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Hyderabad, July 20 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said the comprehensive scientific investigation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages was nearing completion and the rehabilitation designs were now being prepared to enable the safe restoration of the Kaleshwaram barrages. Addressing a meeting of MLAs, MLCs and senior officials from Nalgonda, Suryapet and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, the Minister said the Congress government was following a scientific approach to revive the barrages and would not permit their operation until experts certified them as safe. He said extensive investigations covering the soil, foundations, concrete and other structural components had been carried out through premier national institutions, including the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) and the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI). According to the Minister, the testing process is almost complete and the findings have been forwarded to IIT Bombay and its technical partners for preparing detailed repair and rehabilitation designs.

Oil palm cultivation can transform farmers' incomes: Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 20 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that oil palm cultivation is a transformative opportunity for the farming community of Khammam district, enabling farmers to achieve higher productivity and better returns in a region that is predominantly dependent on agriculture. He inaugurated the prestigious Godrej Integrated Palm Oil Industry, established at an investment of nearly 300 crore in Anjanapuram village of Konijerla mandal in Khammam district on Monday, along with Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and representatives of the Godrej management. Addressing the public meeting on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said Khammam is synonymous with agriculture and farming is the primary livelihood for its people. He recalled that the undivided Khammam district once had several industries, but after the reorganisation of districts, it has largely remained dependent on agriculture. Since farming is the backbone of the local economy, the Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need to encourage crops that provide higher yields and greater income. As part of this vision, he urged farmers to take up oil palm cultivation. Bhatti Vikramarka said that oil palm provides farmers with assured income even under adverse climatic conditions such as El Niño and drought. To encourage cultivation, the government is providing subsidies ranging from 4,000 to 45,000 per acre, he said.

Police welfare remains top priority: DGP Anand

Hyderabad, July 20 : Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand on Monday reaffirmed that the welfare of police personnel and their families remains the department's highest priority while reviewing the functioning of Police Welfare Society and Arogya Bhadratha health protection scheme.

The DGP said the department is strengthening welfare initiatives through education, healthcare, marriage assistance, insurance, scholarships and low interest loans. He noted that 33,126 police personnel and family members availed treatment under Arogya Bhadratha in 2025.

Parliament has experienced MPs, nation needs their knowledge : PM Modi

New Delhi, July 20 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that amid global uncertainties, India requires the knowledge of experienced parliamentarians to ensure the Parliament functions smoothly, to facilitate meaningful discussions, and to foster a collective determination to advance the nation.

He said that India maintaining a growth rate of 7.7 per cent despite the West Asia crisis reflects the country's "inherent strength" and "offers a reflection of the enthusiasm and zeal" with which India aspires to achieve new milestones.

Addressing the media at the start of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, PM Modi said, "Everyone is aware, and the world is concerned about the threat of war in various regions. The war in West Asia has posed a major crisis for nations like India, which relies on others for its energy needs, petrol, diesel, LPG, fertilisers, and chemicals. However, despite this, India has maintained a growth rate of 7.7 per cent, emerging as the fastest-growing major economy in the world." The Prime Minister said that this reflects India's "inherent strength" and "offers a reflection of the enthusiasm and zeal" with which India aspires to achieve new milestones. "Against this backdrop, the Monsoon Session is commencing; the nation has gathered momentum, and the spirit of Parliament infuses fresh energy into that pace.

I will continue in BRS: MLA Malla Reddy

Hyderabad, July 20 : BRS MLA Malla Reddy has responded to speculation about him switching parties. He clarified that he would not join any other political party and would continue with the BRS.

Andhra Pradesh CM denies privatisation of Sub-Registrar Offices

Amaravati, July 20 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday clarified that 'Registration Seva Kendras' (Registration Service Centres) are being established solely to provide better services to the people and directed officials to counter the misinformation that Sub-Registrar offices are being privatised.

He asked officials to inform the public of the facts regarding the deliberate misinformation campaign.

The CM reviewed the performance of various departments at the RTGS Centre in the State Secretariat on Monday.

The issue of alleged privatisation of Sub-Registrar offices came up during the review. Speaking on the occasion, CM Chandrababu said, "The government is firmly committed to providing better registration services to the public. We are establishing Registration Seva Kendras (RSKs) to make registration services much easier. This is by no means privatisation."

Stating that these centres will function similarly to Passport Seva Kendras, he directed officials to explain how Passport Seva Kendras operate and how the subsequent processes are handled. Passport processing became very easy after Passport Seva Kendras were introduced; Registration Seva Kendras will function in the same manner.

The Chief Minister alleged that some people are deliberately spreading false propaganda regarding these centres.

"Officials must take responsibility for explaining the facts to the public and highlighting the benefits of registration service centres. Furthermore, document writers need not worry; we will devise ways to ensure their livelihoods remain unaffected," he said. The Chief Minister said the subsidy for 'Deepam-2.0' scheme beneficiaries needs to be disbursed systematically, and officials should consider scheduling these payments for specific dates. Officials from the Civil Supplies and Finance departments must coordinate on this matter, examine the technical aspects.

Rain alert for several districts in AP

Amaravati, July 20 : The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) has stated that rains are likely in several parts of the state on Tuesday. It revealed that weather changes in the state are expected due to a cyclonic circulation formed over the west-central Bay of Bengal and the north coastal region. Officials have warned of gusty winds blowing at speeds of 40 to 50 kmph in the Coastal Andhra region.

Srinivasachari Takes Charge as In-charge DPRO

Rajanna Sircilla, July 20 : Srinivasachari assumed charge as the in-charge District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) of Rajanna Sircilla district on Monday. Srinivasachari, who also serves as the District Chief Planning Officer, spoke after taking over the new responsibility. He stated that he would remain accessible to journalists and ensure the dissemination of information regarding government development and welfare schemes.

PM Modi to inaugurate Bhogapuram Airport on August 1 : Home Minister Anita

Vijayanagaram, July 20: Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bhogapuram Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport on August 1. To this end, Anitha, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy, and SP A.R. Damodar reviewed the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit. Anitha spoke to the media on this occasion.

The Home Minister gave key instructions to the officials on the arrangements for vehicle parking. She said that welcome arrangements have been made with folk art forms to reflect the culture of Uttarandhra. He instructed the officials to work in coordination without any problems

Andhra CM urges Centre to protect interests of aquaculture and tobacco farmers

Amaravati, July 20 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday appealed to the Centre to protect the interests of aquaculture and tobacco farmers. The Chief Minister has written separate letters to the Central ministers. In a letter to the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, the Chief Minister urged the Centre to permit shrimp feed manufacturers to import genetically modified (GM) soybean meal to support the aquaculture sector. He explained that the sharp increase in soybean meal prices, the primary raw material used in shrimp feed, has significantly raised feed production costs, placing severe financial stress on shrimp farmers. He requested the Centre to allow soybean meal imports to address the domestic shortage and stabilise prices.

The CM recalled that similar import permissions had been granted to shrimp feed manufacturers on a limited scale in 2021.

He noted that rising shrimp production and exports from Ecuador have intensified competition in international markets, making it increasingly difficult for Indian exporters in key destinations such as the United States, China and Europe.

In another letter, the Chief Minister requested the Union Minister of Fisheries for the establishment of a regional office of the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) in Amaravati to strengthen support for Andhra Pradesh's aquaculture sector. He recalled that during the Seafood Exports Workshop held in Visakhapatnam on June 5 this year, the Union Minister had assured the establishment of an NFDB regional office in Amaravati. The state government has already allocated 7.89 acres of government land at Nekkallu village for the regional office, a training centre, a fisheries park and a public aquarium. He said the facility would emerge as a major hub for the development of the Blue Economy. The Chief Minister also wrote to Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, seeking immediate measures to protect Andhra Pradesh's aquaculture sector.

He pointed out that increased shrimp exports from Ecuador to the United States, China and Europe have led to a sharp decline in global shrimp prices. He urged the Centre to regulate the domestic availability of fish meal, an important ingredient in shrimp feed. The CM noted that fish meal exports currently receive a 5 per cent export incentive, forcing domestic feed manufacturers to purchase the commodity at higher prices. He requested that the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) regulate exports and ensure that domestic requirements are met before permitting them. He also reiterated the request to allow imports of GM soybean meal. The Chief Minister requested the Union Commerce Minister to provide export incentives for FCV tobacco from Andhra Pradesh.

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AUCTION NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGED WITH THE BANK

Sealed tender is invited in the prescribed from, which can be collected from the office of the undersigned from Date: **23-07-2026 to 24-07-2026 for** disposal of the following Gold Quantity pledged with the Bank in **"AS IS WHERE IS" Condition, "AS IS WHAT IT IS" and "WHATEVER IT IS"** as the case may be.
The Gold is available for inspection at **Punjab National Bank, Branch Office, Adilabad, between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working day.**

Name of the Borrower	Quantity of Gold (in Grams)	Reserve Price	EMD (10% of the Reserve Price
Ganjiwar Kranti Kumar	20.10 Grams	Rs.2,27,027.50/-	Rs.27,500/-
Last Date of EMD Deposit 24-07-2026.		Date of Bid Opening: 27-07-2026	

Bid Form is to be submitted for gold in separate sealed cover addressed to the undersigned and marked "Bid for purchase of Gold". The Bid Form is available with the Branch Office from **23-07-2026 to 24-07-2026 in working hours. Last day for receipt of the Bid Form is 24-07-2026 before 10.30 a.m (Should be at least one day before the Bid Opening).** The EMD is to be deposited in Bank Account Name Non Customer Inter Bank **A/c 6088003171160, IFSC Code: PUNB0608800 by 24-07-2026.** Only those Bidders will be permitted to participate in the **Auction who pay the EMD by: 24-07-2026.** No interest shall be paid by the Bank on this EMD Amount. The successful bidder is required to pay 25% of the bid amount immediately, in any case not later than next working date (which includes 10% of the EMD Amount) and remaining 75% within two working days i.e. **before 30-07-2026.** The EMD of the successful bidder is liable to be forfeited and the offer shall stand rejected unless the full price is paid by the successful bidder within the stipulated date which is mentioned above **i.e. 30-07-2026.** The EMD of the successful bidder is liable to be forfeited and the offer shall stand rejected unless the full price is paid by the successful bidder within the stipulated date which is mentioned above i.e. **30-07-2026.** The Bidder is responsible to get the due diligence of the Gold. The bid will be opened on **27-07-2026 at 11.00 a.m.** by the undersigned at this office in the presence of the Bidders who should be mandatorily present and auction of the Gold Ornaments will be conducted thereafter. If the Bidder fails to attend the Auction on the given date and time, the Bid Opening would not be extended. The Bank reserves the right to decide the final bid or reject the sealed Bids or cancel auction or modify the terms of the auction without assigning any reasons thereof at any stage of the auction proceedings. If the Bank decides to return the Bid Money/EMD for any reason whatsoever at any stage of the Auction or thereafter, no Interest shall be paid by the Bank to such Bidder.
In case of tie for H1 bidder, the bidders who are tied only will be asked to provide quote in closed cover immediately and the quote should be higher than tied amount. The minimum increment value shall be of **Rs.1,000/-** and multiples thereof.

Date: 18-07-2026, Place: Adilabad **Branch Manager**

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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:- M/s . AL Rifai Fashion Shop No F 19 Hno:3-27, Municipal Complex Newtown, Mehboob Nagar Telangana-509001**, 2) Smt. Atiya Sultana(Proprietor) W/o. Md Mubeen Ahmed Qadri** Hno: 1 7 88 6 Monappagutta,Mahabubnagar Telangana-509001**, Smt B. Santoshamma W/o. Sri. Mohd Iqbal Ali** H.No:24-102, Fazal Banda, Badepally, Jadcheral Mandal, Mahboobnagar District,Telangana -509301
NPA Date: 22.09.2025 **Demand Notice Date: 10.07.2026**
Outstanding Amount: Rs. 15,47,376.89/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand and Three Hundered and Seventy Six Rupees and Eighty Nine paisa only) **together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs**
DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS : All that Plot No 52, total admeasuring 200 Sq Yards, in Survey Nos, 288 situated at Badepally Village, Jadcherala mandal , Mehboobnagar district, Sub Registrar Office, Jadcherla Telangana and bounded by East: House on Plot No. 63, West: 40 Sq Feet Road, North: H No. 5-226/2/6 on Plot No 53, South: H No 5-226/9/F on Plot No 51.
CERSAI ID: 400033591686
Registration SRO Jadcherla (Document No. 19363/2019)
Name of Title holder: Smt. B Santhoshamma W/o Mohammed Iqbal Ali

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: 10.07.2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Mehboobnagar, **Canara Bank**

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra एक परिवार एक बैंक

Bank of Maharashtra
Housing Finance Branch, Hyderabad Zone 2183), Head Office: Lokmangal, 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-5. e-mail : bom2183@mahabank.co.in; brmgr2183@mahabank.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
(Rule 8(1)) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 12.05.2026** calling upon the borrowers **Sivakiranvarma Datla and Vijaya Lakshmi Datla** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,66,12,724.00 (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Six Lakh Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four Only)** plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default plus expenses and other charges, plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default plus expenses and other charges.
The borrowers having failed to repay the total amount due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **18.07.2026.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Maharashtra** for an amount hereinabove mentioned.
The Borrowers attention is invited to the provision of sub-section 8 of sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows:
Property Details: Primary Security: All That the piece and parcel of House No: 11-6-128 (PTI No. 1031101923) (old H. No. 5-48 & 6-32), in Survey No. 1, admeasuring 310.50 Sq Yards, or 260 Sq.Mtrs, having Plinth area of 1540 Sq.Feets in Ground floor with R.C.C. Roof, situated at Pochamma Bagh, Saroornagar Village, Saroornagar Revenue Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under GHMC Saroonagar Circle , Registration Sub-District: Saroornagar and Bounded by; **North:** H. No. 6-32 Part, New H. No.: 11-6-129, **South:** Plot no 31, H. No. 11-6-127, **East:** Open Land, **West:** 25' Wide Road.
CERSAI ID: 200084869190

Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Asst General Manager / Authorised Officer**
Date: 18.07.2026 **Bank of Maharashtra**

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED
Branch Office: Ground Floor, Block-C,Sanali Info Park Road No-2,Banjarahills,Hyderabad, Telangana-500034

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

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Axis Finance Limited (AFL),** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **demand notice dated 14th May, 2026** calling upon the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) **1.Pavani Daggubati (Borrower Cum Mortgagor) 2.Varun Daggubati (Co-Borrower)** having addresses at # H.No.4 -1 -54, Flat No S3, Plot No.79, 2nd Floor, Navodaya Apartment Kvrangareddy Telangana 500076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,08,95,884/-** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Only) due as on **14/05/2026** with further interest at the contractual rate thereon till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the **18th day of July of the year 2026.**
The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) 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 **Axis Finance Limited** for an amount of **Rs.1,08,95,884/-** (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four Only) due as on **14/05/2026** and further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, etc. of Axis Finance Ltd until the full payment or realization in full.
The Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) & sub section (13) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Details of Secured Asset

Property -1: All that the Flat No.101, in the First Floor, of "Shri Kamadhenu Ananda Nilayam", with a plinth area of 1210 Sft including common areas and one Car parking in Cellar, with undivided share of land admeasuring 50.00 Sq.yards or 41.80 Sq.Mtrs., Out of total land admeasuring 941.18 Sq.yds., or 786.82 Sq.Mtrs.,constructed on Premises No.4-2-171/1/24 to 26, Plot Nos.24, 25 & 26 in Survey Nos.196 (P), 207 (P), 208 (P), and 209(P),Situated at Dhananjaya Estate, Kowkoor Village, Alwal Circle and Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District and bounded as follows, North: Corridor & Lift, South: Open To Sky, East: Open To Sky, West : Open To Sky
Property -2: All that the Flat No.102, in the First Floor, of "SHRI KAMADHENU ANANDA NILAYAM", with a plinth area of 1270 Sft including common areas and one Car parking in Cellar, with undivided share of land admeasuring 51.00 Sq.yards or 42.63 Sq.Mtrs., Out of total land admeasuring 941.18 Sq.yds., or 786.82 Sq.Mtrs.,constructed on Premises No. 4-2-171/1/24 to 26, Plot Nos. 24, 25 &26 in Survey Nos.196 (P), 207 (P), 208 (P), and 209 (P), Situated at Dhananjaya Estate, Kowkoor Village, Alwal Circle and Mandal,Medchal-Malkajgiri District and bounded as follows: North : Sataircase & Open To Sky, South : Open To Sky & Lift, East : Corridor, West : Open To Sky.

Date: 18/07/2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Medchal-Malkajgiri **Axis Finance Ltd.**

Harish demands high-level probe into Banswada hospital infection cases

Hyderabad, July 20 : Former health minister and BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao has demanded a high-level inquiry into the alleged medical negligence at the Banswada Mother and Child Hospital, where 10 women reportedly developed severe infections following Caesarean deliveries. After visiting the affected mothers undergoing treatment at NIMS Hospital on Monday, Harish Rao alleged that the State government's failure.

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate office: Cerebrum IT Park B2 Building 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra-411014. Branch Office: 2nd Floor, Sita City One, 7-1-22/2, Leelanagar, Greenland Road, Ameerpet, Near Begumpet Flyover, Hyderabad, 500016

POSSESSION NOTICE

U/s 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. Rule 8-(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. (Appendix-IV)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **M/s BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (BHFL)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand Notice(s)** to Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned on behalf of **M/s Bajaj Housing Finance Limited,** has **taken over the possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8-(1) of the said rules. The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below said property and any dealings with the said property will besubject to the first charge of **BHFL** for the amount(s) as mentioned herein under with future interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s) (LAN No., Name of Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
Branch : HYDERABAD, LAN: H400HLP1031560, 1. D Rahul (Borrower), 2. Nikitha Nikitha (Co-Borrower), Both The Above At: H No 21-322 F-6 1st Floor, Sri Sai Encalve, Near Railway Gate, Chittaiah Colony, Venkatapuram Lothkunta Tirumalagiri, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500015.	**Schedule Of Property:** All That The Residential Unit Bearing No.F-6, In First Floor, In The Premises Bearing Municipal No.1-21-328/F6, Ptin No.1160116660, (Old Nos. 21-332 & 21-67/4/2), On Plot Nos.15 & 16, In Survey Nos.444, 445, 446 & 447, Admeasuring 637.00 Square Feet, Of Plinth Area Including Common Areas, Along With An Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 23.00 Square Yards, Out Of Total Land Of 516.00 Square Yards, In The Building Name Known As Sri Sai Enclave, Situated At Chithraiah Colony, Venkatapuram, Under Alwal Municipality Now Under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Alwal Circle, The Then Malkajgiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Now Newly Formed As Alwal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State., And Bounded By: **North:** Unit No. 1, **South:** Open To Sky, **East:** Open To Sky, **West:** Corridor & Open To Sky.	**24th April 2026, Rs.15,39,920/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only)	**16-Jul-26**

Symbolic Possession Date: 16-07-2026, Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited**

Rs.1 Crore donation to TTD

Tirumala, July 20 : Tirumala Kumar Kanakamedala, CEO of Anblicks Cloud Data Engineering Private Limited, Vijayawada, donated Rs. One crore to the TTD Venkateswara Vidyadana Trust on Monday. The donor handed over the donation DDs to TTD Temple Dy EO Lokanatham at the Ranganayakula Mandapam inside the Sri Venkateswara Temple

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instructions of my client, State Bank of India, **RACPC-II, Vijayawada,** it is hereby informed to the General Public as follows: **- Mr. Nidamanuru Anjaneyulu, son of late Mr. Nidamanuru Kotayya** is the absolute owner of the below mentioned **property purchased from Mr. Majeti Sai Srinivasa Sudhir, son of late Mr. Majeti Gandhi,** under a registered **document No. 12744/2019** for consideration and is in absolute possession and enjoyment. **Mr. Nidamanuru Anjaneyulu** intends to mortgage the undermentioned property to my client bank as security for the education loan of **Ms. Velpuri Venkata Kalyani.** And it is informed that the **link document No.1609/1957** pertaining to the schedule property was misplaced and it was not traced. Therefore, if anyone has any objections, claims, court attachments, sale/purchase claims, or any other objections whatsoever regarding my client bank accepting the under mentioned **property for the education loan of Ms.Velpuri Venkata Kalyani,** they must intimate their objections or claims within **15 days** from the publication of this notice to the address given below under the Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due. Failing which, any subsequent objections or claims shall not be binding upon my client bank.

SCHEDULE

An extent of 55 Sq.yards of hosue site together with ground, first, and second-floor building, as per the endorsement **RC.G6.135849/2019 dated 29-10-2019** issued by the **Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, bearing Revenue Ward No. 1, Block No. 2, N.T.S. No. 104 part, present Municipal Ward No. 1, present Ward No. 26, Old Assessment No. 810, New Assessment No. 1073000810, Door No. 1-3-27**, situated in Vidyadharapuram, within the limits of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and Sub registry, Vijayawada, **East:** Road-ft. 18-7; **South:** property of G.V. Reddy's-ft. 26-2; **West:** Property of Madala Ramulu-ft. 18-7; **North:** Madala Ramulu's path way-ft. 27-2

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Corporate Office: Unit No. 203, Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Opposite fire Brigade Station Kamani Junction, L.B.S. Main Road, Kurla (west) Mumbai-400070

POSSESSION NOTICE

[See rule 8(1) of the security interest {Enforcement} Rules, 2002] (For immovable Properties)

Where as the Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd.** (here in after referred to as MRHFL) having **Branch Address D.No 5-1-451, 1st Floor, Upstair of Suzuki Show Room , Palnadu Road, Narasaraopet-522601, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-state.** Under the Securitization Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12),read with Rule3 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice/s on the date mentioned against each account calling up on the respective borrower/s to repay the amount as mentioned against each account with in 60 days from the date of notice(s) date of receipt of the said notice/s. The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described here in below in exercise powers conferred on him/her Under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account . The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is here by cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the change of Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. For the amount and the interest there on as per Loan Agreement. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub section (8) Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Agreement No/ Fin No	Name And Address Borrower/ Co-Borrowers & Guarantor	Amount As on Demand Notice	Demand Notice Date	Date of Possession Taken	Description of The Immovable Properties
1.	XRESONG 00309210 & 372090	**1. Enekollu Yacobu S/o Aseerwadam, 2. Enekollu Anamma W/o Yacobu,** Door No: 12-120 Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal Prakasam Dt,Andhra Pradesh -523240 & **3. Gurijala Anthony S/o Narasaiah,** Door No: 12-129 Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh -523240.	Rs. 3,28,775.19/-	23-03-2026	15-07-2026	All that piece and parcel of the land with construction thereon the Grampanchayat, House D.No: 12-120, in Survey No.521/9, an Extent of 5 cents, Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam District, with the boundaries as follows: **North:** House Belongs to Gurijala Daveedu **South:** Road, **East:** Road, **West:** House belongs to Gurijala Nagaiah
2.	XRESONG 00309205 & 367775	**1. Gurijala Rambabu S/o Prabudas, 2. Gurijala Mariyamma W/o Rambabu,** Door No: 12-125/3 Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam Dist, Andhra Pradesh -523240**. & 3. Masipogu Rambabu S/o Prakash,** Door No: 12-130 Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam Dist., Andhra Pradesh -523240.	Rs. 3,20,997.19/-	23-03-2026	15-07-2026	All that piece and parcel of the land with construction thereon the Grampanchayat, House D.No: 12-125(3), in Survey No.521/9, an Extent of 5 cents, Regalagadda Village, Marripudi Mandal, Prakasam District, with the boundaries as follows: **North:** Road, **South:** House belongs to Gurijala Ramesh, **East:** Road, **West:** Road.
3.	XRESONG 00295409 & 349024	**1. Gorantla Chennakrishna** S/o Subbaiah, **2. Gorantla Anjamma W/o Subbaiah, 3. Gorantla Subbaiah S/o Peddakotaiah, 4. Gorantla Varalakshmi W/o Chennakrishna,** Door No:8-6 Gunduvari Lakshmipuram Village, Chimakurthi Mandal Prakasam Dt, A.P.-523263. & **5. Nalluri Ramachandrarao S/o Chinna venkateswarlu,** Near Door No:8-6 Gunduvari Lakshmipuram Village, Chimakurthi Mandal Prakasam Dt, A.P.-523263.	Rs. 5,97,677/-	23-03-2026	15-07-2026	All that piece and parcel of the land with construction thereon the Grampanchayat,Door No:8-6,An Extent Of 240 Sq.Yards, Gunduvari Lakshmipuram Village, Chimakurthi Mandal Prakasam Dt, Andhra Pradesh - 523263 With The Boundaries As Follows: **North:** Site Belongs To Mannam Yerraiah, **South:** House Belongs To Neppala Yellamanda, **East:** House Belongs To Galla Thirupathaiah, **West:** Road.

Date: 21-07-2026, Place: Prakasam Dist. **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited**

Embrace 'Nation First' spirit to build self-reliant India : Governor

Hyderabad, July 20 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Monday called upon students to embrace the spirit of "Nation First" and contribute towards building a developed and self-reliant India.

He said value-based education, discipline and a spirit of service were the cornerstones of nation-building and urged the youth to uphold these ideals.

Manipur: Huge cache of arms recovered, top militant held; 50 kg opium seized

Imphal, July 20 : The security forces in Manipur have recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition, arrested a dreaded militant of the outlawed PREPAK outfit, and seized around 50 kg of suspected opium worth over Rs 3 crore in separate operations, officials said on Monday.

A senior police official said that a joint team of the Manipur Police and the 19 Garhwal Rifles, during a search operation on Tuesday, recovered a large cache of arms, explosives and war-like stores from the forest area of K. Thenjang village in Churachandpur district, which shares borders with Myanmar and Mizoram.

The official said that a detailed report on the recovered arms and ammunition, including sophisticated weapons, is awaited.

In another operation, the security forces arrested a dreaded militant belonging to the banned People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) from the Yourabung Panthoibi Leikai area under Imphal East district. Eight powerful hand grenades were also recovered from his possession.

The arrested militant was identified as Ningombam Amuthoi Meitei (30), a resident of Imphal East district.

Meanwhile, the Manipur Police recovered 49 packets of suspected opium weighing approximately 50 kg from an abandoned car found near Hengbung Baptist Church along the Imphal-Dimapur National Highway (NH-2).

According to the police, the vehicle had earlier sped away after evading a naka checking point at T. Khullen under Senapati Police Station in Senapati district. Documents belonging to one Z. Reithingam (52), a resident of Ukhrul district, were also recovered from the abandoned vehicle. Further investigation into the case is underway. The police official said that the seized opium is estimated to be worth over Rs 3 crore in the illicit market.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the illegal consignment had originated from neighbouring Myanmar, which shares around 400 km of unfenced border with Manipur.

Myanmar remains one of the world's major producers of opium, particularly in its northern regions, including Kachin and Shan states. The latest seizure marks yet another major crackdown on Myanmar-linked drug trafficking networks operating in Manipur over the past several months.

Meanwhile, the Central and state security forces have continued their extensive crackdown against militants, with search operations and area domination exercises being conducted regularly in fringe, mixed-population and other vulnerable areas across the state.

A total of 111 nakas/check-points have been set up across Manipur in both the valley and hill districts to curb the movement of militants, anti-social elements and suspicious vehicles.

Security forces have also been providing escorts to vehicles, including trucks carrying essential commodities, along the Imphal-Jiribam National Highway (NH-37).

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, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

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, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken 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 **18th July 2026.**

Borrower Name and Address

1. Mohammed Imran Ali S/o. Mohammed Ali, Age: 36 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. MK Metal Works (Fabrication Works), Patel Enclave, Kohinoor Colony, Alkapuri, Gandhamguda, Hyderabad-500086 R/o. H.No. 10-2-462, Deendar Anjuman, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad-500028. **2. Mohammed Furqan Ali S/o. Mohammed Ali,** Age: 29 Years, Occ: Self Employ R/o. H.No. 10-2-462, Deendar Anjuman, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad-500028. **3. Mohammed Ali S/o. Mohammed Zuliequar Ali,** Age: 72 Years, Occ: Self Employ R/o. H.No. 10-2-462, Deendar Anjuman, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad-500028. **4. Mohd Imran S/o. Late Shaik Mohammed,** Age: 39 Years, Occ: Pvt Employ (Asst Stores Manager), R/o. H.No. 12-2-361/A, Murad Nagar, Asifnagar, Hyderabad-500028.

Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 21,57,363/- (Rupees Twenty one Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three only)

Description of Property

MALKATF2108310002 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is Mohammed Furqan Ali S/o. Mohammed Ali , Mortgage deed dated 02.09.2021 Registered as Document No 4679/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Golconda **PROPERTY ON THE NAME OF Mohammed Furqan Ali S/o. Mohammed Ali** All that the House bearing No. 10-2-462, admeasuring 128 Square Yards or equivalent to 107.02 square meters, Situated at Deendar Anjuman, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad and **Bounded as follows: North:** House No. 10-2-463, **South:** House No. 10-2-461, **East:** Neighbour's Property, **West:** Road

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful 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: 18-07-2026,
Place: Asif Nagar.

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address

1. Kothapally Arjun Goud S/o. Kothapally Kistaiah, Age: 56 Years, Occ: M/s. Sri Mahalaxmi Electronics & Sri Ven Emu Farms, Shamshabad, R.R.Dist. R/o. H.No.4-48/2, Kothwalguda (V), Shamshabad Mandal, R.R.Dist -501218. **2. Kothapally Sunitha W/o. Arjun Goud,** Age: 52 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No.4-48/2, Kothwalguda (V), Shamshabad Mandal, R.R.Dist -501218. **3. Kothakapu Raju Reddy S/o. Malla Reddy,** Age: 49 Years, Occ: Mallikarjuna Marbles & Granites, Shamshabad R/o. H.No. 1-49, Kothwalguda, Shamshabad Mandal, R.R.Dist-501218.

Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 33,56,406.16/- (Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Rupees and Sixteen Paisa only)

Description of Property

MALKATF1302280006 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is Kothapally Arjun Goud S/o. Kothapally Kistaiah, Mortgage deed dated 27-02-2013 Registered as Document No 961/2013 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Maheshwaram Property On The Name Of Kothapally Arjun Goud S/o. Kothapally Kistaiah All that the piece and parcel of Open Plot bearing No.1, part, and extent of 150 Sq.Yards and Open Plot No.5 admeasuring 200 sq.yards in Sy.No. 254/A, situated at Mansanpalli Village, and Gram Panchayath, Maheshwaram Mandal, Maheshwaram Sub-District, Rangareddy District, bounded on: Boundaries for Plot No.1 an extent of 150 sq.yards East: 25 ft wide Road, **West:** Plot No.1 part of Shiva Kumar, **North:** Plot No.2, **South:** Mansanpalli X Road to Maheswaram Boundaries for Plot No.5 an extent of 200 sq.yards, **East:** 25 ft wide Road, **West:** Rice Mill Boundary, **North:** Plot No.6, **South:** Plot No.4

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful 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: 18-07-2026,
Place: Mansanpalli

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited

Let us capture every drop of water : District Collector Garima Agrawal.

Let us safeguard the future.
District Collector unveils 'Telangana Jalasiri' posters.

Rajanna Sircilla, July 20: District Collector Garima Agrawal has called for capturing every drop of rainwater during the monsoon season. On Monday, at the District Integrated Office Complex, she unveiled posters for 'Telangana Jalasiri'—an initiative developed under the aegis of VBG Ramji and the Telangana Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Agrawal directed that works related to soak pits, farm ponds, percolation tanks, and borewell recharging be completed across all municipalities and gram panchayats in the district in accordance with government orders. She urged everyone to harvest rainwater, citing the impact of El Niño and the deficit rainfall, and emphasized the need to safeguard the future. Officials who participated in the event included District Revenue Officer Jayashree, DRDO Lakshminarayana, ZP CEO Venkata Madhava Rao, Animal Husbandry Officer Ravinder Reddy, District Panchayat Officer Jayasheela, Probationary Deputy Collector Nikhitha, District BC Welfare Officer Sowjanya, Mission Bhagir atha Executive Engineers Anwar and Sumalatha, as well as officials from the Agriculture and Irrigation departments.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

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

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Aka Naga Venkata Manikanta Sashi Choursiya Bakery Mrs. Sashi Choursiya **(Prospect No IL11034305)**	All That Piece & Parcel Of Semi-Finished House On Plot.7 Middle Part, In Survey Nos.181/A, 181 & 182 (As Per Layout Survey Nos.181, 182 & As Per Pass Book Survey Numbers.181/A, 181/A2, 182a & 181, 181/A1, 182/A), Situated At Prathapsingaram Village, Under Pocharam Municipality Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal -Malkajgiri District, Hyderabad, Telangana 500088 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Adm. Property Area: 927 Bounded By: North: Plot N0.7 Northern Part South: Plot N0.7 Southern Part East: 30 Feet Wide Road West: Plot No. 8	**Rs.3847082/-** Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Eighty Two Only	09-04-2026	17-07-2026
Mrs. Chenthati Jayalakshmi Mr. Jayipal Chanthati Jayalakshmi Milk Bussiness **(Prospect No IL10603095)**	All That Piece & Parcel of Plot No 17, Sy No 2877,Allurupeta, Allur, Nellore,Andhra Pradesh. 524315 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 648 Bounded By: North: Road South: Colony East: Plot No 18 West: Vacant Land	**Rs.264566.08/-** Rupees Two Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six & Paise Eight	09-03-2026	16-07-2026
Mrs. Mariyamma Jonnalagadda Mr. Jonnalagadda Poulu Mariyamma Daily Wage **(Prospect No IL10636644)**	All That Piece & Parcel of Survey No 302-2, Plot No 50, Patta No PRK00279268, Darsi Agraharam, Marturu, Near Bapistan Church, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh, India, 523301 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Brook South: Plot No.51 East: Road West: Plot No.49	**Rs.296167.01/-** Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven & Paise One Only	09-03-2026	17-07-2026
Mr. Ramarao Gosala Mrs. Gosala Eswaramma Ramarao Mason Work **(Prospect No IL10664248)**	All That Piece & Parcel of Sy No 317-2b, Plot No 122, Talluru, Near Koratapalem Road, Prakasam, A.P, India, 523111 Area Adm. (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Adm. Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Plot No 123 South: Plot No 121 East: Plot No 126 West: 30 Links Road	**Rs.151267/-** Rupees One Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven	09-03-2026	17-07-2026

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** D.No.5-9-22/B/501,5th Floor, My Home Sarovar Plaza, Secretariat Road, Hyderabad-500004/ Saibaba Temple, Swatatra Park Street, Gandhibomma, Centre, Pogathota, Nellore - 524002/ D.No.37-1-175/8/2,1st Floor,Opp. Konjeti Petrol Bunk,Kurnool Road,Ongole-523001 or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Date: 21-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, IIFL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 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 a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IIFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 29-Dec-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by IIFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) along with the underlying Immovable Property to Phoenix Arc Limited (Formerly known as "Phoenix ARC Private Limited") acting in its capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust – FY 26-14 ("Phoenix") for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Phoenix now stands substituted in the place of IIFL-HFL and Phoenix shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them.

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Phoenix has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.

Name of Borrower's / Co- Borrower Name's/ Guarantor's/ LAN No.'s	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rupees)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Srirama Raju, Mrs. Dudekula Rizwana Begum **(Loan Account No:944752)**	All that piece and parcel of: Flat No.201, in Second Floor, (Municipal No. 11-9/456/201) of B.S Heights, On Plot No. 55 North Part, 56 & 57, in Survey No. 168/RU/D, 168/E, 168/B/C/1, 168/E/F/1, 168/RU/F/1, 175/C/D, 175/C/F/1, Situated at A. Narasimha Reddy Colony, Peerazadiguda Village, Medipally Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, Telangana-500039. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Carpet_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 180.00, 630.00, 900.00. Bounded By: North: Open to Sky, South: Flat No.202, East: 6 Ft Wide Corridor, West: Open to Sky.	**Rs. 2515413/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirteen Only)	08/10/2025	16-07-2026
Mr. Ganathe Narayana Mrs. G Vijaya **(Loan Account No: IL10117127)**	All that piece and parcel of: Flat No.:110, Floor No. 1, Saanvi Elite, Door No.: 8-2/2/2/110, Plot No. 49,50,51,52,53, Sy.No.6, Miyapur Village, Boduppal G.P., Ghatkesar Mandal, Ranga Reddy, Telangana-500092. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Saleable_Area, Carpet_Area, Property Area: 600.00, 480.00. Bounded By: North: As Per Title Document And Technical Report, South: As Per Title Document And Technical Report, East: As Per Title Document And Technical Report, West: As Per Title Document And Technical Report.	**Rs. 1911826/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six Only)	01/09/2025	16-07-2026
Mrs. Saritha Bathini, Mr. Nimmapally Ramesh Goud, Jayanthi Kirana And Genetal Store, **(Loan Account No: IL10214217)**	All that piece and parcel of: House No. 17-2-778/7, at Madannapet Village, Hyderabad, Telangana-500059 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 1052.00, 878.40, 746.00. Bounded By: North: 18 Existing Road, South: Hanuman Temple, East: Neighbours House No 17-2-778/6, West: Neighbours House No. 17-2-778/6.	**Rs. 3450363/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Three Only)	24/09/2025	17-07-2026

The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Phoenix is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property, without prior written consent of Phoenix and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Phoenix for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrowers'/guarantors'/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.

Place: Telangana, Date: 21-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,Phoenix ARC Limited (In capacity as Trustee)**

Phoenix ARC Limited (Formerly known as 'Phoenix ARC Private Limited')

CIN No.-U67190MH2007PLC168303 Website: www.phoenixarc.co.in Registered Office: 3rd Floor, Wallace Towers, 139/140/B/1, Crossing of Sahar Road and Western Express Highway, Vile Parle East, Mumbai, Maharashtra, 400057. Tel: +91 02268492450.

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: # 23-5 & 6 , 1St , opp police staion Siddipet Road , Cherial , Siddipet - 506223

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(2) 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, at Siddipet, in Crl.M.P. NO.42/2026,** under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this **18th Day of JULY' 2026**.

Borrower Name and Address

1) Ramesh Suddala S/O Yellaiah, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Srilaxmi Narasimha Poultry Form, R/O. H.No.2-92, Dhoolmitta (V&M), Siddipet Dist – 506 367. **And Also At Ramesh Suddala S/O Yellaiah,** Age: 41 Years, Occ: Srilaxmi Narasimha Poultry Form, # H.No: 8-8/1/2, Cheriyal Village, Cheriyal Mandal, Siddipet District. **2) Merugu Anjamma W/O Ramesh,** Age : 33 Years, R/O. H.No.2-92, Dhoolmitta (V&M), Siddipet Dist – 506 367. **3) Merugu Yellaiah S/O Ramaiah,** Age : 61 Years, R/O. H.No.2-92, Dhoolmitta (V&M), Siddipet Dist – 506367. **4) Bade Raju S/O Venkatesh,** Age : 31 Years, R/O.H.No.7-53, Balasaraswathi Nagar, Near Pota Linganna Temple, Malkajgiri, Hyderabad, Rangareddy Dist -500047.

Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.34,39,878/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand And Eight Hundred And Seventy Eight Only)

Description of Property

House bearing No: 8-8/1/2, along with its vacant site admeasuring 230.0 sq.Yards, equivalent to 192.30 sq. Meters, with construction of RCC Roof plinth area of 247.0 sq.Feets, equivalent to 27.5 sq.Yards, or 22.99 Sq.meters, remaining open place to an extent of 202.5 Sq. Yards, or 169-31 Sq. meters, situated at Cheriyal village of Cheriyal Mandal, Siddipet District, within the jurisdiction of Sub-Registrar, Cheriyal, District Registrar: Siddipet, **bounded by: North:** Open place of Kamalapuram Kishtaiah, **South:** House of Gurjakunta Laxmi, **East:** 6.0 Feet wide Road, **West:**Road leads from cheriyal to Akunur.

this notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Physical Possession of the immovable properties 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: 18-07-2026,
Place: Cheriyal

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Shriram Finance Limited

Minister hands over Rs.90.85 lakh aid to deceased RTC driver's family

Hyderabad, July 20 : Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Monday handed over a cheque for Rs.90,85,500 to the family of late TGSRTC driver Kola Shankar of the Narsampet depot under the corporation's employee support initiative.

The cheque was presented to Shankar's wife Hemalatha, son Hemanth and daughter Shalini at a programme held at RTC Kala Bhavan in the presence of TGSRTC Managing Director Nagi Reddy, Executive Directors and other senior officials.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

[See rule 8(1) of the security interest {Enforcement} Rules, 2002] (For immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, The Authorized Officer of **CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited ("CFMARC")** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets andEnforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereinafter referred to as "the Act" and in exer-cise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand u/s. 13(2) of theAct calling upon the following borrowers To repay the amount men-tioned in the said notice being, with futureinterest at the contractual rate together with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc. till thedate of payment and/or realization thereof, within 60 days from receipt of the said notice.CFMARC has acquired the entire Financial Assets along with the underlying securityinterest of the borrower under the provisions of Section 5 of the SARFAESI Act from theAssignor. The Assignor has assigned all the rights, title and interests of Borrower in favorof CFMARC acting in its capacity as trustee of the **CFMARC Trust-187** vide registered Assignment Agreement dated **25-08-2025** duly registered on **04-12-2025.** By virtue ofassignment of Financial Assets as per financial documents and the underlying securi-ties, CFMARC has stepped into the shoes of Secured creditor to the borrower and isentitled to recover outstanding dues and enforce the underlying security interest.The Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ and Mortgagor failed to repay theamount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-borrower and Mortgagor and the public ingeneral that the undersigned has taken Possession of the properties described in Schedule Iin exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read withrule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 .The Borrower, Co-borrower and Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is here-by cautioned not to deal with the property, and any dealings with the property will be sub-ject to the charge of CFMARC for an amount with future interest at the contractual rate together with incidental expens-es, costs, charges, etc. till the date of payment and/or realization thereof. (less amounts paid since issue of demand notice, if any).The Borrower, Co-borrower and Mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Agreement No/ Fin No	Name And Address Borrower/ Co-Borrowers & Guarantor	Date as per Demand Notice & Demand Amount	Date of Actual Possession	Description of The Immovable Properties
1	XRESNDT 00986677 / 1263480	**1. Dumpala Giridhar S/o. Penchalaiah (Borrower) 2. Dumpala Alivelamma (Co-Borrower), 3. Dumpala Penchalaiah (Co-Borrower)** Survey No 1228/2 Door No 1-171 Yeguva Sc Colony, Kota, Nellore, Naidupet, A.P.-524413. **1. Dara Saikumar (Guarantor)** Survey No. 1228/2 Door No 1-171 Yeguva SC Colony, Kota, Nellore, Naidupet, A.P. -524413	20/10/2023 Rs. 1,66,784/-	16/07/2026	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land And Building Situated At Survey No 1228/2 Door No 1-171 Yeguva Sc Colony, Kota, Nellore, Nellore-Naidupet, Andhra Pradesh -524413. **North:** Vacant Site Belongs To Kadiveti Polaiah, **South:** Street, **East:** House Belongs To Dumpala Ragaiah, **West:** House Belongs To Kaki Bujjamma.
2	XRESNDT 01048092 / 1356407	**1. Bandili Sreenivasulu (Borrower) 2. Bandili Achhamma (Co-Borrower) 3. Bandili Venkatasubbaiah (Co-Borrower)** Survey No 60-1 Near Door No 1-313 Thupilipalem Village, Vagarru @ Tupilipale, Vakadu, Nellore-Naidupet, A.P.-524415. **1. Appamgari Jayapal (Gurantor)** Survey No 60-1 Near Door No 3-5 Thupilipalem Village, Vagarru @ Tupilipale, Vakadu, Nellore-Naidupet, A.P. -524415.	02/05/2024 Rs. 14,4,086 /-	16/07/2026	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land And Building Situated At Survey No 60-1 Near Door No 1-313 Thupilipalem Village, Vagarru @ Tupilipale, Vakadu, Nellore-Naidupet, Andhra Pradesh-524415, **North:** House Belongs To Avula Padhamamma, **South:** Vacant Site Belongs To M Seenaiah, **East:** Street , **West:** M.P.U.P School.
3	XRESNDT 01028568 / 1327157	**1. Mavulluru Mani S/o Ramanaiah. (Borrower) 2. Mavulluru Mamatha (Co-Borrower)** Survey No 341/1 Door No 162 Sirasanambedu, Sirasanambedu, Pellakur, Nellore01, A.P.-524129 **1. Uppalamarthi Sivaiah (Guarantor)** Survey No 341/1 Door No 25-3-65 Ramaswamy Street, Nellore-Nellore01, A.P. -524003.	20/10/2023 Rs.1,39,870/-	16/07/2026	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land And Building Situated At Survey No 341/1 Door No 162 Sirasanambedu, Sirasanambedu, Pellakur, Nellore-Nellore01, A.P. -524129. **North:** Vacant Site Belongs To K Sumathi, **South:** Road, **East:** House Belongs To K Seshaiah, **West:** Vacant Site Belongs To B Seshaiah.
4	XRESNDT 00833380 / 1032745	**1. Putta Subhash S/o. Adeiah, (Borrower) 2. Putta Achemma, (Co-Borrower),** Survey No 152 Door No 3-69, Andalamala, Vakadu, Nellore, A.P.-524415. **1. Puchalapalli Koteswararao S/o. Polaiah, (Guarantor)** Survey No 152 Door No 3-69-2 , Andalamala, Vakadu, Nellore-Vakadu, Andhra Pradesh -524415.	15/11/2022 Rs. 2,98,465/-	16/07/2026	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land With Under - Construction Thereon The Grampanchayat, House DOOR NO: 3-69" In Survey No: 152, An Extent Of 417.77 Sq.Yards And RCC 608 Sq.Fts, ANDALAMALA Village, VAKADU Mandal, SPSR Nellore District With The Boundaries As Follows:- **North:-** Street, **South:-** Vacant Site Belongs To Puchalapaiii Narasaiah, **East:-** Street, **West:-** Vacant Site Belongs To Melaganuru Venkateswarlu.
5	XRESNDT 00755392 / 928207	**1. Mamidipudi Venkateswarlu S/o. Krishnaiah, (Borrower), 2. Mamidipudi Kamakshmi, (Co-Borrower),** Survey No 112 Near Door No 1-10 Pamanji, Vakadu, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh-524415, **1. Mamidipudi Subramanyam, (Guarantor),** Survey No. 112 Near Door No 1-10 Pamanji, Vakadu, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh -524415.	15/11/2022 Rs. 1,36,788/-	16/07/2026	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land With Under - Construction Thereon The Grampanchayat, House Near Door No: L-10" In Survey No: 112, An Extent Of 118.22 Sq.Yards And RCC 384.16 Sq.Fts, Pamanji Village, Vakadu Mandal, SPSR Nellore District With The Boundaries As Follows: **North:**Street, **South:** Property Belongs To Mamidipudi Veeraswami, **East:-** Street, **West:-** Property Belongs To Putchalapalli Muthyalaiah.

Date: 21-07-2026, Place: Nellore Dist. **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited**

OPINIONmail

'UN must lead in era of conflict, instability': EAM Jaishankar launches India's UNSC 2028–29 campaign

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched India's campaign for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028–29 term, outlining New Delhi's vision for a more representative, effective and future-ready global order. Addressing the event, Jaishankar stressed that the world is facing unprecedented challenges and called for stronger leadership from the United Nations and its principal security body. "We are witnessing levels of conflict, violence and instability that threaten even those who may be far away," Jaishankar said. "To address this complexity, the UN must take the lead and the Security Council must show the way." Highlighting India's broader vision for global governance, he added, "As we contemplate the global order, India's focus will be on working for a secure, peaceful and equitable world. A world where the voice of the Global South is heard in equal measure. A world where peacekeeping is ready for contemporary and future challenges, a world where multilateralism reflects contemporary realities and provides effective solutions, not remain on high standards, a world where the promise of technologies is fulfilled..." Following the launch, Jaishankar shared details of India's campaign on X, saying, "Pleased to launch India's campaign for the UN Security Council 2028–29."

He said India's approach would be rooted in SHANTI — Securing Holistic Advancement through Norms, Trust and Integrity — and would focus on strengthening the voice of the Global South in matters relating to international peace and security.

He said India's approach would be guided by dialogue, cooperation and efforts to bridge differences among nations. The minister also outlined India's commitment to building a future-ready UN peacekeeping framework that is better equipped, technologically enabled, realistically mandated and focused on core objectives. He said India would continue to champion the Women, Peace and Security agenda and support a greater role for women peacekeepers. On emerging technologies, Jaishankar said India would promote a human-centric vision of artificial intelligence anchored in inclusivity, security, and the public good, while working to counter the misuse of AI and the threats it could pose to international peace and security. He further said India would prioritise promoting a free, open and rules-based maritime order in accordance with international law, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Ensuring the safe and unimpeded flow of maritime commerce, combating piracy, safeguarding seafarers.

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CBI files 16th chargesheet against builder firm, bank officials in Noida homebuyer fraud cases

New Delhi, July 20 : In a major development in its ongoing probe into large-scale homebuyer fraud, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed its 16th chargesheet against M/s Saha Infratech Pvt Ltd, its director, and officials of HDFC Bank Ltd and ICICI Bank Ltd for their alleged involvement in fraudulent activities linked to a housing project in Noida, according to an official statement issued on Monday.

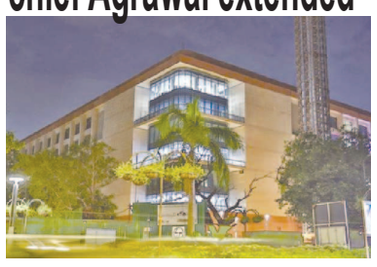
The chargesheet has been filed before the Special Judge for CBI Cases at the Rouse Avenue District Court (RADC), New Delhi.

The CBI investigation revealed that the accused builder company and its director allegedly conspired with bank officials and other private individuals to induce homebuyers and investors through false assurances and misleading representations. The accused are alleged to have secured financial gains through illegal and deceptive means.

According to the agency, substantial evidence gathered during the investigation led to the filing of the chargesheet under relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act. The charges include criminal conspiracy, abuse of official position, cheating and criminal breach of trust.

The CBI is currently investigating 33 other cases registered pursuant to directions issued by the Supreme Court against various builder companies and unidentified officials of financial institutions across the country. These cases involve allegations of cheating homebuyers and diversion of funds.

Tenures of MOSPI Secretary Garg, CBDT chief Agrawal extended



New Delhi, July 20 : The government has extended the tenure of Statistics and Programme Implementation Secretary Saurabh Garg by another year and the term of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman Ravi Agrawal by six months and promoted two IPS officers as Joint Directors in the CBI in a string of decisions covering various posts at the Centre.

Garg, a 1991-batch Indian Administrative Service (retired) officer of the Odisha cadre, will continue to serve on a contract basis till July 31, 2027. His current term expires at the end of this month.

In addition to heading the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Garg will continue as Secretary of the National Statistical Commission, the order issued by the Ministry of Personnel states. The order issued to implement the decision of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) also extends by six months the tenure of Agrawal as CBDT Chairman on a contract basis till December 31 this year. He is an Indian Revenue Service officer of the 1988 batch. The government has promoted two DIGs of the CBI to the rank of Joint Directors. Atul Kumar Thakur, IPS (AGMUT:2008), currently serving as DIG in CBI, has been appointed as Joint Director, CBI, with an overall tenure approved up to November 24, 2028 or until further orders. Pankaj Kumar Singh, an IPS officer of the same batch, also presently working as DIG in CBI, has been appointed as Joint Director, CBI, with an overall tenure approved up to December 5, 2028 or until further orders. The other appointments include: Rahul Kumar, IRS (C&am p;IT:2016), has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD).

Fake FB account in B'luru DCP's name; FIR filed after fraudster dupes public, friends

Bengaluru, July 20 : The Hebbagodi Police in Bengaluru on Monday registered an FIR against an unidentified person for allegedly creating a fake Facebook account in the name of M. Narayana, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Electronic City Division, and using it to fraudulently collect money from the officer's friends and members of the public. The complaint in the case has been filed by DCP Narayana after it came to light that an impersonator had created a fake social media profile posing as the senior IPS officer and allegedly sought financial assistance from people known to him.

According to the FIR, the accused has already managed to collect money from some of the DCP's friends and members of the public by falsely claiming to be the officer.

India's WPI inflation stands at 9.87 pc in June

New Delhi, July 20 : Wholesale price inflation in India stood at 9.87 per cent in June on a year-on-year basis, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday.

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities rose to 110.2 in June.

Among the major groups, inflation in primary articles increased to 7 per cent, while fuel and power inflation moderated to 27.41 per cent.

However, inflation in manufactured products remained unchanged at 7.48 per cent.

In addition, the WPI Food Index -- which comprises food articles and manufactured food products -- recorded an annual inflation rate of 6.14 per cent in June.

Within primary articles, food articles registered inflation of 5.49 per cent, while non-food articles recorded 11.07 per cent inflation during the month. The data also showed that inflation in mineral oils stood at 46.48 per cent, while crude petroleum and natural gas recorded 34.75 per cent year-on-year inflation in June.

Meanwhile, the final WPI inflation for April 2026 was revised to 8.36 per cent from the provisional estimate of 8.26 per cent.

Moreover, the revised WPI index for April stood at 108.9, compared with the provisional estimate of 108.8.

According to the data, the provisional WPI for June was compiled with a weighted response rate of 82.6 per cent, while the final estimate for April was based on a 97.5 per cent weighted response rate.

NIA chargesheets 6th accused in CPI-Maoist Magadh zone revival, extortion case

New Delhi, July 20 : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed its third chargesheet in a major conspiracy case, naming Chandan Kumar as the sixth accused in the revival of the banned CPI (Maoist) outfit's activities in the Magadh zone of Jharkhand and the systematic extortion of funds from contractors to procure arms and ammunition. The chargesheet was submitted before the NIA Special Court in Ranchi, Jharkhand, in connection with a case, which the anti-terror agency had registered suo motu in December 2021.

Chandan Kumar, arrested by the NIA from Mumbai in January 2026, is described as a key figure in the operation.

According to the NIA's investigation, Chandan Kumar played an active role in raising funds for the CPI (Maoist) through extortion from contractors working in the region. The agency's probe revealed that these illicit funds were channelled through multiple routes to support the terror outfit's activities, including the purchase of arms and ammunition.

Further investigations established that Chandan Kumar was also involved in efforts to revive the CPI (Maoist)'s Magadh Zone by mobilising and encouraging former cadres to re-join the organisation.

His alleged objective was to strengthen the group's presence and propagate its ideology through violent means.

The chargesheet highlights that prominent SAC Member of CPI (Maoist), Pradyuman Sharma, along with other accused persons including Abhinav and Chandan Kumar, were part of the larger conspiracy to resurrect the banned organisation's operational capabilities in the area.

The NIA's findings point to a well-planned strategy by the Maoist group to regain influence in the Magadh region through financial extortion and cadre mobilisation.

The agency has gathered substantial evidence linking the accused to these terror-related activities. This is the third charge-sheet filed by the NIA in the case so far, with six accused now formally chargesheeted. The central probe agency is continuing its investigation to uncover the full extent of the conspiracy, identify additional operatives, and trace the complete money trail. The development underscores the NIA's ongoing commitment to dismantling the financial and operational networks of Left-Wing Extremist organisations operating in the country. Officials indicated that further arrests and chargesheets may follow as the investigation progresses.

Bangladesh rights groups condemn arrest of Hindu man over proposed Lord Ram statue

Dhaka, July 20 : Several leading human rights organisations have strongly condemned the arrest of Haridas Chandra Tarani Das, who proposed the construction of an 81-foot-tall statue of Lord Ram within the premises of the Sri Sri Radha Govinda and Kali Temple in Palashbari upazila of Bangladesh's Gaibandha district, describing the action as "unfortunate" and "unacceptable".

Das was taken into custody from the Palashbari temple area on July 12 in connection with a money laundering case lodged later that night at Uttara West Police Station in Dhaka.

CID Special Superintendent of Police (Media) Jasim Uddin Khan confirmed the arrest on Monday, saying additional details would be disclosed in due course, according to local media reports.

In a press statement, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, a human rights organisation working against religious discrimination, alleged that extremist communal groups have opposed the proposed statue for a considerable period.

Student visa curbs may hurt America's innovation: US Congressmen

Washington, July 20 : A bipartisan group of US lawmakers has urged the Trump administration to retain the existing visa framework for international students and scholars, warning that proposed restrictions could damage America's technological edge, economic competitiveness and research leadership. In a letter sent to Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin and Office of Management.

White House Deputy Chief of Staff honors Lindsey Graham, praises his role in Trump's agenda

Washington, July 20 : White House Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller paid an emotional tribute to the late Senator Lindsey Graham, calling him one of President Donald Trump's closest allies in Congress and crediting him with helping drive key elements of the administration's legislative agenda. Speaking to reporters at the White House, Miller described Graham not only as a political partner but also as a close personal friend whose relationship with him evolved over the years.

"Lindsey was a close friend of mine," Miller said. "I'm very grateful that I had the chance to get to say that to him before he ended up passing on."

Miller said he had known Graham before Trump's first presidential campaign but became much closer to him during Trump's second presidential campaign in 2024 and throughout the transition into office. Recalling their conversations, Miller said they often joked about how dramatically their relationship had changed after earlier political differences. "We're working on every policy every day together.

Firefighters injured in massive fire in US state Colorado

Colorado, July 20 : A five-alarm fire erupted at an apartment construction site in Denver, the capital of the US state of Colorado, prompting evacuation alerts and injuring a firefighter. The Denver Fire Department said the fire was reported at around 6:45 p.m. local time on Monday, adding the building is a 283-unit development in the early to mid-stages of construction, with wood and some plastic materials used in wrapping and construction.

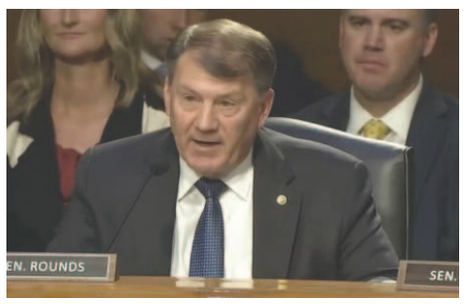
Pak forces extrajudicially kill four more civilians in Balochistan

Quetta, July 20 : At least four more civilians have been extrajudicially killed by Pakistani forces in Balochistan, a leading human rights organisations alleged on Monday. These latest incidents come against the backdrop of a growing wave of extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances across the province.

Paank, the Baloch National Movement's Human Rights Department, strongly condemned the extrajudicial killing of two brothers, Imam and Muhammad Umar, residents of the Shaban Bazaar area in Kech district.

Citing reports, the rights body said that the two brothers, who worked as labourers in the Jiwani area, were returning home on July 10 when their motorcycle reportedly ran out of fuel near Balicha Cross. It further cited eyewitness accounts who alleged that both Imam and Umar were taken into custody by the Pakistani security forces and were later found dead with gunshot marks.

Chips smuggling bill clears US Senate



Washington, July 20 : The US Senate has passed bipartisan legislation aimed at stopping the smuggling of advanced American semiconductors into China, amid growing concerns in Washington that the chips could be used for Chinese military and artificial intelligence applications. The legislation, titled the "Stop Stealing our Chips Act," was introduced by Republican Senator Mike Rounds and co-sponsored by Democratic Senator Mark Warner. The bill would create a whistleblower incentive programme within the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to encourage reporting of illegal semiconductor exports. "I am pleased that the Stop Stealing our Chips Act has passed the Senate," Rounds said. "The United States has taken extensive measures to prevent American-made semiconductors from falling into the wrong hands, particularly China; however, China continues to smuggle these chips into their country," he said. Rounds warned that the rapid growth of artificial intelligence had increased the stakes. "As the use of artificial intelligence continues to accelerate, this creates a grave national security concern," he said. "Our legislation would strengthen BIS's export control enforcement by rewarding whistleblowers with credible information on illegal actions to come forward." The measure now heads to the House of Representatives for final passage before it can be sent to President Donald Trump for his signature. Warner described the Senate vote as a key step in tightening US export controls. "Today's Senate passage of the Stop Stealing our Chips Act is an important step toward strengthening our export control system and protecting America's national security," Warner said. "As China continues working to acquire advanced American AI technology through illicit networks, we need stronger tools to detect and prevent these violations," he added. According to the legislation, BIS would be required to establish a secure public platform for whistleblower submissions within 120 days of enactment. The bill would also create an "Export Compliance Accountability Fund" financed through fines collected from export control violations. Under the proposal, whistleblowers providing original information leading to successful enforcement actions could receive between 10 and 30 per cent of collected fines.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that we are investigating the right and title of (i) M/s Asrithas Group (PAN:ABMFA2216M), a registered partnership firm under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, and having its principal place of business at Plot No. 112, Flat No. 302, near to Jubilee Ridge Hotel, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana 500 081, and (ii) Sri Vallaturu Madhusudhana (PAN:ACRPV3760F), an adult Indian inhabitant, residing at Plot no. 472, Asritha Nilayam, road no. 87, Jubilee hills, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500033 (collectively, the **"Owners"**), in respect of, the undermentioned property, more particularly described in the **First Schedule** hereunder written **("said Property")**, excluding the units mortgaged to Metro politan Commissioner, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, more particularly described in the **Second Schedule** hereunder.

Any and all persons/entities having any claim/objection, right, title, benefit, interest, and/or demand etc., in respect of and/or against, the said Property or any part thereof and/or the Owners or any of them, including by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, covenant, inheritance, claim, possession, lease, sub-lease, license, lien, share, tenancy, sub-tenancy, grant, bequest, succession, occupation, easement, right of residence, family arrangement/settlement, maintenance, devise, bequest, barter, loan, mortgage (equitable or otherwise), encumbrance by operation of law or otherwise, decree and/or order of any court of law, contracts/agreements, development rights, development potential, partnership, FSI sharing agreement, joint venture or any other agreement/ arrangement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with certified true copy of documentary proof in support of their claim to the undersigned at the address mentioned below, within **14 (fourteen)** days from the date of publication hereof, failing which, it shall be presumed that the Owners are the sole and absolute owners of the said Property and the said Property is free from all encumbrances, and the matter of investigation of title shall be completed without having any reference to such claim, if any, and the same shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned and any such alleged claims if made later, shall not be binding and any transaction in respect of the said Property will be concluded without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest in the said Property.

FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO ("said Property")

All those pieces and parcels of lands bearing survey nos. 229/A, 229/A1/1, 229/AA, 236, 243/A and 243/AA2 totally admeasuring 5.25 acres ("said Lands"), lying, being and situate at Krishtareddipet-ORRGC village, Ameenpur ORRGC Mandal, Sangareddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana, along with the project known as 'Jewel County' having Telangana RERA registration no. P01100002614 ("Project") being developed on the said Lands.

SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

FIRST FLOOR AREAS		"A"	SECOND FLOOR AREAS	
FLAT NO.	EXTENT		Flat No.	Extent
A1	70.54 Sq.Mts		A1	86.65 Sq.Mts
A2	69.29 Sq.Mts		A2	76.73 Sq.Mts
A3	70.45 Sq.Mts		A3	77.89 Sq.Mts
A4	73.95 Sq.Mts		A4	88.74 Sq.Mts
A5	69.76 Sq.Mts		A7	89.74 Sq.Mts
A6	69.69 Sq.Mts		A8	97.51 Sq.Mts
A7	80.87 Sq.Mts		**Total Mortgaged Area in the Second Floor = 517.26 Total Mortgaged Area in BLOCK "A" = 1399.58 Sq. Mts.**	
A8	94.59 Sq.Mts			
A9	84.70 Sq.Mts			
A10	90.00 Sq.Mts			
A11	108.48 Sq.Mts			
Total Mortgaged Area in the First Floor=882.32 Sq.Mts				

FIRST FLOOR AREAS		"B"	SECOND FLOOR AREAS	
Flat No.	Extent		Flat No.	Extent
B1	72.91 Sq.Mts		B1	85.21 Sq.Mts
B2	73.69 Sq.Mts		B2	83.28 Sq.Mts
B3	73.69 Sq.Mts		B3	83.28 Sq.Mts
B4	75.08 Sq.Mts		B4	84.67 Sq.Mts
B5	74.62 Sq.Mts		B5	84.42 Sq.Mts
B6	74.28 Sq.Mts		B6	84.28 Sq.Mts
B7	87.23 Sq.Mts		B18	92.27 Sq.Mts
B8	95.64 Sq.Mts		Total Mortgaged Area of II Floor= 597.41 Sq. Mts **Total Mortgaged Area in "B" Block= 3,068.67 Sq. Mts**	
B9	90.98 Sq.Mts			
B10	89.43 Sq.Mts			
B11	87.12 Sq.Mts			
B12	79.07 Sq.Mts			
B13	83.89 Sq.Mts			
B14	96.13 Sq.Mts			
B15	82.67 Sq.Mts			
B16	82.67 Sq.Mts			
B17	82.67 Sq.Mts			
B18	85.69 Sq.Mts			
B19	88.39 Sq.Mts			
B20	88.39 Sq.Mts			
B21	129.32 Sq.Mts			
B22	130.46 Sq.Mts			
B23	117.13 Sq.Mts			
B24	86.37 Sq.Mts			
B25	85.03 Sq.Mts			
B26	86.02 Sq.Mts			
B27	85.14 Sq.Mts			
B28	87.55 Sq.Mts			
Total Mortgaged Area in First Floor= 2471.26 Sq.Mts				

FIRST FLOOR AREAS		"C"	SECOND FLOOR AREAS	
Flat No.	Extent		Flat No.	Extent
C1	87.35 Sq.Mts		C1	104.11 Sq.Mts
C2	77.19 Sq.Mts		C2	90.08 Sq.Mts
C3	77.19 Sq.Mts		C3	90.08 Sq.Mts
C4	79.67 Sq.Mts		C4	92.61 Sq.Mts
C5	75.55 Sq.Mts		C10	90.96 Sq.Mts
C6	95.14 Sq.Mts		C11	81.33 Sq.Mts
C7	85.37 Sq.Mts		Total Mortgaged Area of 2nd Floor= 549.17 Sq.Mts **Total Mortgaged Area of "C" Block= 1636.11 Sq.Mts**	
C8	84.42 Sq.Mts			
C9	85.80 Sq.Mts			
C10	81.57 Sq.Mts			
C11	81.33 Sq.Mts			
C12	89.25 Sq.Mts			
C13	87.11 Sq.Mts			
Total Mortgaged Area in 1st Floor= 1,086.94 Sq.Mts				

FIRST FLOOR AREAS		"D"	SECOND FLOOR AREAS	
Flat No.	Extent		Flat No.	Extent
D1	101.81 Sq.Mts		D1	121.00 Sq.Mts
D2	102.46 Sq.Mts		D2	113.85 Sq.Mts
D3	105.94 Sq.Mts		D3	117.53 Sq.Mts
D4	101.36 Sq.Mts		D4	112.12 Sq.Mts
D5	110.32 Sq.Mts		D5	120.94 Sq.Mts
D6	101.60 Sq.Mts		D7	113.49 Sq.Mts
D7	113.57 Sq.Mts		Total Mortgaged Area in Second Floor= 698.93 Sq.Mts **Total Mortgaged Area of "D" Block= 2,206.07 Sq.Mts**	
D8	111.94 Sq.Mts			
D9	100.87 Sq.Mts			
D10	113.62 Sq.Mts			
D11	110.24 Sq.Mts			
D12	113.59 Sq.Mts			
D13	105.28 Sq.Mts			
D14	114.54 Sq.Mts			
Total Mortgaged Area in the 1st Floor =1,507.14 Sq. Mts				

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UN continues to deliver humanitarian aid to Lebanon

United Nations, July 20 : UN agencies and partners continue to deliver humanitarian aid to the crisis-impacted people in Lebanon amid escalating hostilities, Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN chief, said at a daily briefing. On Monday, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) delivered medical supplies and fuel for generators to the Burj Shimali Palestinian refugee camp in Tyre in Lebanon. A humanitarian convoy also delivered medical supplies, medicine and hygiene kits to a health care centre in Labweh, located in the Baalbeck-El Hermel area. Meanwhile, the World Food Programme (WFP) has already reached over 2 million vulnerable people in the country through its emergency assistance as well as regularly initiatives. The WFP is also providing food assistance to Lebanese and Syrian people fleeing across the border into Syria.

The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) is partnering with local authorities to facilitate the gradual return to learning for some 387,000 Lebanese children, including those staying in shelters and communities affected by the war, Xinhua news agency reported. The initiative is part of an emergency response plan to support the opening and operation of 326 public schools not used as shelters to ensure school-age children in Lebanon have access to education.

US launches drive against ICC authority

Washington, July 20 : The United States has launched what it described as a "whole-of-government" campaign to counter the International Criminal Court (ICC), with the State Department leading an effort that could include sanctions, visa restrictions and diplomatic pressure on countries that support the Hague-based tribunal.

The initiative marks one of the strongest public declarations yet by the Trump administration against the ICC, which Washington says poses a threat to American sovereignty and could improperly target US officials and military personnel. "The United States is launching a sweeping, whole-of-government campaign led by the State Department to systematically dismantle the International Criminal Court's threat to US sovereignty," State Department spokesperson Tommy Pigott said. The administration is considering "a wide range of options" in coordination with other federal agencies, according to a senior State Department official. These include travel bans, visa revocations, expanded sanctions against the ICC and affiliated organisations, and diplomatic efforts aimed at reducing international support for the court. The official said senior US leaders, including the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary, ambassadors and other senior officials, are contacting governments around the world as part of a coordinated campaign to isolate the ICC diplomatically. The calls are intended to persuade countries that are parties to the Rome Statute, the treaty that established the ICC, to withdraw from the court and halt financial support for it, the official said. Countries that are not parties to the treaty are also being encouraged to use their diplomatic influence to support the US campaign.

The State Department official said nations that work closely with US law enforcement, host American military forces or benefit from the broader US security umbrella are being urged to reject what Washington called the ICC's authority to prosecute American officials and service members.

UN chief calls for accelerating progress toward 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

United Nations, July 20 : UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged the international community to "accelerate progress at scale and speed" in implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Speaking at the opening of the ministerial segment of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, Guterres said important progress has been made since the 2030 Agenda was launched a decade ago, marked by lower child and maternal mortality, greater access to social protection, safe drinking water, sanitation, electricity and the internet, faster declines in harmful practices like child marriage, and exponential growth in renewable energy, Xinhua news agency reported. "But our journey has faced some major setbacks in recent years," with conflicts multiplying, inequalities concentrating power at the very top, and the world speeding closer to a temporary overshoot of the 1.5-degree limit, he said.

In addition, developing countries face a whirlwind of financial woe whipped up by crushing debt burdens, weakening currencies, lack of investment, rising borrowing costs and limited fiscal space, and the conflict in the Middle East, beyond its impact on civilians and civilian infrastructure, sent the cost of fuel, fertilizers and food skyrocketing, and disrupted global trade, transportation and tourism, he said. "Crisis by crisis, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are drifting further out of reach," Guterres lamented, adding that just 36 per cent of the 139 assessable SDG targets are on track or making moderate progress, and 15 per cent have gone into reverse.

"Our mission is clear: to accelerate progress at scale and speed," by investing in the proven tools of poverty reduction; adopting policies that promote decent work, gender equality and technological access; grounding progress in human rights; and protecting our planet through climate action, biodiversity conservation and a just transition to renewable energy, he said.

According to the secretary-general, this year's forum focuses on five SDGs -- clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; industry, innovation and infrastructure; sustainable cities and communities; and partnerships.

While hundreds of millions more people now have access to safely managed drinking water and sanitation services, about 2.2 billion people still lack safely managed drinking water.

Path-breaking understanding reached between Centre, Ladakh representatives

Srinagar, July 20 : Central government and the representatives of Ladakh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) have reached an understanding in principle which will give the UT an elected chief minister with powers on bureaucracy, a legislative body and protections under Article 371. World-renowned climate activist Sonam Wangchuk was also part of the discussions.

In what is seen as a path-breaking understanding aimed at political empowerment and safeguards for Ladakh, the Centre has proposed UT level Legislative body with legislative, executive and financial powers vested with elected representatives.

All bureaucrats of the UT including the Chief Secretary will come under the chief minister.

Highly informed sources said these decisions were reached at a meeting of the Sub-Committee in the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) held in New Delhi on Monday, which was attended by senior officers of the MHA, UT administration of Ladakh and the leaders including those from Leh Apex Body (LAB) and Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA).

A statement issued after the meeting by Chering Dorjay and Asgar Ali Karbalai, co-chairpersons of LAB and KDA respectively, said following detailed and constructive deliberations, both sides have arrived at an in-principle understanding on several critical points.

"In this model, the legislative, executive and financial powers will rest with elected representatives through a Union Territory-level legislative body. All bureaucrats of the UT including the Chief Secretary will come under the executive head of the UT-level elected body (proposed to be the Chief Minister'', the joint statement said.

BJP leader and former Chairman-cum-CEC Leh Autonomous Hill Council, Tashi Gyalson, who also attended the meeting said that in addition to UT-level legislative body, there will also be seven district councils in Ladakh. The number of districts in Ladakh was recently raised by the MHA from two to seven.

Tashi said what type of UT-level legislative body will it be, including its name, mode of elections and other issues, will be decided through meetings between all stakeholders.

Thupstan Chhewang, a two-time MP from Ladakh, who was also part of deliberations, said the nomenclature for UT-level new Constitutional dispensation will be finalised after due deliberations. He said all seven districts will have Zila Parishads and will be accorded appropriate autonomy within their respective areas of jurisdiction especially in matters related to culture and land.

The LAB and KDA joint statement said the MHA authorities explained that the only reason why Ladakh cannot be made a state at the moment is that it currently lacks adequate revenue generation to meet the revenue expenditures like salaries of employees.

However, it added, this set-up will lead Ladakh towards full Statehood as and when it meets the revenue criteria.

"The LAB and KDA reached an in-principle understanding with the Government of India on restoring democracy in Ladakh and providing Constitutional safeguards on the lines of Article 371 A, F, and G (as applied to Nagaland, Sikkim and Mizoram). KDA and LAB look forward to closely working out the finer operational details with the MHA in consultations with legal and Constitutional experts". Sources said the MHA will prepare a draft for a UT-level legislative body with suggestions from LAB and KDA before its implementation.

Odisha signs pact with IIT Kharagpur, SPA Bhopal for conservation of heritage structures

Bhubaneswar, July 20 : In a major step towards the conservation of Odisha's rich heritage and architectural legacy, the Odisha State Archaeology Department has signed non-financial Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with IIT Kharagpur and School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, during a special event in Bhubaneswar. According to an official statement released on Monday, the collaboration aims to strengthen the conservation, documentation and development of Odisha's historic monuments, temples, heritage structures and archaeological sites through the integration of modern science and technology. "Under the partnership with IIT Kharagpur, advanced technologies such as LiDAR, 3D documentation, structural analysis, digital mapping, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing and scientific conservation methodologies will be utilised for heritage preservation and monitoring. The collaboration will also focus on research, innovation and interdisciplinary knowledge integration in the field of heritage conservation," the department said. It also added that the MoU with SPA Bhopal will support heritage planning and conservation architecture, museum and exhibition design, architectural documentation, technical advisory support and capacity-building programmes. Speaking on the occasion, Odisha Culture Minister Suryabanshi Suraj said the initiative would play a transformative role in protecting and developing the state's heritage assets. He added that around 82 monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and nearly 212 monuments under the Odisha State Archaeology Department would benefit from the initiative.

Fake ID, AI photos and marriage promises: Gujarat Police nab fake cop duping women on dating apps

Ahmedabad, July 20 : The Ahmedabad Crime Branch has arrested a 27-year-old man accused of impersonating a Gujarat Police Sub-Inspector on dating and matrimonial platforms by using AI-generated photographs and police insignia to allegedly deceive women into relationships, obtain money and other assistance from them. The Crime Branch said on Monday that the accused, Himanshu alias Rocky Panchal, is originally from Udaipur in Rajasthan and was staying in the Sabarmati area of Ahmedabad. He was arrested in connection with complaints registered at Navrangpura and Naroda police stations. Police said the accused used online applications and platforms, including Shaadi.com, Jeevansathi, Bumble, Hinge and other online dating.

First astronaut of Kerala descent Dr Anil Menon gears up for NASA mission

Thiruvananthapuram, July 20 : Kerala will have another moment of pride on Monday evening when NASA astronaut Dr Anil Menon, whose family traces its roots to Ottapalam in Palakkad district, blasts off to the International Space Station aboard the Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft.

The launch is scheduled for 8.17 p.m. IST from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, marking the beginning of an eight-month mission that will conclude with the crew's return to Earth in April next year.

Dr Menon, the son of Shankaran Menon of Ottapalam and Elizabeth Samoylenko of Ukraine, has excelled in every field he has entered, as a physician, mechanical engineer, US Space Force flight surgeon and pilot before earning his place in NASA's astronaut corps.

His first spaceflight is expected to play a key role in research into the medical challenges of long-duration human space travel, findings that will help shape future missions beyond low Earth orbit.

He will travel alongside Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina, who will undertake a series of scientific experiments aboard the International Space Station.

Hours before liftoff, Menon shared his excitement on Instagram, saying he was ready for the mission and expressing gratitude to NASA, his family and friends for their unwavering support.

For Palakkad, Menon's journey adds yet another illustrious chapter to the district's remarkable legacy of producing personalities who have left an indelible mark on India and the world.

The district has been home to towering figures across politics, culture and public life, including legendary actor politician and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran, diplomat, author and parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor, whose family has roots in Palakkad, and Kalamandalam Ramankutty Nair, one of Kathakali's greatest exponents and former Principal of the Kerala Kalamandalam.

Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, an Air Commodore and flight instructor with the Indian Air Force and 'Gaganyatri (astronaut)' with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), also hails from Palakkad.

With Anil Menon now preparing to leave Earth for space, Palakkad's long tradition of producing achievers has reached yet another milestone, this time, quite literally, beyond the skies.

Odisha: Gang involved in drug and arms smuggling busted

Bhubaneswar, July 20 : In a major breakthrough, Bargarh police have busted an interstate gang involved in illegal drug trafficking and arms smuggling, informed the Superintendent of Police Prahalad Sahai Meena on Monday.

Based on credible intelligence regarding the transportation, possession, and sale of illegal cough syrup and firearms, a major operation was launched under the direct supervision of the Bargarh SP.

The Bargarh police formed seven police teams comprising officers from Attabira, Rural, Sadar, Town, Bijepur Police Stations, and the Special Squad and deployed to conduct simultaneous raids at multiple locations across the district.

SC upholds Lalu Yadav's relief in fodder scam case; rejects CBI plea

New Delhi, July 20 : The Supreme Court on Monday refused to interfere with the Jharkhand High Court's order suspending the sentence of RJD chief and former Bihar Chief Minister, Lalu Prasad Yadav, in the Deoghar fodder scam case. Dismissing the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) plea seeking cancellation of his bail, a Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and P.B. Varale observed that seven years had elapsed since the High Court suspended his sentence and declined to interfere with the order. At the same time, the apex court requested the Jharkhand High Court to expedite the hearing of the pending criminal appeals, preferably within six months. "We are not inclined to interfere in the impugned order. The appeal is of the year 2018. It will only be appropriate to request the High Court to expedite the hearing of the appeal, preferably within six months."

Puducherry Police register 50 cases on senior citizen scam complaints

Puducherry, July 20 : Puducherry Police have registered 50 cases based on complaints of money being swindled from senior citizens' bank accounts. According to police reports, scammers posing as bank officials have been contacting senior citizens, asking them to update information such as KYC details, Aadhaar numbers, Pension Payment Orders (PPO), bank account details, and PAN numbers. The police have warned the public, especially senior citizens, not to share OTP details, as the scammers are using this information to steal funds from their accounts.

Gujarat's RRU to host 4th National Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling championship

Ahmedabad, July 20 : More than 2,000 athletes from 27 states are expected to participate in the fourth National Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling Championship 2026 at Gujarat's Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), making it the largest edition of the national event so far, officials said. Officials on Monday added that this is the first time the championship will be hosted on the university's campus at Lavad in Gandhinagar.

The championship will be organised jointly by the People's Armwrestling Federation India (PAFI), the Armwrestling Federation of Gujarat and RRU from May 29 to June 2.

Organisers said the event is being held pursuant to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of strengthening India's sports culture and reviving the country's civilisational values and ethos through sporting initiatives.

The inaugural ceremony scheduled for May 30 will see the participation of several leading figures associated with the sport, including PAFI President Preeti Jhangiani, Pro Panja League owner Praveen Dabas and representatives of the Armwrestling Association of Gujarat.

India's poultry sector revenue likely to rise nearly 7 pc in FY27: Report

New Delhi, July 20 : India's poultry industry is expected to see revenues rise by 6–7 per cent in FY27 and an improvement in profitability of about 50 to 100 basis points over previous year, a report said on Monday.

The report from CareEdge Ratings said the poultry industry witnessed stabilisation in operating performance during FY26, supported by healthy production growth, resilient demand across retail, institutional, and food-service channels, and improved supply-demand dynamics.

"India continues to be among the world's largest producers of eggs and poultry meat, supported by rising protein consumption, urbanisation, improving affordability, and changing dietary preferences," the report said.

"Focus on improving feed conversion ratio (FCR), better farm management practices, and increased operational efficiency is expected to support productivity and enhance competitiveness across the organised poultry industry," the report noted. The ratings agency forecasted egg and meat production to maintain healthy momentum in FY27, supported by rising protein consumption, urbanisation and capacity additions by organised players.

Adani Electricity cuts AT&C losses with crackdown on power theft

Mumbai, July 20 : Adani Electricity's anti-theft drive has succeeded in significantly reducing its Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses to 4.46 per cent in FY 2025-26 from 4.7 per cent in the previous year, which positions it among the Discoms with the lowest AT&C losses nationwide, according to a company statement issued on Monday.

This significant reduction of 0.24 per cent in AT&C losses across Adani Electricity's extensive network will lower the burden on honest, paying consumers, the statement said. Adani Electricity conducted 36,720 mass raids during the financial year 2025-2026 and registered 486 First Information Reports (FIRs).

Coal India to invest Rs 3,300 crore for setting up new coking coal washeries

New Delhi, July 20 : Coal India announced on Monday that it plans to invest around Rs 3,300 crore to set up 8 new coking coal washeries as part of its strategy to improve the quality of coal and reduce the country's dependence on imports of high-quality coking coal that is used in the production of steel.

The new washeries, which are expected to add a combined capacity of 21.5 million tonnes per year (MTY), are scheduled to become operational by 2029-30. Coal India currently has a network of 10 washeries with a cumulative capacity of 18.35 MTY, which means the expansion will more than double the capacity in the next four years.

The public sector mining giant also plans to invest around Rs 300 crore in the renovation and modernisation of its existing coking coal washeries to improve efficiency and utilisation.

Of the eight new facilities, five with a total capacity of 14.5 MTY will be set up under Central Coalfields Limited, while three with 7 MTY capacity will come up under Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

Coal India is also monetising older assets in line with the National Monetisation Pipeline. After monetising one coking coal washery at Bharat Coking Coal, it plans to monetise three more non-operational units.

Besides, Coal India is undertaking renovation and modernisation of two ageing washeries to improve throughput, recovery efficiency and process reliability. Coal India is also collaborating with private sector major Tata Steel to leverage washing capacity and technical expertise to boost the supply of quality coking coal to the domestic steel sector.

Coking coal is a key raw material in steelmaking. However, domestic reserves have a very high ash content, which ranges from 25 per cent to 45 per cent, forcing the country to take recourse to expensive imports, which are also a drain on precious foreign exchange.

Nearly 9 crore MSMEs registered on Udyam platforms, generating 38 crore jobs

New Delhi, July 20 : Around 9 crore micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have been registered under the government's Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform, providing employment to over 38 crore people across the country, according to an official statement on Monday. The two digital platforms have been launched to formalise enterprises.

Bajaj Housing Finance shares hit record low, slip 60 pc from peak

Mumbai, July 20 : Shares of Bajaj Housing Finance remained under pressure on Monday, extending their prolonged downtrend and hitting a fresh all-time low on the stock exchanges.

The stock slipped nearly 4 per cent during the session to touch Rs 76.29 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

By around noon, the stock was hovering close to its day's low at Rs 76.41, with strong trading activity as nearly 7 million shares changed hands.

The sharp fall has brought the stock close to its issue price of Rs 70, with the current market price now less than 10 per cent above its IPO level.The decline also means that the company has erased more than 85 per cent of the gains it made on its listing day.

The stock has seen a steep correction since hitting its record high of Rs 188.50 on September 18, 2024, shortly after its debut in the market. From those levels, the shares have dropped about 60 per cent.

Bajaj Housing Finance had launched its IPO at Rs 70 per share and delivered a strong debut, listing at Rs 150, which translated into a gain of 114 per cent for investors on the first day of trading.

Founded in 2008, the company is a subsidiary of Bajaj Finance and operates in the housing finance segment.In the third quarter of FY26, the company reported a 6 per cent year-on-year decline in consolidated net profit at Rs 4,066 crore.

However, its total income rose more than 15 per cent year-on-year to Rs 21,215 crore.

The company's assets under management stood at Rs 4,88,477 crore at the end of the December quarter.

In last five days, it dropped by 4.14 per cent. The stock dropped 12.29 per cent in last one month.

Google launches new AI tools, partnerships to support India's AI ecosystem

Bengaluru, July 20 : US-based technology giant Google on Monday announced a series of artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives for developers, startups, enterprises and educational institutions in India. At the Google I/O Connect India 2026 summit here, the company unveiled new AI education programmes, healthcare collaborations, cybersecurity initiatives and expanded infrastructure for Indian enterprises using its AI models.

Google also said its Google Play Store and Android ecosystem generated an estimated Rs 5.3 lakh crore (around $60 billion) in revenue for app publishers and the wider economy in India in 2025, up 28 per cent from the previous year.

Addressing the event, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said Google has played a key role in expanding internet access and digital services in India through products such as Search, Android, YouTube, Maps and Google Pay.

GRSE bags SKOCH Award for CSR initiative

Kolkata, July 20 : India's premier defence shipbuilder, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, was awarded the SKOCH Award for its Project Akansha. Project Akansha is a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative aimed at improving the lives of children and adolescents from vulnerable communities in Kolkata. The award was presented at the 108th SKOCH Summit held in New Delhi.

AI spending to grow 1.7 times faster than overall digital tech investments in Asia-Pacific

New Delhi, July 20 : Artificial intelligence (AI) will be a major driver of economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region as AI-related spending is projected to grow 1.7 times faster than overall digital technology investments over the next three years, according to a new report. This surge is expected to generate a projected $1.6 trillion economic impact by the end of 2027 across Asia-Pacific Japan, according to an IDC report.

SIP inflow hits Rs 25,000 crore for 1st time, equity fund inflows at record Rs 41,887 crore

Mumbai, July 20 : The monthly systematic investment plan (SIP) inflow made a new all-time high in India at Rs 25,323 crore in October, from Rs 24,509 crore in September, according to the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on Monday. The SIP inflow was recorded at Rs 16,928 crore in the same month last year.

The number of SIP accounts stood at its highest ever at 10.12 crore in October 2024. It was 9.87 crore in September. Net 24.19 lakh SIP accounts were added in the last month.

According to AMFI data, open-ended mutual funds performed well in October. This was the 44th consecutive month that inflows into equity mutual fund schemes have been positive. Open-ended equity mutual fund inflows surged 21.69 per cent on a month-on-month (MoM) basis to Rs 41,887 crore in October.

Last month, strong investment was recorded in all categories including smallcap, midcap, and largecap. Inflows into the largecap fund category doubled on a monthly basis in October to Rs 3,452 crore. Net investment in the midcap fund category increased by 50 per cent on a monthly basis to Rs 4,683 crore. Inflows into the smallcap fund category surged by 23 per cent on a monthly basis to Rs 3,772 crore. The increase in mutual fund inflows came at a time when the stock market performance remains weak. Sensex and Nifty have fallen by 5.77 per cent and 6.22 per cent, respectively in October. Inflows into sectoral and thematic funds fell 7 per cent month-on-month to Rs 12,279 crore in October. Last month, new fund offers in the sectoral and thematic funds category raised Rs 3,517 crore. There was an inflow of Rs 1,57,402.30 crore in the fixed-income category, debt mutual funds. The highest investment of Rs 83,863 crore was recorded in the short-duration liquid fund category in October.

Qutub Minar not minaret, but Vedhshal: Former ASI Regional Director

New Delhi, July 20 : Former Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regional director Dharamveer Sharma on Monday claimed that the capital's iconic structure, Qutub Minar, was a "Vedhshala" (an ancient observatory to study Astronomy) in reality and also presented cogent arguments to corroborate his claims.

Speaking at the Shabdotsav 2026 event, the Ex-ASI director said, "I have called Qutub Minar a VedhShala. There is a reason for this. Whenever a monument, temple, or building is constructed, there is a plan and purpose. For a circular structure like this, its foundation should have been circular, but its foundation is actually oblong."

Sharing his past experiences, he said that he worked for years on the monument and discovered many unknown facts related to the structure, which are not even documented or spoken about.

New immigration check post at Assam-Bhutan border to boost trade, connectivity

Guwahati, July 20 : To further strengthen India-Bhutan relations and enhance trade, the Immigration Check Post (ICP) at Land Port Darranga, in Assam's Tamulpur district will be inaugurated, officials said on Monday.

Officials said that the ICP inauguration ceremony would be graced by the presence of Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and Bhutan Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay.

This key land port, positioned just 700 meters from the Bhutanese border, is a testament to the shared commitment to enhancing regional connectivity and economic growth, an official said.

He said that the ICP Darranga, covering 14.5 acres, is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities to streamline cross-border travel and trade.

The Central government has earlier this month officially designated the Darranga land check post as an authorised Immigration Check Post, marking a significant advancement for cross-border travel and regional connectivity.

The ICP is strategically located to facilitate the improved connectivity offered by National Highway-27 and the reinforced customs infrastructure in Bhutan, ensuring efficient operations. With India's development initiatives.

'Akhilesh Yadav wants riots to take place': UP Minister OP Rajbhar

Lucknow, July 20 : Uttar Pradesh Minister and Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar on Monday accused Samajwadi Party (SP) President Akhilesh Yadav of "wanting to incite riots" in the state in order to "win Muslim votes" in the upcoming Assembly polls. Speaking to IANS, OP Rajbhar said: "Akhilesh Yadav wants riots to take place in the state because riots and curfews occurred during his government's tenure. Ordinary people suffered because of them, and that is what he wants again. Referring to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, he reiterated: "People were killing each other...Akhilesh Yadav wants riots and curfew to take place to win Muslim votes."

"Akhilesh Yadav is unable to digest the fact that Muslims are at peace. He is saying that the BJP government is not good because it is not creating riots," Rajbhar further alleged. Earlier in the day, the UP Minister put up a post on X, blaming the Samajwadi Party for a 'reign of terror' during its regime in the state.

CM Adhikari calls for harmonising industrial development with environmental conservation

Kolkata, July 20 : West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari underscored the state government's commitment to maintaining a balance between industrial development and environmental protection.

This statement was made during the 'Aranya Saptaha' -- Forest Week in West Bengal -- which commenced on Monday and will run until July 20.

"The Chief Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Suvendu Adhikari inaugurated Aranya Saptah at Banabitan, Salt Lake, launched the Banarath and urged people to plant more trees under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'," the CMO wrote on its X handle.

While addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister noted that there exists a regulation stipulating that for any project approval, two-thirds of the total project area must be designated for essential infrastructure, with the remaining one-third allocated for plantations. However, he remarked that this regulation is seldom fully adhered to.

He emphasised that the new government is committed to upholding the rule in its true essence. The Chief Minister stated that his government will remain vigilant to ensure that environmental protection is not overlooked in the state's pursuit of extensive industrial development through attracting significant investments.

"We are living amid concrete jungles now. The condition is pathetic, even in areas where there were thick forests 10 years ago. Even the condition of the forests in the Terai and Dooars regions in West Bengal is so pathetic now. I am a son of the soil. I have witnessed how the forests in the state have been destroyed during the last few years.

Lucknow doctor arrested for raping patient inside OT during treatment

Lucknow, July 20 : A hospital operator and doctor accused of sexually assaulting a female patient inside an Operation Theatre during treatment at Tejas Hospital in Lucknow has been arrested, officials said on Monday.

According to police, information regarding the incident was received at Bakshi Ka Talab Police Station on May 21. The complaint alleged that a woman admitted to Tejas Hospital, located in the Indaurabag area under the jurisdiction of the police station, was subjected to inappropriate acts by the hospital operator and doctor during the course of her treatment.

Acting swiftly after receiving the complaint, police officials reached the hospital premises and initiated an investigation into the matter.

Based on the written complaint submitted by the victim's side, police registered Case No. 189/2026 under Section 64(2)(e) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) along with Section 3(2)(5) of the SC/ST Act. The accused was identified as Vijay Kumar Giri, a resident of Rajnapur village under Tambaur Police Station in Sitapur district, who was presently residing at Tejas Hospital in the Indaurabag area of Lucknow.

Police officials confirmed that the accused was subsequently taken into custody following preliminary investigation and evidence collection in the case.

During questioning, the accused allegedly disclosed that the woman had been admitted to the hospital on May 19 for medical treatment and that the alleged sexual assault took place on May 21 while her treatment was underway. According to investigators, the accused admitted during interrogation that he raped the victim inside the hospital's Operation Theatre.

Police said that after recording the accused's statement and collecting evidence linked to the case, he was formally arrested in accordance with legal procedures. Officials further stated that the clothes allegedly worn by the accused during the incident were seized as part of the investigation.

Two accused involved in ATM fraud arrested by Delhi Police

New Delhi, July 20 : Delhi Police on Monday arrested two accused allegedly involved in ATM fraud in the South-West District. The arrests were made by the staff of Kishangarh Police Station as part of intensified patrolling and surveillance to curb crime and ensure the safety and security of residents.

According to a statement released by the South-West District police, the arrested accused have been identified as Salman, son of Kabir, and Salman, son of Usman. With their arrest, the police recovered one country-made pistol (desi katta), two live cartridges, Rs 12,700 in cash, four ATM jamming devices, and one screwdriver allegedly used for breaking or opening ATM shutters.

The police said that the staff of Kishangarh Police Station had been directed to maintain a strict vigil over suspicious persons and criminals involved in illegal activities. As part of these directions, patrolling was intensified in sensitive areas falling under the jurisdiction of the police station.

On January 1, during routine patrolling, Head Constable Subhash and Head Constable Hitender noticed a suspicious person roaming in the area of Kishangarh Police Station.

Japan: Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar visits JMSDF Kure Naval Base in Japan, meets Vice Admiral Matsumoto Tamotsu

New Delhi, July 20 : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh on Monday met Vice Admiral Matsumoto Tamotsu, Commandant, Kure District, at the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Kure Naval Base in Hiroshima and visited the 7th Mogami-class stealth frigate of the JMSDF JS Niyodo.

"Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh met Vice Admiral Matsumoto Tamotsu, Commandant, Kure District, at the JMSDF Kure Naval Base, Hiroshima. He also visited the 7th Mogami-class stealth frigate of the JMSDF JS Niyodo. The visit reaffirmed the commitment of India-Japan to further strengthen maritime security cooperation and deepen defence ties," Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, posted on X.

Currently, Rajesh Kumar Singh is on an official visit to Japan, where he led the Indian delegation at the 8th Defence Policy Dialogue. For the meeting, the Japanese delegation was led by Vice Minister of Defence for International Affairs Kano Koji

India and Japan held the 8th Defence Policy Dialogue in Tokyo on Monday, reaffirming their commitment to further strengthen the Special Strategic and Global Partnership and to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based Indo-Pacific.

Twisha death case: Giribala Singh, son to remain in judicial custody till July 28 for not cooperating with CBI

Bhopal, July 20 : A Bhopal district court on Monday extended the judicial custody of former district judge Giribala Singh and her son Samarth Singh till July 28 in the Twisha Sharma death case after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) informed the court that the two accused had not cooperated during the collection of their voice samples.

The hearing was conducted through video conferencing amid heavy security at the court premises. The CBI sought extension of the judicial custody, informing the court that both accused had failed to cooperate during the voice sample collection carried out on July 6. Counsel for Twisha Sharma's family, Advocate Ankur Pandey, said Samarth Singh refused to provide his voice sample, while Giribala Singh initially gave one sample but later declined to continue the process.

"The CBI informed the court that both accused did not cooperate during the voice sample collection and sought extension of their judicial custody. Accepting the agency's submission, the court extended their custody till July 28," Pandey told reporters after the hearing.

The court also heard an application filed by the victim actress-model Twisha's family seeking a copy of the post-mortem report. According to the family's lawyers, AIIMS Bhopal informed the court that the post-mortem report and related documents had already been submitted to the CBI in a sealed cover and, therefore, could not be provided separately.

AIIMS Delhi is yet to respond to a similar request.

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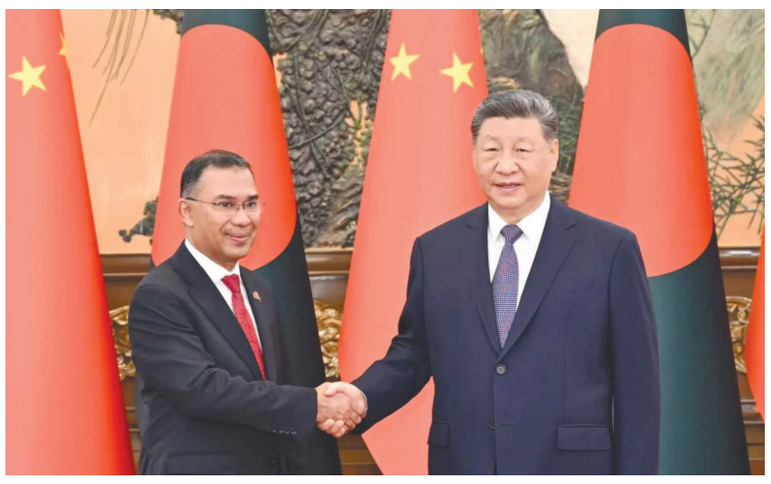
Pan-India fake currency network expands as new entry points emerge

New Delhi, July 20 : India's security agencies have flagged the increasing number of entry points through which fake currency is being circulated in the market. At first fake currency was being pushed into Nepal from Pakistan before making its entry into India. However, with the Indian agencies stepping up vigilance at the Nepal border, the focus shifted to Malda in West Bengal.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is probing a majority of these cases, found that Malda had sophisticated printing units. They would source the material from Pakistan through the Bangladesh border and then print the fake notes before circulating them.

An Intelligence Bureau official says that at the moment, the number of areas from where this racket is being operated has increased. Murshidabad and Nadia in West Bengal, too, have become hot spots for this racket, the official said.

He further stated that the other main points where this racket is flourishing are Coastal Andhra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, Delhi and Maharashtra.



Security risks cast shadow over China-Myanmar-Bangladesh Economic Corridor : Report

Dhaka, July 20 : Security concerns remain perhaps the biggest obstacle for the implementation of the proposed China-Myanmar-Bangladesh Economic Corridor (CMBC), despite renewed momentum for the project following Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's visit to China in June. The corridor was among the key issues discussed during the visit.

It envisages a road and rail network linking Kunming in China's Yunnan province with Bangladesh's ports via Myanmar, a report has stated.

Highlighting the security implications, a report in Bangladesh's newspaper 'Daily Sun' said, "The proposed route would pass through Myanmar's conflict-ridden Rakhine State, where fighting has continued since the military takeover in 2021. The Arakan Army now controls or influences much of the territory through which the corridor would run, creating serious uncertainty for long-term infrastructure projects."

"The ongoing Rohingya crisis adds another layer of complexity. Bangladesh continues to host around 1.2 million Rohingyas, and analysts argue that any regional connectivity initiative should not undermine efforts to ensure their safe, voluntary and dignified repatriation," it added.

Citing experts, the report warned that infrastructure passing through conflict zones could inadvertently strengthen armed groups by creating new sources of revenue or influence, underscoring the need for comprehensive security assessments before any commitments are made.

The initiative revives the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor, originally proposed in 1999. However, India later exited the project due to concerns over China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Beijing's increasing regional influence.

Italy backs Ukraine's full EU membership through normal accession process

Stockholm, July 20 : Italy's support for Ukraine's full European Union membership is unwavering, but work must be done with Ukraine to "lay the groundwork" allowing the country to complete the bloc's rigorous accession process, especially in the area of combatting corruption, Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said on Monday.

"We are in favour of Ukraine joining the EU as a full member, but we must lay the groundwork to achieve this goal," Tajani told reporters on the sidelines of a NATO foreign ministers meeting in Helsingborg, Sweden.

"The ultimate goal is to see Ukraine enter the EU as a full member, alongside Western Balkan countries. This aspect is of crucial importance to us (Italy)," he continued. "Certain rules must be respected," said Tajani, adding that he had discussed Italy's potential role in combating graft with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky during a recent visit to Ukraine, Adnkronos news agency reported. Italy was prepared to deploy officers from its tax police, which have extensive experience in the fight against corruption and are already in contact with Ukraine's economy and finance ministry, Tajani noted.

"We are looking at how we can help combat corruption and thus help Ukraine comply with all the EU accession criteria. This is a concrete contribution," Tajani underlined.

Tajan's comments came after

Germany's Chancellor Friedrich Merz, in a letter to EU leaders on Thursday, pitched the idea of "associate membership" of the EU for Ukraine, which would allow Ukrainian officials to take part in EU summits and ministerial meetings but not vote in them. Such a move could help Zelensky sell Ukrainians a peace deal to end the more-than-four-year-old Russian invasion, Merz argued. Merz also suggested the EU make a "political commitment" to apply the bloc's mutual assistance clause to Ukraine.

Nine killed as house collapses amid heavy rain in Pakistan

Islamabad, July 20 : At least nine people were killed and 14 others injured after a residential house collapsed during heavy rain in the Kohat district of Pakistan's northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, rescue officials said.

An official from the Rescue 1122 said late Monday night that torrential rainfall caused the house to cave in the Malgin area of the Lachi area of the district, trapping 23 people under the rubble, reports Xinhua news agency. Rescue teams from Kohat and the neighbouring Karak district launched an operation and successfully pulled all the victims from the debris and shifted them to a nearby hospital.

The deceased included six women and three children, said the official, fearing that the death toll could rise as some of the injured are in critical condition.

The house collapse came as monsoon rains continued to lash several parts of Pakistan, triggering flash floods, damaging infrastructure and disrupting daily life. Earlier on Monday, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA).

Rajasthan Jal Jeevan scam : FIR filed against ex-minister & others

Jaipur, July 20 : The Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered an FIR against 22 people including former state minister Mahesh Joshi in the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) scam, officials on Monday. The FIR has also been registered against the JJM's financial advisor, chief engineer, additional chief engineer, superintendent engineer and executive engineer. Officials said that the role of officials and contractors of the Water Supply Department will be investigated. The ACB has also clarified that Mahesh Joshi will be called for questioning soon. Departmental officials and contractors will also be questioned in this matter, said officials. The scam in Jal Jeevan Mission was raised by veteran BJP leader Kirodi Lal Meena during the Gehlot government.

Meena had gone to Ashok Nagar police station to register a report. He also sat on a dharna outside the police station when the case was not registered.

Yemen's STC declares 2-year transitional phase ahead of referendum

Aden, July 20 : Chief of Yemen's Southern Transitional Council (STC) Aidarous Al-Zubaidi announced here on Monday the launch of a two-year transitional period during which the council will administer the southern parts of the country, to be followed by a referendum on the independence of the south.

In a televised speech delivered via the STC-affiliated AIC channel, Al-Zubaidi said the move was based on what he called a popular mandate and recent security and administrative developments in the region, reports Xinhua news agency.

"The two-year transitional period will conclude with a constitutional declaration to restore the State of South Yemen," Al-Zubaidi said, adding that the declaration is scheduled to take effect on January 2, 2028. Following the transitional phase will be a popular referendum on self-determination, to be conducted through peaceful and transparent mechanisms and in line with internationally-recognised standards, he said.

HP BJP lying on Sukhu govt's guarantees: Congress

Shimla, July 20 : The ruling Congress in Himachal Pradesh on Monday hit out at the Opposition BJP for pursuing politics of falsehood with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's Principal Media Advisor Naresh Chauhan accusing Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur of spreading canards on the government's guarantees for the people.

"Jairam Thakur is making false and unsubstantiated remarks about the government's performance to attract attention and make headlines just before organisational rejig in BJP," Chauhan told IANS.

Rs 7,377-crore bank fraud: ED seizes 86 land parcels of UP firm

New Delhi, July 20 : In fresh action over a Rs 7,377-crore bank fraud, the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, provisionally attached 86 land parcels (73.34 hectares) worth Rs 31.94 crore belonging to Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn Limited under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), officials said on Monday.

The immovable properties attached are situated at Bhatapara and Baloda Bazar, Chhattisgarh, and are in the form of agricultural land parcels.

All the properties are registered either in the name of the company or trusted employees and other gullible persons, ED said in a statement.

The case involves an outstanding loan amount to the tune of Rs 7377 crore which has been already declared fraud by RBI and all assets of the accused company Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn have been liquidated by the Resolution Professional (RP) appointed by the National Company Law Tribunal.

The ED initiated an investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by CBI under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on the basis of a written complaint dated June 1, 2021, received from Rajeev Khurana, DGM, Central Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi.

The complaint was filed against Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn Limited having registered office at 19/X- 1, Krishna Puram, GT Road, Kanpur 208007 (UP); Mata Prasad Agarwal, CMD, Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn Ltd; Pawan Kumar Agarwal, Jt. MD; Devesh Narain Gupta, Dy. MD, Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn; Sharda Agarwal, Director, Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn Ltd and unknown public servants and private persons.

The complaint said the accused committed cheating, criminal breach of trust, criminal conspiracy.

Cuban president says US using 'empty rhetoric' to justify military aggression

Havana, July 20 : Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel has accused the United States of using "empty rhetoric" to label the island country as a "sponsor of terrorism" without evidence, saying Washington is promoting a narrative in the media to justify military aggression.

Corruption in Pakistan's criminal justice system severely affecting poor, minorities

Islamabad, July 20 : Poor and marginalised communities, especially Christians prosecuted under the Pakistan's controversial blasphemy laws, have been affected by corruption in Pakistan's criminal justice system, a report has detailed.

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and its member organisation, the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), stated in a report that many Christians accused of blasphemy in Pakistan are not able

to get effective legal representation or challenge wrongful prosecutions due to poverty, discrimination and corruption, a report in Christian Daily International mentioned.

Traditional attire, crafts preserved NE's history before written records: Mizoram CM

Aizawl, July 20 : Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Monday said that the history and cultural heritage of the people of the Northeast had been preserved through their traditional attire, handicrafts and indigenous skills long before they were documented in written form.

He said these traditional practices and artistic expressions continue to serve as living repositories of the region's identity, history and collective memory.

Inaugurating the week-long 'Zo Fair' (Aadhi Bazaar) in Aizawl, the Chief Minister said that the products displayed at the fair reflected centuries of inherited craftsmanship and cultural traditions.

He observed that while modern technology has enabled the mass production of many goods, traditional handcrafted products still require painstaking manual work. These crafts, Lalduhoma said, are an integral part of the identity of the people and serve as a living record of their history and culture.

He urged artisans to take pride in their skills and not to undervalue or abandon their traditional craftsmanship. Although these products are made primarily for their own communities, the Chief Minister noted that appreciation and demand from outside are steadily increasing, creating better market opportunities.

He also expressed appreciation to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, TRIFED and the concerned departments for their efforts in the conservation and promotion of tribal and forest-based products.

Welcoming participants from outside the state, Lalduhoma invited them to enjoy their stay in Mizoram, interact freely with the local people as members of one family rather than as visitors and, if possible, explore Aizawl and visit local households to experience the hospitality of the Mizo people.

The fair is jointly organised by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Algerian law criminalising French colonisation takes effect

Algiers, July 20 : An Algerian law criminalising French colonisation has officially entered into force following its publication in the country's Official Gazette, according to local media.

The law declares France's colonisation of Algeria from 1830 to 1962 and its "direct and indirect effects that persisted beyond this period" a "state crime," and lists 31 "imprescriptible" colonisation crimes, including intentional homicide, deliberately directing military attacks against civilians, and the use of unconventional and internationally-prohibited weapons.

The law was described by officials as "a step to preserve national memory and honour the sacrifices made during the colonial period," Xinhua news agency reported.

It states that Algeria will pursue all legal and judicial means to ensure France's "official recognition" of its colonial past, including proper handling of matters related to the nuclear explosion and the restitution of "stolen" Treasury assets.

It states that anyone promoting colonisation through various means with the aim of justifying French colonisation or denying its criminal nature will be punished with imprisonment and a fine.

Nigerian national detained in Delhi for overstaying visa, deportation initiated

New Delhi, July 20 : In a significant crackdown on illegal foreign nationals, the Operations Cell of the South West District Police has successfully traced and detained a Nigerian national found to be overstaying in India, Delhi Police said on Monday. The detained individual, identified as Apeh Nnanna Malachy, aged 39, is a resident of Enuguezike, Nigeria. He had been staying in India after his medical visa expired.

"Accordingly, a dedicated team comprising ASI Vinod Kumar, ASI Dharmendra, HC Mohit, HC Narender and HC Prashant was constituted under the leadership of Insp. Ram Kumar, I/C AATS/SW and under the supervision of Vijaypal Tomar, ACP/Operations, South West District. The team was briefed to identify illegal migrants by conducting thorough checks, particularly in vulnerable areas of the South-West District," the police statement read.

According to the officials, on October 3, the team received a tip-off about a suspicious foreign national roaming in the Nangal Raya and Vasant Kunj South area. Upon intercepting the individual and conducting a thorough verification, it was revealed that Malachy had entered India on March 15, 2021, on a medical visa.

EU to suspend key fertiliser tariffs to ease Middle East crisis's impact on farmers

Brussels, July 20 : The Council of the European Union (EU) announced on Monday a one-year suspension of customs duties on key nitrogen-based fertilisers such as urea and ammonia, aiming to alleviate the impact of the Iran war on EU farmers.

The nearly complete closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted about one-third of global fertiliser trade, driving up prices sharply. In April, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations warned that a prolonged blockade could trigger an agrifood catastrophe.

The measure is expected to save EU farmers and the fertiliser industry about 60 million euros (69.6 million US dollars) in import duties, according to the Council's statement, Xinhua news agency reported.

The tariff suspension does not apply to fertiliser products imported from Russia or Belarus. The measure will take effect on

Nepal requests UN to postpone LDC graduation until 2030 citing economic risks

Kathmandu, July 20 : Nepal has formally requested the United Nations to defer its scheduled graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category, citing mounting economic challenges, global uncertainties, and concerns over the country's preparedness for the transition.

Nepal was due to graduate from the LDC category in November 2026, a milestone that would mark the country's progress in human development and economic resilience.

TN Ministers review modernised Cooptex showroom in Delhi

New Delhi, July 20 : Tamil Nadu's efforts to expand the national footprint of its handloom sector received a major push on Monday as State Ministers for Handlooms, Textiles and Khadi, M. Vijay Balaji, and Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce, S. Keerthana, visited the newly modernised Cooptex "Pudupavu" showroom at the State Emporia Complex in Connaught Place.

The visit marked the official review of the renovated retail outlet, which has undergone a comprehensive makeover to strengthen Cooptex's presence in North India and attract a wider, younger customer base. The Ministers inspected the upgraded showroom, reviewed its redesigned interiors, enhanced product displays and improved customer amenities, and assessed the marketing initiatives introduced as part of the modernisation project. The renovation, carried out for Rs 49 lakh, has transformed the 1,600-square-foot showroom into a contemporary retail space featuring premium lighting, modern display systems and customer-friendly facilities, while retaining the traditional character of Tamil Nadu's celebrated handloom heritage.

Established in 1935, Cooptex is among India's largest handloom weavers' cooperative organisations and serves as the principal marketing agency for products woven by cooperative societies across Tamil Nadu. The organisation currently operates a nationwide network of 146 retail outlets that showcase authentic handloom products under the Cooptex brand.

The New Delhi showroom offers an extensive range of products, including Kanchipuram, Arani, Salem, and Coimbatore silk sarees; cotton sarees; ready-made garments; dhotis; shirts; bed linen; towels; contemporary indigo fusion apparel; and modern printed men's kurta collections.

South Korea's ex-NIS deputy chief denies allegations of delivering message backing Yoon's martial law

Seoul, July 20 : A former senior official of South Korea's spy agency denied allegations that he delivered a message to the United States supporting former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid during questioning by a special counsel team.

Hong Jang-won, former first deputy director of the National Intelligence Service (NIS), is accused of playing a key role in the alleged insurrection, as the NIS allegedly contacted US intelligence agencies after Yoon declared martial law on December 3, 2024, to convey a message justifying the emergency measure, reports Yonhap news agency.

Hong said he tried to clarify misunderstandings during questioning at the special counsel team's office in Gwacheon, just south of Seoul.

"I believe I have sufficiently cleared up misunderstandings, and I think they now understand the matter enough," Hong told reporters, after nine hours of interrogation.

The questioning of Hong drew particular attention, as he had effectively acted as a "whistleblower" during investigations and court hearings related to the martial law declaration.

The special counsel team, led by Kwon Chang-young, has booked

Hong, former NIS chief Cho Tae-yong and four other former political appointees at the spy agency on insurrection-related charges.

The team said it confirmed specific allegations against the six after obtaining documents explaining the justification for the martial law declaration during an April raid on the NIS and questioning around 40 NIS officials. Asked by reporters, Hong denied all allegations, saying he was unaware of the documents allegedly uncovered during the recent raid on the NIS. He, however, declined to answer questions about whether NIS officials handling overseas affairs had contacted their US counterparts and reported back to him.

Amid conflict, millions in Nigeria face hunger in coming lean season: UN

United Nations, July 20 : Millions of people across Nigeria are bracing for one of the worst lean seasons on record amid conflict, violence and insecurity, UN humanitarians have said.

In a news release on Monday (Local time), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said that economic pressures and unprecedented funding constraints are pushing Nigerian families to the brink.

The UN Humanitarian Country Team in Nigeria reported that nearly one in seven people, or 35 million people nationwide, are likely to face acute food insecurity during this year's lean season from June to August, said the office. "This makes Nigeria one of the world's largest hunger crises, with the burden falling overwhelmingly on northern Nigeria," it said. "If assistance is further delayed, millions of families will be forced to further reduce meals, sell assets and withdraw their children from school."

OCHA said that acute malnutrition is also projected to peak, placing millions of children at risk. Across northwest and northeast Nigeria, it is estimated that 6.4 million children are likely to be acutely malnourished this year, reports Xinhua news agency.

The United Nations and its humanitarian partners are appealing for urgent funding to scale up life-saving assistance.

"Resources from the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund have jump-started the response, but more is needed to meet immediate life-saving humanitarian needs," OCHA said. "The already hyper-prioritised 516 million US dollar Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan is just over 40 per cent funded, with 215 million dollars received." Earlier this month, UN Secretary-General Antonio

Guterres called on the international community to act swiftly to address the conflicts and climate shocks affecting African nations.

India and Ghana discuss strengthening maritime, port sector cooperation

Accra, July 20 : India's High Commissioner designate to Ghana, Surinder Bhagat, paid a courtesy call on Major-General Paul Seidu Tanye-Kulono, Acting Director General of the Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA). According to the High Commission, the meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on strengthening India-Ghana cooperation in the maritime and port sectors. "India remains committed to further advancing its longstanding partnership with Ghana through stronger economic engagement and mutually beneficial cooperation," the High Commission wrote on X. Last week, the High Commissioner called on Kamal-Deen Ali, Director General of the Ghana Maritime Authority, to discuss matters relating to the welfare, safety, and wellbeing of Indian seafarers and crew members in Ghanaian waters.

According to the High Commission, the discussions focused on strengthening cooperation to ensure the safe and secure facilitation of Indian maritime personnel, addressing the concerns of Indian seafarers, and enhancing coordination between the High Commission of India and the Ghana Maritime Authority for their continued well-being.

"The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Ghana to promoting maritime safety, safeguarding the interests of seafarers, and further strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation," the High Commission wrote on X. The High Commissioner designate arrived in Ghana last month and was welcomed by Parameswaran, Second Secretary and members of the High Commission of India team. "High Commissioner-designate Shri Surinder Bhagat arrived in Accra.

IAEA chief warns of 'growing risks' after shelling near Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant

Vienna, July 20 : Multiple rounds of shelling were heard at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) amid the longest off-site power loss of the plant, posing "growing risks" to its nuclear safety and security, according to a UN nuclear watchdog statement. The shelling occurred in the afternoon, totalling about 15 rounds at near and middle distance from the site. The ZNPP informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) that two rounds of shelling struck around 1.25 km from the site perimeter, the IAEA statement said. No casualties have been reported and there was no immediate information of any damages. However, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi said the shelling further underlined the constant dangers facing the ZNPP, Xinhua news agency reported. "The nuclear safety and security situation is clearly not improving. On the contrary, the risks are growing," Grossi said. "The plant has now been without off-site power for almost two weeks, forcing it to rely on emergency diesel generators for the electricity it needs to cool its shutdown reactors and spent fuel. This is an extraordinarily challenging situation." In the statement, Grossi called for "maximum military restraint near nuclear facilities" and said he will continue to engage with Russia and Ukraine to restore the plant's off-site power as soon as possible. The ZNPP lost the connection to its last remaining 750 kilovolt line on September 23 during the conflict.

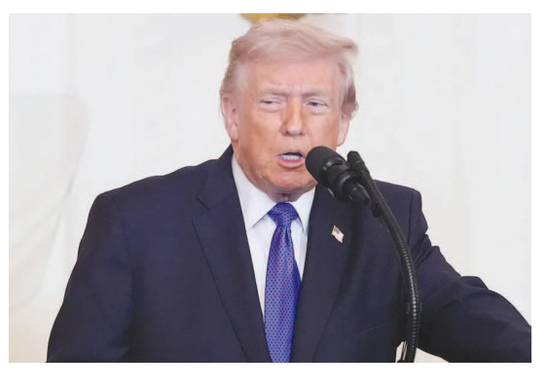
South Korea's Budget Minister pick faces growing pressure to step down as more allegations surface

Seoul, July 20 : Lee Hye-hoon, the nominee to head the newly established Ministry of Planning and Budget in South Korea, came under intensifying political pressure Monday to step down as suspicions of her husband's past real estate speculation emerged following revelations of her mistreating an intern while serving as a lawmaker.

Lee, a former three-term lawmaker from the conservative bloc, has drawn criticism from both the ruling and opposition parties since her surprise nomination by President Lee Jae Myung on Sunday, reports Yonhap news agency.

Some members of the ruling Democratic Party have voiced discomfort over the economist-turned-politician's past remarks supporting former President Yoon Suk Yeol's failed martial law bid, while the main opposition People Power Party (PPP) has branded her a traitor.

The PPP has stepped up its offensive ahead of Lee's confirmation hearing, citing recently disclosed audio recordings of Lee abusively reprimanding an intern during her time in the National Assembly. On Tuesday, PPP Rep. Joo Jin-woo also claimed that Lee's husband engaged in real estate speculation by purchasing large tracts of land near Incheon International Airport, west of Seoul, about a year before it officially opened in 2001. Joo released copies of land registry documents showing that the husband bought a 6,612-square-meter plot on Yeongjong Island in Incheon in 2000, when the couple was living in Seoul. The lawmaker argued that the land was later expropriated by state-run land development corporations in 2006 for about 3.91 billion won ($2.7 million).



Trump notifies US Congress on Iran strikes

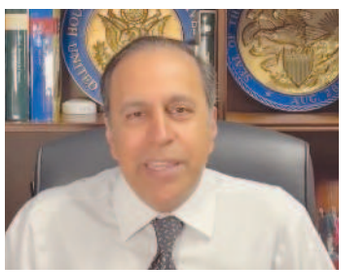
Washington, July 20 : US President Donald Trump has formally notified Congress that American forces resumed military operations against Iran last week, saying the action was necessary after Tehran allegedly attacked commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz despite a ceasefire and a diplomatic agreement signed last month. In a letter dated July 10 to congressional leaders under the War Powers Resolution, Trump said the renewed military action began on July 7 and followed what he described as Iran's failure to honour commitments made under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on June 17. "I write to apprise you of military action commenced on July 7, 2026, against the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran," Trump wrote. The President said his administration had pursued diplomacy after ordering a ceasefire in April and had engaged in "productive, good-faith efforts to achieve a diplomatic solution to Iran's malign behavior and to end its threat to the United States and our allies and partners."

India emerges as trusted hub for global entertainment industry

Abu Dhabi, July 20 : The global premiere of noted filmmaker Christopher Nolan's film 'The Odyssey' in India is not merely a promotional strategy but represents the country's growing prominence on the global entertainment map, and its emergence as a market the world increasingly trusts, a report has stated.

India has also emerged as a destination for major entertainment and media summits, bringing together creators, studios, technology firms, investors and policymakers from across the globe. These platforms highlight the country's expanding role not just as a consumer of international content but also as a hub for production, investment and creative collaboration. Global studios are increasingly dependent on Indian expertise in areas such as visual effects, animation, post-production, music and technology, according to a report in the United Arab Emirates-based daily 'Gulf Today.'

Indian, Chinese Americans targeted : US lawmakers



Washington, July 20 : A group of Democratic lawmakers has introduced a House resolution condemning what they described as racist rhetoric targeting Indian Americans and Chinese Americans after President Donald Trump amplified a controversial social media post questioning birthright citizenship and immigrants' loyalty to the United States.

The resolution, introduced by Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi alongside Congressman Ted Lieu and Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, says such rhetoric fuels discrimination and violence at a time of rising 'anti-Asian' hate in the United States.

South Korean Foreign Minister to visit Philippines for ASEAN-related ministerial meetings

Seoul, July 20 : South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun plans to visit the Philippines next week for a series of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-related meetings to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation with partner nations and address regional and global issues, South Korea's foreign ministry said on Monday.

During a two-day visit from July 22, Cho will co-chair the 29th ASEAN–Republic of Korea Foreign Ministers' Meeting with Thailand and hold bilateral talks with his counterparts from the Philippines, this year's ASEAN chair, and other countries, according to the ministry.

Cho is scheduled to attend the ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers' meeting that involves Japan and China, the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers' meeting and the East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Yonhap News Agency reported.

"Through the meetings, Cho plans to advance the implementation of our vision for the comprehensive strategic partnership with ASEAN and discuss ways to strengthen practical cooperation in artificial intelligence (AI) and cultural and creative industries, among other fields," ministry spokesperson Park Il said at a press briefing.

Under the ASEAN Plus Three framework, Cho will explore ways with Japan and China to enhance regional supply chain resilience in such areas as energy and food security, while reaffirming Seoul's commitment to contributing to regional security efforts.

Cho will seek ASEAN's continued support for the South Korean government's policy toward the Korean Peninsula, the ministry said.

Indian Army engineers play key role in Operation Amistad, ensure uninterrupted medical support in quake-hit Venezuela

New Delhi, July 20 : During Operation Amistad, India's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) mission in earthquake-affected Venezuela, the engineering support component of the Shatrujeet Task Force played a crucial role in establishing and sustaining the Indian Army's field hospital under challenging conditions. The Indian Army said the Shatrujeet Eagles were instrumental in ensuring that the field hospital remained fully operational by repairing and maintaining critical medical and electrical equipment. Their efforts helped restore essential systems, enabling uninterrupted healthcare delivery to people affected by the devastating earthquakes. From restoring life-saving medical devices to installing and maintaining vital electrical infrastructure, the engineering team ensured the rapid operationalisation of the hospital and kept it mission-ready throughout the relief effort. Working behind the scenes, these Warrior Craftsmen combined technical expertise, innovation and unwavering dedication to support frontline medical teams. Their contribution ensured that timely and effective medical assistance could reach those in need during the disaster response mission. The Indian Army said in a statement: "Through their commitment to excellence and selfless service, the Indian Army once again reaffirmed India's role as a trusted first responder, delivering hope and humanitarian assistance when it was needed most."

Jaiswal needs more game time before WC if he is in the plans : Yuvraj

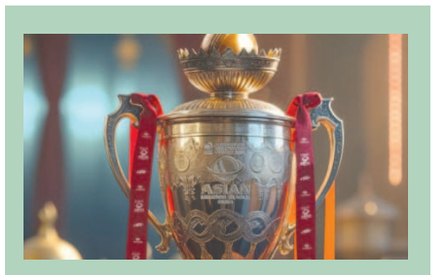
New Delhi, July 20 : Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has urged the team management to give Yashasvi Jaiswal a longer run in the ODI setup ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, warning that a lack of match practice could leave the young opener under immense pressure if called upon during the tournament. Speaking amid discussions around India's squad composition following the ODI series against England, Yuvraj said his biggest concern was not the absence of senior players but the limited opportunities being given to Jaiswal despite his recent performances.

"From a player's point of view, it hurts when you're not there. From another perspective, you can understand that maybe they wanted younger players. At that time, there were Dhoni and I, both 36 or 37, going into the World Cup, and the team management had to make a decision," Yuvraj told JioStar.

Drawing from his own experience ahead of the 2019 World Cup cycle, Yuvraj said difficult selection calls are part of international cricket, but stressed that India's planning for the next global event must ensure that reserve players are adequately prepared.

Virat was a master, he will remain one: Irfan Pathan

New Delhi, July 20 : Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan believes Virat Kohli's reputation does not hinge on scoring runs at Lord's, saying the batting great has already proven himself across the world and that his latest half-century should be appreciated for the quality of the innings rather than the venue where it came. Kohli struck 74 in India's chase of 388 in the third ODI against England at Lord's, sharing a crucial partnership with Rohit Sharma before the visitors eventually fell 27 runs short as England clinched the three-match series 2-1. Questioning the significance often attached to performances at the historic venue, Pathan said Kohli's legacy has long been established. "I've always wondered why it's considered so important to score runs at Lord's. Virat has scored runs everywhere in the world. It might be a prestige thing, but if this half-century hadn't come, would his importance in world cricket.



Rayudu, Yusuf, Dilshan headline Asian Legends League lineup, season 2 to begin from July 30 in Zambia

New Delhi, July 20 : The highly anticipated second edition of the Asian Legends League (ALL) is scheduled to captivate cricket fans worldwide, taking place in Lusaka, Zambia, from July 30 to August 10, 2026. Following its highly successful first edition, the league returns to a larger stage, featuring six competitive teams, legendary former international cricketers, and a thrilling T20 format that guarantees unforgettable cricketing action.

India announce strong shooting squad for ISSF World Cup in Hangzhou

New Delhi, July 20 : India have named a strong 36-member squad for the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Hangzhou, China, with Olympic medallists Manu Bhaker and Swapnil Kusale leading the challenge in the prestigious competition scheduled from July 20 to 29. The Indian contingent features a blend of experienced Olympians and emerging talent across rifle, pistol, and shotgun disciplines, with athletes set to compete in both individual and mixed-team events. Joining Manu and Swapnil are established names such as Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Esha Singh, Suruchi, Elavenil Valarivan, Sift Kaur Samra, Sonam Uttam Maskar, Anish Bhanwala, Raiza Dhillon, Ganemat Sekhon and Olympian Anant Jeet Singh Naruka.

Rohit has earned the right to decide on his retirement on his own terms, says Kaif

New Delhi, July 20 : Strongly backing veteran opener Rohit Sharma as he quashed all speculation over his international future with a sublime 138 at Lord's, former India cricketer Mohammad Kaif on Monday asserted that the 39-year-old has earned the right to decide on his retirement on his own terms. Coming into the ODI series decider with speculation over his international career ending.

We're missing a trick: Gill sounds alarm over squad fitness concerns

London, July 20 : India captain Shubman Gill has called for a major overhaul in the squad's fitness levels, expressing frustration over players failing to last even a three-match series. He stressed that the side cannot afford frequent injuries if they wish to remain serious contenders for the 2027 ODI World Cup.

India's campaign was severely dented by a string of fitness setbacks.

Cubarsi collects FIFA Young Player Award, Simon bags Golden Glove

New York, July 20 : Spain centre-back Pau Cubarsi has won the FIFA Young Player Award for his outstanding performances during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Cubarsi started all eight matches for La Roja, as they soared to a second world crown with a 1-0 extra-time triumph over Argentina in the final on Sunday at New York New Jersey Stadium. Cubarsi never put a foot wrong as he helped Spain register seven clean sheets during the tournament, forging a fabulous partnership alongside Aymeric Laporte at the heart of a defence that conceded just a single goal, in their 2-1 quarter-final win against Belgium.

The 19-year-old, who has become one of only five teenagers in history to have won the World Cup, is also the first defender to win this award.

He has now joined the likes of Pele, Franz Beckenbauer, Michael Owen, Thomas Muller, Paul Pogba and Kylian Mbappe, who also won the Young Player award in previous editions of the tournament. Cubarsí, who helped Spain keep seven clean sheets at the FIFA World Cup 2026, is also only the fifth defender after Franz Beckenbauer, Wladyslaw Zmuda, Antonio Cabrini and Manuel Amoros to win the Young Player award.