rs 205 crore as against Rs 181 crore in H1 FY25.

The company announced that it has received board approval to establish a joint venture with Hyundai Autoever, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hyundai Kia. "MapmyIndia will hold a 40 per cent stake with a capital investment of \$4 million.

The joint venture, named PT Terra Link Technologies, will be based in Indonesia and will concentrate on pro-

viding map-based solutions for automotive OEMs and other businesses across Southeast Asia," said Rakesh Verma, Chairman and Managing Director, MapmyIndia. EBITDA for H1 FY25 reached Rs 80 crore, yielding a margin of 39.1 per cent.



Patna civil court grants anticipatory bail to Khan Sir in coaching centre clash case

Patna, July 18 : The Patna Civil Court has granted anticipatory bail to Faisal Khan popularly known as 'Khan Sir', providing significant relief in the high-profile coaching centre clash case that arose from a violent incident in Patna's Musallahpur area. The court also granted anticipatory bail to three staff members associated with Khan Global Studies.

In addition, two security guards, who had earlier been arrested and lodged in Beur Jail, were granted bail. The case stems from an incident on the night of June 2, 2026, when violence erupted near coaching institutes in the Musallahpur area of Patna. According to the allegations, around 15–20 people entered the premises of Khan Global Studies, vandalised property, and assaulted individuals present at the coaching institute.

Need approval for carrying personal medicines to Saudi Arabia: NCB

New Delhi, July 18 : The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Saturday cautioned Indians travelling to Saudi Arabia that the Gulf Kingdom has introduced an electronic service platform for obtaining prior permission for the clearance of medicines intended for personal use by individuals entering or leaving the

Kingdom. In a statement, the NCB said that the General Directorate of Narcotics Control (GDNC), India Country Office, Saudi Arabia, has formally communicated to the Narcotics Control Bureau of India regarding the launch of an electronic service platform by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The platform, accessible at <https://cds.sfga.gov.sa>, has been

established for the submission of applications and related details to obtain permission for the clearance of medicines intended for personal use. The statement said, the NCB has been informed that certain medicines that are legally available in India or other countries may be prohibited or subject to restrictions in the Kingdom.



It has also been informed that carrying medicines in quantities that are in excess of the prescribed limits may also attract regulatory action. As per the advisory, applications for permission are required to be submitted by the concerned

individuals or their authorised representatives through the platform, the statement said. Travellers are also advised to consult the official list of restricted and prohibited medicines issued by the Saudi authorities before undertaking travel, the statement said. The Narcotics Control Bureau said it will continue to disseminate relevant advisories received from international counterparts in the interest of public awareness and compliance with international narcotics control regulations.



K'taka: Police suspect influential figures behind witness intimidation in fan murder case

Bengaluru, July 18 : In the latest development in the fan murder case, the investigation

into the alleged intimidation of a key prosecution witness has taken a significant turn, with the

Kamakshipalya police probing the case uncovering the alleged links of three arrested persons to influential individuals. Police stated that the accused Puneeth, Venu and Suhas are accused of threatening Sandeep, a cashier at a bar who is considered a key witness in the fan murder case, in an attempt to influence the investigation. According to police, the three accused, along with Gaurav and Kiran Reddy, allegedly made WhatsApp calls to Sandeep, threatening him and pressuring him not to cooperate with investigators. The probe has revealed that Gaurav and Kiran Reddy were in constant touch with Puneeth before his arrest. However, after Puneeth was taken into custody, both allegedly went absconding. Police have launched a search to trace and arrest them. Investigators have also identified another bar owner from Sanjaynagar as a suspect in the witness intimidation case.



Al-Falah Trust case: Delhi HC reserves verdict on Jawad Siddiqui's interim bail pleas

New Delhi, July 18 : The Delhi High Court on Saturday reserved its order on the interim bail applications filed by Al-Falah Trust money laundering case accused Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui, who has sought temporary release on humanitarian grounds citing his wife's ongoing treatment for Stage-IV cancer. A single-judge Bench of Justice Saurabh Banerjee reserved orders after hearing detailed arguments from both sides on Siddiqui's interim bail applications. Appearing for Siddiqui, senior advocate Vikram Chaudhri, briefed by advocates Vishvendra Tomar, Talib Mustafa and Abhishek Singh, pressed for interim bail, submitting that Siddiqui's wife, Usma Akhtar, is battling Stage-IV cancer and requires his care and support during this critical period. Senior advocate Zoheb Hossein represented the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Punjab: HUMINT becomes key as Khalistan groups embrace soft propaganda

New Delhi, July 18 : A big shift is taking place in Punjab where Intelligence gathering is concerned. With pro-Khalistan groups changing strategy, there would be more reliance on human Intelligence (HUMINT). This shift comes in the wake of pro-Khalistan groups moving activity more into the rural areas of Punjab with the focus being lesser on the urban sector. Small clubs, community and religious spaces are being used in the rural areas to spread propaganda, the agencies have learnt. An Intelligence Bureau official said that the tone of this propaganda is changing. Earlier, there would be a hard push made to propagate in favour of the Khalistan movement. Today the propaganda is milder and this has been done inten-

tionally to evade the security agencies. Further, the gathering, too, would be smaller where such propaganda activity is being conducted, the officials also say. Officials say that the in-your-face Khalistan agenda is no longer being pushed. This is because the issue has not gained traction owing to the violent ideology that is attached to the movement. Many elders in Punjab who lived through those violent and terrifying times when the Khalistan movement was at its peak have advised the younger generation about its ill-effects. Issues such as alleged human rights violations by the police during the peak of militancy in Punjab, are discussed during these gatherings. It is hard for the law enforcement agencies to take action in such



cases. If such a topic is discussed in a community or religious space and the police look to take action, then it could become a major issue. The pro-Khalistan groups want the agencies to act against such activities, especially in religious spaces, as the backlash from the local public would be huge. A topic such as alleged human rights violations cannot put a person behind bars. However, if it is discussed on a regular basis, it could brainwash people into believing that they have been wronged by the system. Moreover in such cases, one cannot use technical surveillance as the events that are being conducted look legitimate in nature. Moreover, the agencies cannot explain why such events are being monitored.

MP: Finance Commission Chairman meets Guv



Bhopal, July 18 : Newly appointed Chairman of the State Finance Commission and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Jaibhan Singh Pawaiya on Saturday met Governor Mangubhai Patel at Lok Bhavan and informed him about assuming charge of the office. After the courtesy meeting, the Governor's office stated that Patel provided guidance on the role, functioning, and various activities of the Finance Commission. He expressed confidence that the State Finance Commission would work in accordance with its objectives.

NFR accelerates development initiatives to strengthen operational efficiency

Guwahati, July 18 : The Northeast Frontier Railway has prioritised a range of ongoing development initiatives to ensure their steady progress, aligning them closely with its strategic vision and operational goals, officials said on Saturday. These efforts aim to enhance efficiency, improve infrastructure, and deliver better services across the region.? Northeast Frontier Railway General Manager Chetan Kumar Shrivastava conducted a comprehensive inspection across multiple sections of the Lumding Division to review infrastructure development, safety systems, and passenger amenities.? Northeast Frontier Railway's

Chief Public Relations Officer Kapinjal Kishore Sharma said the inspection also encompassed a range of ongoing development initiatives to ensure their steady progress in alignment with Northeast Frontier Railway's strategic vision and operational priorities.? The inspection commenced from Kamakhya, covering key locations including Lumding, Diphu, and Barpathar. At Lumding, the General Manager reviewed the proposed Loco Mid-life Rehabilitation Project at the relief yard, aimed at enhancing locomotive efficiency and long-term operational sustainability.? A successful speed trial between Bokajan and Barpathar over 31.3 km achieved speeds up to 120 kmph while adhering to all safety

restrictions, reflecting Northeast Frontier Railway's continued focus on capacity enhancement, track standards, and safe train operations. At Diphu, several important passenger-centric and safety-enhancing initiatives were inspected and demonstrated. These included the Electronic Interlocking Double Section system between Diphu and Daldali, significantly strengthening operational safety across the 10 km section.? Closed-circuit television surveillance systems were also reviewed to further enhance station security and passenger confidence.? Additionally, a newly constructed Road Under Bridge, replacing Level Crossing Gate number ST-58, was inspected, marking a ma-



major step towards improving safety, ensuring seamless road-rail connectivity, and reducing congestion. At Barpathar station, the General Manager conducted detailed inspections and observed demonstrations of modern technologies, including data and voice recording systems at level crossing gates.? Important track components such as Points and Crossings, Long Welded Rails, and Switch Expansion Joints were also inspected to ensure safety and maintenance standards. He also interacted with field staff, appreciating their dedication and emphasising safety, efficiency, and teamwork. The inspection also covered key engineering assets, including minor and major bridges such as Bridge number 331.



Omar Abdullah says 1931 was struggle against oppression, not religious tussle

Srinagar, July 18 : Calling the restrictions imposed by the authorities on Saturday as 'uncalled for and unfortunate', Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the struggle of July 13, 1931, observed by the party as martyrs' day was against oppression and not a religious tussle. In an oblique reference to the Lt. Governor-headed security paraphernalia, CM Abdullah spoke to reporters at the National Conference headquarters, 'Nawa-e-Subha' complex. He said, "Those who barred us today will leave tomorrow; only the people of Kashmir will remain here". He called the restrictions imposed in the city on the day 'unfortunate'.

North Korea's Kim calls for bolstering naval power to counter enemy's provocations

Seoul, July 18 : North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited the nation's first 5,000-tonne destroyer, calling for bolstering the naval combat force to "thoroughly" deter and counter the enemy's provocations, state media reported on Saturday. Kim visited the Choe Hyon destroyer on Sunday, accompanied by key party and government officials, as part of

his schedule over a military hardware exhibition, reports Yonhap, quoting the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). In April, North Korea unveiled its new 5,000-tonne multipurpose destroyer, named the Choe Hyon, as part of its efforts to enhance its naval power. During the visit, Kim said "the tremendous ability of our navy should be exercised in the vast ocean to thoroughly deter or

counter and punish the enemy's provocations" to defend the nation's sovereignty and its security interests, according to the KCNA. "He noted that our (Workers') Party would continue its struggle without even a moment's stagnation for the overall and accelerated expansion and growth of the naval combat force defending the core of the national rights," it added.



North Korea earlier said the Choe Hyon destroyer is equipped with supersonic strategic cruise missiles, tactical ballistic missiles, and other strike means. In June, the North launched another destroyer of the same class, the Kang Kon, after repairs, a month after the warship had tipped over and sustained damage during its initial launch attempt in May. North Korea has been focusing on strengthening its naval force with a plan to build another 5,000-tonne destroyer by October 2026.



UN humanitarian battle to contain disease outbreaks in Sudan

United Nations, July 18 : The aid community in Sudan, amid insecurity and access challenges, is fighting to contain outbreaks of dengue fever, mpox and suspected cholera cases, UN humanitarian said. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said that in the El Nuhud area of West Kordofan state, the World Health Organization (WHO) and its partners are responding to a suspected outbreak of acute watery diarrhea, commonly associated with cholera. More than 100 suspected cases and doz-

ens of associated deaths were already reported this week. In the Darfur region, UN humanitarian workers are working with health authorities to address suspected mpox outbreaks in Central and South Darfur states, where more than 300 suspected cases and five associated deaths have been reported this week, OCHA said. "WHO is supporting a large-scale cholera and measles vaccination campaign led by authorities in Darfur." The office said that in Northern and River Nile states.

US warns of China-linked campus threats

Washington, July 18 : US lawmakers warned that foreign actors, including those linked to China, are targeting American universities for espionage and influence. At a House hearing, Chairman Tim Walberg said adversaries are exploiting open academic systems. "They're actively competing against our nation's interests on the battlegrounds of our university campuses," he said. He said the US must protect research without shutting down global collaboration. University officials said threats are real but manageable. They pointed to stronger safeguards in recent years. Domenico Grasso, president of the University of Michigan, said his institution has tightened security. "We are meeting the increased threat with increased security," he said. He said the university has expanded background checks, improved data protection, and increased coordination with fed-



eral agencies. Grasso said some students linked to unlawful activity were removed after law enforcement intervened. He also confirmed the university ended a partnership with a Chinese institution seen as a security risk. At the University of Florida, officials described a similar approach. Cassandra Farley said the university screens research hires, reviews foreign ties, and monitors international travel. She said federal agencies had warned about foreign talent programmes tied to China. "UF protects that research enterprise from undue foreign influence," she said. Lawmakers also heard testimony about direct targeting of students.



Rajasthan prioritises financial strength of DISCOMs, pushes renewable energy for sustainable power sector

Jaipur, July 18 : Rajasthan Chief Secretary, V. Srinivas, has reaffirmed that strengthening the financial health of the state's power distribution companies (DISCOMs) remains a key priority of the government. Emphasising financial discipline, the adoption of modern technologies, and the timely implementation of renewable energy projects, he said these measures are essential to building a sustainable, self-reliant and efficient power sector in the state. Chairing the third high-level

review meeting at the Government Secretariat on Saturday, the Chief Secretary reviewed the progress of debt restructuring, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects, the Green Energy Corridor Phase-II and the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. He directed officials to ensure the timely implementation of all key initiatives. Highlighting the importance of financial stability, Srinivas said strengthening the balance sheets of Rajasthan's DISCOMs is crucial for improving power sector performance.



Jamia Millia's coaching academy celebrates 120 selections in civil services, other exams

New Delhi, July 18 : Jamia Millia Islamia's (JMI) Residential Coaching Academy (RCA), Centre of Coaching and Career Planning (CCCP), hosted its first-ever alumni meet in its 15-year history and celebrated 120 selections in civil services and other competitive exams in 2025-26, an official said on Saturday. Titled "Ek Shaam RCA Ke Naam," the event held last week brought together more than 30 alumni from across the country while celebrating the academy's highest-ever annual achievement of 120 selections in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, Indian Forest Service Examination, State Civil Services, and other Central Services during 2025-26, said JMI Chief Public Relations Officer Saima Saeed.

Rs 100cr KMC councillor fund to return to state treasury after remaining unspent

Kolkata, July 18 : West Bengal government funds worth Rs 100 crore, allocated for councillors at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), will go back to the state treasury after remaining unspent due to administrative complications, a senior government official said on Saturday. Although funds were allocated for the councillors in the state Budget, a major portion of the amount, to the tune of Rs 100 crore, could not be spent as the municipal board at the KMC was dissolved last month following the resignation of Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim on June 3. As a result, project recommendations are not being made as there are no councillors in the civic body's 144 wards. Also, since meetings of the 16 borough committees and the Mayor's Council have



not been held since the dissolution of the municipal board, engineers have been unable to process proposals for road, water supply, drainage, lighting and park repair works because of the absence of approvals under the 'councillor development' and 'maintenance' funds. It is also learnt that work on the ongoing major drinking water purification and drainage projects has come to a standstill. Top engineers at the KMC said there is practically no possibility of spending the allocated money this year.

China deploys proxy NGOs at UN to shape narrative, deflect scrutiny: Report

Athens, July 18 : China's deployment of state-backed proxy NGOs at the United Nations reflects a strategy to manage its international image, deflect criticism, and create diplomatic space to resist accountability for abuses, a report said on Saturday. It stated that by eroding the lines between genuine civil society and government-linked propaganda, Beijing has reshaped the very mechanisms designed to protect human rights into arenas where authoritarian narratives can be promoted, and critical voices sidelined.



According to a report in the Athens-based Directus, the challenge for the international community, and for the future of multilateral human rights engagement--will be to preserve space for independent advocacy and ensure that the institutions tasked with upholding human dignity remain resilient to such influence.

Poland enforces extended border controls with Germany, Lithuania

Warsaw, July 18 : Poland has extended temporary border control measures with Germany and Lithuania for another six months, with the regulation taking effect on Saturday and remaining in force until April 4 next year. According to Polish media reports, the decree was signed by Polish Minister of the Interior and Administration Marcin Kierwinski on Wednesday. Poland intro-

duced the temporary border controls on July 7 at its western border with Germany and northeastern border with Lithuania, later extending them to October 4. Checks are currently conducted at 50 points along the Polish-German border and 13 along the Polish-Lithuanian border, according to the Polish Press Agency. Speaking at a press conference after the Munich Migration Meeting on Saturday, Kierwinski said Poland is unwilling to agree to any regu-



lations on relocating migrants within the European Union, Xinhua News Agency reported. He added that Poland has already paid a heavy price for guarding the bloc's external border, with nearly 25,000 illegal crossings recorded on the border with Belarus so far this year. Earlier in September, Poland reopened its border with Belarus at midnight on Monday.

India's unique perspective sought after by world: Rajya Sabha MP and former FS Shringla



New Delhi, July 18 : Asserting that India has become a country that is much sought after in the international high table, Former Foreign Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Saturday said that New Delhi's unique perspective and point of view is now sought after by the world.

BJD moves OSCPCR over alleged use of children at BJP rally

Bhubaneswar, July 18 : A delegation of Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) on Saturday met the Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) chairperson and submitted an application seeking an enquiry into the alleged use of children in a political programme by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The BJD in its complaint sought the issuance of notices to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, BJP state president Manmohan Samal and former MLA Pravat Ranjan Biswal, who along with his supporters joined the BJP on Sunday.

Referring to the rally organised by Pravat Ranjan Biswal and his supporters on the occasion of his joining the BJP on July 12, the BJD alleged in the complaint that during the rally, several minor children were reportedly seen participating while wearing BJP caps and carrying party flags, placards, and banners.

"The participation of children in a political rally in such a manner raises serious concerns regarding their rights, welfare, and protection. Children



should not be involved in political activities or rallies in a manner that may expose them to political influence or public mobilisation," the party further added.

The party has urged the commission to take cognisance of the matter and conduct an appropriate enquiry into the alleged use of minor children in the political rally held on July 12 in Bhubaneswar.

It also requested the OSCPCR to issue notices to CM Majhi, BJP state president Samal and Biswal, seeking their responses regarding the alleged involvement of children in the said political programme.

"Take appropriate action in accordance with the law and issue suitable directions to ensure that children are not used in political rallies, demonstrations, or campaigns in the future. We have full faith



K'taka HM Kharge targets Centre's foreign policy, seeks action against officials posing with criminals

Bengaluru, July 18 : Karnataka Minister for Home, Priyank Kharge, whose previous remarks against the RSS have sparked political controversy, on Saturday once again launched a scathing attack on the organisation, criticised the Centre's foreign policy amid reports of renewed hostilities between the United States and Iran, and warned of strict action against officials found posing with criminals. Commenting on reports while speaking to the media in Bengaluru of renewed hostilities between the US and Iran.

Assam Rifles seize cigarettes smuggled from Myanmar in Mizoram; arrest two with weapons

Aizawl, July 18 : The Assam Rifles have seized Myanmar-smuggled foreign cigarettes and recovered arms and ammunition in two separate operations in Mizoram, arresting two individuals, officials said on Saturday.

A defence spokesman said that, acting on specific intelligence inputs regarding the illegal possession of arms and ammunition in the Tuikhawtlang area of Aizawl district, Assam Rifles troops launched a swift, well-planned and meticulously coordinated joint operation with the Mizoram Police on Thursday night.

The several-hour-long operation culminated in the successful recovery of illegal weapons and ammunition. During the operation, alert troops recovered a .32 mm

pistol along with five live rounds and 16 fired cartridge cases from the area.

The spokesman said that the operation reflected the high degree of operational preparedness, vigilance and professionalism of the Assam Rifles in maintaining peace and security in the region. The recovered weapon, ammunition and the apprehended individual were handed over to Aizawl Police Station for further investigation and necessary legal action. In another operation against illegal smuggling activities in the Zokhawsang area of Aizawl district, Assam Rifles troops launched a swift and well-coordinated operation that led to the successful recovery of contraband items.

During the operation, alert troops apprehended one smuggler and recovered foreign-made cigarettes valued at approximately Rs 42.9



lakh. One vehicle used for transporting the contraband was also seized during the operation.

The apprehended individual, along with the recovered contraband and the seized vehicle, was handed over to the Customs Preventive Force in Aizawl for further investigation and necessary legal action. The spokesman said the successful recovery once again highlighted the Assam Rifles' sustained efforts to curb illegal smuggling activities in Mizoram.

The force remains committed to ensuring security along the India-Myanmar border and maintaining law and order in the region, he added.

'Nothing left for Kejriwal in politics': BJP leader on AAP chief's religious remarks



New Delhi, July 18 : BJP leader Syed Shahnawaz Hussain on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal, alleging that the former Delhi Chief Minister has lost political credibility and only turns to religious issues when elections approach. Reacting to the ongoing political exchanges over religion and the recitation of the

Sundarkand, Hussain accused Kejriwal and the AAP of exploiting matters of faith for electoral gains. Speaking to IANS, Hussain said, "There is nothing left for Arvind Kejriwal in politics. His credibility has fallen to zero. When he was in power in Delhi, he and his party worked to loot the city. The 'Sheesh Mahal' leader is now in power in Punjab, where even their Chief Minister is facing allegations of insulting religious scriptures. They have no real concern for religion. Whenever elections approach, they suddenly start engaging in religious rituals and worship..."

Narottam Mishra breaks down at Datia rally, vows full support to BJP candidate after ticket snub

Datia (Madhya Pradesh), July 18 : Former Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra turned emotional and broke down while addressing BJP workers in Datia on Saturday, marking his first major public appearance after being denied the party ticket for the Assembly by-election from his long-time political stronghold.

The emotional moment came as Mishra appealed to party workers and voters to ensure the victory of BJP nominee Ashutosh Tiwari, signalling that he had put aside personal disappointment and would campaign wholeheartedly for the party. Addressing a packed gathering after Tiwari filed his nomination papers in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and state BJP chief Hemant Khandelwal, Mishra

struggled to hold back tears as he urged BJP workers to dedicate themselves completely to the people of Datia. "I appeal to every BJP worker to work with full commitment for Ashutosh Tiwari's victory. From July 16 onwards, I will be among you continuously till the last day of campaigning. This election is not about an individual; it is about the honour and development of Datia," Mishra said. As he spoke about his long association with the constituency, the six-time MLA became visibly emotional. Pausing briefly, he folded his hands before the gathering and said, "I only ask one thing from you -- continue serving the people of Datia with the same dedication. If required, be prepared to sacrifice everything for the people of this land." Unable to continue further, Mishra broke down in tears before returning to his seat amid loud slo-



gans from BJP workers. The emotional address carried significance as it came barely days after the BJP denied him a ticket and instead fielded Ashutosh Tiwari. Without referring to the ticket denial, Mishra used his speech to remind people of Datia's political journey over the past 20 years. "When I first came here to contest elections nearly two decades ago, Datia lacked even basic infrastructure under the Congress government. Today, Datia has changed beyond recognition. Roads have been built, development has reached villages and flights now operate from here.

This transformation has been possible because of the BJP government," he said. Launching a sharp attack on the Congress, Mishra accused the opposition of avoiding the issue of development and instead attempting to exploit speculation over the BJP's internal affairs. Targeting senior Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh, Jitu Patwari and Congress candidate Ghanshyam Singh, he said the opposition had no development agenda to present before the people and was therefore trying to derive political mileage by discussing the BJP's internal matters.

I'm not Gandhiji... I would kill again: Murder convict tells Kerala court after conviction

Palakkad, July 18 : "Hang me if you want. I don't mind. If necessary, I would eliminate more people. I am not Gandhiji." Those chilling words from convicted murderer Chenthamara echoed through the courtroom on Saturday. The speech came mo-

ments after the Palakkad Additional Sessions Court found him guilty in the sensational Pothundi double murder case that had shocked Kerala. When the judge asked whether he had anything to say before sentencing, the convicted killer showed neither remorse nor regret. Instead, he jus-

tified his actions, telling the court that if the judge had endured what he had gone through, "you too might have done what I did," before adding, "Award whatever punishment you think fit." The court will pronounce the sentence on Saturday. The verdict brings to a close the trial in one of Kerala's



most gruesome revenge killings. Chenthamara had been charged with the murders of Sudhakaran and his 75-year-old mother Lakshmi, at Pothundi in Palakkad district on January 27, 2025. The murders were the culmination of a vendetta that began in 2019, when Chenthamara hacked to death his neighbour Sajitha, blaming her for the breakdown of his marriage.



MP emerging as key destination for tech investments, says CM Mohan Yadav

Bhopal, July 18 : Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Saturday said the state is emerging as a major destination for technology investments, making rapid progress in sectors such as artificial intelligence (AI), data centres and semiconductor manufacturing.

Addressing the MP Tech Growth Conclave 3.0: GCC, Data Centre and Semiconductor in Bhopal, CM Yadav said the state had fulfilled the commitments made during the previous two editions of the conclave.

"In the last two years, we have fulfilled the commitments we made. The first two editions of the conclave received investment proposals worth Rs 46,000 crore. Twenty-two industrial units have been inaugurated.

Gandhis' absence from Wayanad sparks row: BJP calls it use and throw model; Cong defends

New Delhi, July 18 : The Wayanad landslide, which resulted in the deaths of eight individuals and displaced many, has emerged as a new point of contention between the BJP and Congress, with the former accusing the latter of 'apathetic and indifferent' treatment by its public representatives. The BJP has criticised the Gandhis, especially Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the current MP

representing the Wayanad Lok Sabha seat, for failing to visit the constituency even a week following the tragic disaster. The party has also accused the Gandhi siblings of exploiting the constituency for their own 'political survival'.



SC stays Madras HC order quashing appointment of 17 PAs to judges over recruitment irregularities

New Delhi, July 18 : The Supreme Court on Saturday stayed the operation of a Madras High Court judgment that had quashed the appointment of 17 Personal Assistants (PAs) to its judges over alleged irregularities in the selection process. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta issued notice on a Special Leave Petition (SLP) challenging the July 1 judgment of the Madras High Court and stayed its operation. The apex court directed that notice be made returnable in four weeks while granting an interim stay on the impugned judgment. According to the case status available on the Supreme Court's official website, the matter is likely to be listed for hearing on August 14.



The impugned judgment was passed by a division bench of Justices S.M. Subramaniam and N. Senthilkumar in a suo motu writ petition initiated over alleged irregularities in the recruitment process for the post of Personal Assistant to judges of the Madras High Court.

Greece uncovers 'terrorist' attack plan by domestic group



Athens, July 18 : Greek authorities have uncovered a "terrorist" attack plan by four Greek nationals suspected of participating in a domestic group, Greek Citizen Protection Minister Michalis Chrysochoidis said. A bomb that exploded prematurely in a central Athens apartment last Monday, resulting in one casualty, one injury and severe material damage in the building, would have caused major destruction to any intended tar-

get, Chrysochoidis told local media on Saturday. The findings of an ongoing police investigation into the explosion so far indicate that a 36-year-old man who died, a 33-year-old woman who is hospitalised, a 31-year-old man who was arrested last week and his 30-year-old girlfriend who was arrested on Monday, were members of a group of Greeks "aspiring to become the next generation of domestic terrorists," Xinhua news agency quoted the official as saying. The suspects have already been charged with formation and participation in a "terrorist" group, possession of explosives, construction of a bomb and involvement in "terrorist" acts, authorities said.



India, Japan discuss defence cooperation, regional situation

Tokyo, July 18 : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held a meeting with Japan's Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi on Saturday, with discussions held on regional situation and defence industry cooperation. In a post on X, Koizumi stated, "First visit to Japan by India's Defence Secretary Singh. Including follow-up to Prime Minister Takaichi's recent visit to India, we were able to engage in a broad and constructive exchange

of views on regional situations, defence industry cooperation, and more." Rajesh Kumar Singh also laid a wreath at the Self-Defense Forces Memorial Stone in Tokyo, paying tribute to the brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in service of their nation. In a post on X, the Ministry of Defence stated, "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh laid a wreath at the Self-Defense Forces Memorial Stone in Tokyo

on July 13, 2026, paying homage to the brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in service of their nation. The solemn tribute reflects the enduring India-Japan Special Strategic & Global Partnership, founded on shared values, mutual respect, and a common commitment to peace and stability." Rajesh Kumar Singh's visit to Tokyo comes after Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's visit to India from July 1-3.



INS Sudarshini showcases

India's maritime

heritage at Boston's Parade of Sail

Boston, July 18 : Indian Naval Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini arrived in Boston to join dozens of tall ships from over 20 nations for the 'Parade of Sails' at Sail Boston 2026, the Indian Navy stated on Saturday. "Lokayan26, Tricolour at Boston! Post spectacular Sail4th250 celebrations in New York, INS Sudarshini reached Boston on 12 Jul 26 to join 60-plus tall ships from 20-plus nations for the Grand Parade of Sails at Sail Boston 2026," the spokesperson of the Indian Navy wrote on X. "Shri Raghuram Sastry, Consul General of India in Boston.



US pushes deeper Pakistan ties, calls relationship 'complex'

Washington, July 18 : Senior US lawmakers and officials are pushing for deeper, more results-driven ties with Pakistan, calling the relationship "complex". A bipartisan symposium on Capitol Hill, hosted by Tom Suozzi and Jack Bergman, on Saturday brought together more than 200 policymakers, diplomats, and experts to assess the trajectory of US-Pakistan relations. "At a time when our country and our world feel increasingly divided, it's more important than ever to strengthen our relationships with key partners like Pakistan," Suozzi said. "The relationship between the United States and Pakistan has been complex..."

Maduro makes second appearance at New York courthouse

New York, July 18 : Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro made his second appearance in a New York court after his forcible seizure by US troops in a military raid in Caracas in early January. During his first arraignment on January 5, Maduro pleaded not guilty to all US charges against him, including drug trafficking, and told the court that he was "kidnapped" from his Caracas residence and he remains president of Venezuela, Xinhua news agency reported. On Saturday, Maduro's lawyer continued pushing the judge to throw out the charges

in court and argued that the United States is violating Maduro's constitutional rights by blocking Venezuelan government funds from paying for his legal fees. Though doubting Washington's justification for barring Maduro from using Venezuela's funds to cover his legal defense, the judge denied the dismissal of the case. On January 3, US military forces launched a large-scale strike against Venezuela and forcibly seized Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, before transporting them to New York. The US attacks have shocked the international community.



PoK protests intensify; protesters reject Pakistan's 'Srinagar liberation' narrative

Islamabad, July 18 : The anti-government protest in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) entered its 34th consecutive day, with protesters raising slogans against the Pakistani authorities.

What began as demands for basic rights has transformed into a powerful challenge against Islamabad's long-standing control, with local leaders delivering scathing accusations that strike at the heart of Paki-

stani authorities' narrative on the occupied territory. Addressing a gathering in Rawalakot on Saturday, protest leader Javed Iqbal said, "For 78 years, they sold us the 'Srinagar liberation' churan (propaganda).

UNICEF says 3.7 million children at heightened risk of malnutrition in Afghanistan in 2026

Kabul, July 18: As many as 3.7 million children aged below five years are at increased risk of undernutrition in Afghanistan in 2026 due to child food and nutrition insecurity, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said in a report. In its report "Too Little, Too Late: The diet Crisis Facing Young Children in Afghanistan", UNICEF said acute malnutrition has deteriorated in 26 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces compared to 2025. The UN agency stated that conditions are worsening even before Afghanistan's annual peak malnutrition season, which mainly runs from July to September. According to UNICEF, 83 per cent of severe malnutrition cases and 77 per cent of moderate acute malnutrition cases

occur among children aged below two years, showcasing the increasing vulnerability of children during the most critical stage of physical and cognitive development. The UN agency stated that children residing in severely food-insecure households are up to six times more likely to experience severe wasting during the peak malnutrition period. UNICEF's Representative in Af-

ghanistan, Tajudeen Oyewale, said: "This new evidence gives us an opportunity to act before children reach the point of severe malnutrition. When families begin reducing meals or cutting back on nutritious foods it is not only a sign of hardship. It is a warning that a child may soon become dangerously wasted.



Serbian Minister announces resignation following roof structure collapse

Belgrade, July 18 : Serbian Minister of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure Goran Vesic announced that he will step down, following the collapse of a roof structure at the Novi Sad railway station. The collapse left 14 people dead and three others injured on Saturday, as reported by Xinhua news agency. In a statement released on Saturday evening, Vesic expressed condolences to the victims. "I offered my resignation on the day of the accident. Tomorrow morning, I will formally submit my resignation to the Prime Minister," Vesic said.



South Korea's former President Yoon sentenced to two years in prison

Seoul, July 18 : A Seoul district court on Saturday sentenced South Korea's former President Yoon Suk Yeol to two years in prison after finding him partially guilty of accepting illegal political funds in the form of free opinion polls from a self-proclaimed power broker. The Seoul Central District Court convicted the jailed former president on charges of violating the Political Funds Act in a ruling that marked a departure from a separate trial where his wife was acquitted on the same charges. Special counsel Min Joong-ki's team earlier indicted Yoon on charges of colluding with his wife, former first lady Kim Keon Hee, and receiving 58 opinion polls worth about 270

million won (USD 180,100) in total for free from the power broker, Myung Tae-kyun, between April 2021 and March 2022, Yonhap news agency reported. In its ruling, the court recognised that Yoon had received 14 opinion polls from Myung for free over the period, sentencing him to prison and ordering a forfeiture of 13.96 million won. It recognised the special counsel team's argument that Yoon had promised to support former Rep. Kim Young-sun's nomination as a candidate for the conservative People Power Party in the parliamentary by-elections in June 2022 in exchange for the opinion polls. "The defendant's actions sowed distrust in politics and undermined the public trust in the development of democracy," the court said.

'I use setbacks, challenges as fuels to come back stronger,' says Yastika on her comeback journey

New Delhi, July 18 : India wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia said that the months she spent away from cricket with a serious knee injury reshaped her mindset, teaching her patience, resilience and an unwavering belief in the process. Speaking at a press conference facilitated by the Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) on Saturday, days after scripting history with a maiden Test century at Lord's following her return from an ACL injury, the left-hander reflected on the emotional lows of missing major tournaments and the lessons that ultimately defined her comeback. Rather than dwelling on the landmark hundred that placed her on the Lord's Honours Board, Yastika spoke about the period that came before it, a phase when her cricketing future appeared uncertain. "Yes, I think when I got injured, at that time, it was a very low moment for me. And missing out on a home World Cup, and then it was an ACL injury. I missed out on the WPL as well.



'Every point mattered,' says Sindhu on her mindset after securing historic Japan Open final berth

New Delhi, July 18 : India's PV Sindhu credited her focus, composure and guidance from her coach after reaching the women's singles final of the Japan Open 2026 on Saturday, defeating China's Chen Yufei in a semi-final that ended prematurely due to her opponent's injury. Sindhu was leading 21-19, 15-10 at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium when the former Olympic champion retired with a hamstring issue, sending the Indian into her maiden BWF Super 750 final and her first BWF World Tour title clash since December 2024. Speaking after the match, Sindhu said maintaining concentration from the opening rally was central to her game plan against one of the world's best players. "I'm very happy that I've gone to the finals. For me, every match mattered a lot from game one and today's match especially, was important from the beginning to be focused because when you play with top ranked players.



'We want to play the final': India captain Salima Tete eyes deep run at FIH Hockey Women's World Cup

New Delhi, July 18 : As anticipation builds for the FIH Hockey World Cup Belgium and Netherlands 2026, scheduled for August 15 to 30, the Indian Women's Team will enter the tournament with confidence, belief and a renewed determination to challenge the world's best. Riding on the winning momentum and an unbeaten run to clinch the FIH Nations Cup title,

India captain Salima Tete is optimistic about the team going the distance and creating history. Drawn in Pool D, India will open their campaign against China on August 16, followed by matches against South Africa on August 18 and England on August 20. Salima will lead the team for the first time at a World Cup, shouldering the responsibility of guiding the squad that comprises experienced campaigners and promising young talent. As the 20-member squad enters the final phase of its preparations under Chief Coach Sjoerd Marijne.



FIFA WC: Argentina's road to final filled with comebacks, extra-time wins and Messi magic

New York, July 18 : Defending champions Argentina are just one win away from making history. A victory over European champions Spain in Monday's FIFA World Cup final at the MetLife Stadium would make Lionel Scaloni's side the first team since Brazil in 1962 to successfully defend the World Cup crown. Argentina's journey to the final has been anything but straightforward. It has featured dominant wins, dramatic comebacks, extra-time battles and, above all, another remarkable tournament from Lionel Messi. The 39-year-old captain has scored eight goals to lead the tournament scoring charts and once again become the driving force behind Argentina's campaign. Along the way, he also broke Miroslav Klose's long-standing record to become the highest scorer in FIFA World Cup history with 21 career goals.



FIFA WC: 'We have to rise a level because they are the champions,' says Rodri ahead of final

New York, July 18 : Spain captain Rodri believes his side must produce an even better performance than its semifinal display if it is to beat defending champions Argentina and lift the FIFA World Cup for only the second time at the MetLife Stadium on Monday. The midfielder said Spain's journey to the final is the result of years of steady progress, with triumphs in the UEFA Nations League and the European Championship helping the team build the confidence needed to compete for football's biggest prize. "We've been gradually growing. We have to keep doing the same things we're doing because it has been a process for all five years."

'He has entertained the nation immensely': Kapil Dev hails Rohit amid retirement speculation

Greater Noida, July 18 : Former India captain Kapil Dev paid glowing tribute to Rohit Sharma amid growing speculation over the opener's ODI future, saying the veteran batter has given Indian cricket unforgettable memories while wishing him well if he decides to retire. When asked whether Sunday's third ODI against England at Lord's could be Rohit's final appearance in the format, Kapil said, "He has entertained the nation immensely, something very few players have achieved. He is one of those outstanding cricketers who has given us so much. If he is retiring, I wish him all the very best," Dev told IANS. However, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) acted quickly to dismiss the rumors. Secretary Devajit Saikia stated that there have been no discussions about Rohit's future in ODIs and confirmed that the former captain is still central to India's plans.



Wrestling: Neha clinches gold, Mansi bags silver as India dominates Day 3 at Budapest Ranking Series 2026

Budapest, July 18 : Former U17 World Champion Neha delivered a gritty performance to capture the gold medal in the women's 59kg category on the third day of the Polyák Imre, Varga János & Kozma István Memorial Senior Ranking Tournament 2026 in the Hungarian capital on Friday. Continuing her breakthrough year on the senior circuit, Neha displayed exceptional tactical composure under pressure to overcome the USA's Abigail E. Nette in the championship bout. Holding her nerve in a closely contested tactical encounter against a tough American opponent, the Indian wrestler edged out Nette 6-4 on points (VPO1) to stand atop the podium and secure India's second gold medal of the tournament, matching Olympic bronze medalist Aman Sehrawat's opening-day triumph.

