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Revanth inspects Assembly renovation works



Hyderabad, July 23 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conducted an extensive inspection of the ongoing repair and restoration works at the historic Telangana Legislative Assembly complex on Thursday. Accompanied by key legislative leaders and senior officials, the Chief Minister toured the premises to evaluate the progress of the infrastructure upgrades. During the walkthrough,

Revanth Reddy gathered detailed updates from department engineers and issued key directions to ensure the heritage character of the structure is preserved while upgrading operational facilities. Prominent leaders present during the inspection included Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Minister Adluri Laxman, Government Whips Aadi Srinivas, Addanki Dayakar, and Balmuri Venkat, along with MLAs Kavvampalli



Satyanarayana and Jaiveer Reddy. The state government is prioritising the structural restoration and modern infrastructure upgrades across the historic legislature premises to enhance operational efficiency for upcoming legislative sessions.

Singareni must stay competitive in changing energy landscape: Bhatti



Hyderabad, July 23 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the State government's foremost objective is to ensure that Singareni Collieries Company

Limited (SCCL) remains a strong, efficiently managed, and future-ready public sector enterprise by expanding its business and securing its long-term sustainability for future generations. Describing Singareni as the soul of Telangana, the Deputy Chief Minister said the people of the state and its workforce share an emotional bond with the 130-year-old institution. He emphasised that it is everyone's collective responsibility not only to protect this iconic public sector enterprise but also to strengthen it and hand it



over as a profitable organisation to future generations. The Deputy Chief Minister on Thursday inspected the Sathupalli open cast coal mine, where he reviewed coal reserves.



Oppn protests on Parliament premises, reiterates demand for Pradhan's resignation

New Delhi, July 23 : Opposition MPs on Thursday staged a protest at Makar Dwar inside the Parliament premises over the NEET paper leak and examination irregularities, reiterating their demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

The demonstration was attended by Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Congress General Secretary and MP K.C. Venugopal, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and sev-

eral other Opposition leaders, who held banners carrying slogans against the Education Minister. The protest coincided with a parallel demonstration by the NDA at Makar Dwar, where leaders of the ruling alliance accused the Opposition of politicising the NEET paper leak issue.



K.T. Rama Rao serves legal notice on CM Reddy over allegations

Hyderabad, July 23 : Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday said he has served a legal notice on Telangana Chief Minister, demanding that he tender an unconditional public apology within 48 hours for falsely branding Globe Arena as his 'benami' company and making several other baseless allegations. K.T. Rama Rao strongly condemned the Chief Minister for making what he described as false, malicious and defamatory allegations linking him to the company. K.T. Rama Rao said the legal notice was issued after the Chief Minister made a series of "irresponsible" statements before the media without producing a shred of evidence. He asserted that he has no ownership, financial, proprietary or any other relationship whatsoever with Globe Arena Technologies.

Telangana upgrading Gurukuls into centres of excellence: Adluri

Hyderabad, July 23 : Minister for Social Welfare Adluri Laxman Kumar stated that the State government is elevating Gurukul institutions to become centers of excellence, on par with leading corporate

educational facilities, thereby guaranteeing that all students receive high-quality education and necessary resources. The Minister was addressing students.



Ministers are lagging behind in many areas : CM Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati, July 23: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu issued key directives to ministers during the state cabinet meeting. He ordered a re-examination of the proposal seeking cabinet approval to fill 3,120 posts across various government departments. He asked for a fresh study to be conducted regarding the necessary positions and for proposals to be submitted accordingly. The Chief Minister advised

ministers to focus more on the performance of their respective departments, noting that they were lagging behind in several areas. He directed MLAs and ministers to take responsibility for explaining the issue to the public after the removal of long-pending land cases from the prohibited list. He suggested that collaboration between the district in-charge minister and the collector would lead to solutions for many problems and advised both to undertake field visits together. The Chief Minister directed that projects approved by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) be reviewed at the district level. He also advised holding frequent Planning Board meetings and con-



ducting regular reviews of development works. "You must take the initiative to resolve issues within your respective departments. Although ministers held press conferences regarding the government's achievements over the past two years, they failed to effectively convey them to the public," he remarked.

Floods increase in Tungabhadra

Bommanahal (Anantapur), July 23 : Inflow into the Tungabhadra Reservoir has increased. Due to renewed rainfall in the upstream areas, the dam is receiving an inflow of 13,800 cusecs. Water storage levels have reached 26.454 TMC at an elevation of 1,603.54 feet.





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POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, IFL-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 on him/her under Sub-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, IFL-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 IFL-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 25-24 ("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 IFL-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. Shyamkumar Yerramshetty, Mrs. Srihatha, (Loan Account No. IL1038315)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 3/5/17/J/4, Plot No 18, Sy No 150 And 153, Srinagar, Ramanthapur Village, Uppal, MM District, TS-500039Area Measuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built-Up Area, Carpet Area, Property Area: 523.00, 902.00, 721.00 Bounded By: North: Part of H.No. 3/5/17/J/4 Allotted To Y Anil Kumar, South: 20 Feet Wide Road, East: Passage, West: Plot No 17	Rs. 2563437/- (Rupees) Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Seven Only	24/09/2025	21/07/2026

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: Hyderabad, Date: 24-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Phoenix ARC Limited (In capacity as Trustee)



BAJAJ FINANCE
Corporate Office, Corporate Office at 4th Floor 'Bajaj Finserv', Off Pune - Ahmednagar Rd, Viman Nagar, Pune - 411 014, Maharashtra (INDIA), Branch Office:- 1-10-39 to 44, 1st Floor, Gumidelli Towers, Prakash Nagar, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016, Authorized Officer's Details: Name: Aravind. M, Email ID: aravind.m@bajajfinserv.in, Mobile No. 9640530903.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
E-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002
Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorized Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges and costs etc.
The secured asset described below is being sold on **11.08.2026** and bidding will be **"AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS"** under **Rule No. 8 & 9** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("the rules") for recovery of the dues detailed as under: **Particulars of E-auction**

Loan Account Details/ Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address	1. Date & Time of E-Auction, 2. Last Date of Submission of EMD, 3. Date & Time of the Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price 2. EMD of the Property 3. Bid Increment
Loan Account No.: P400PLA9938836, 1. Jai Sri Shyam Enterprises. Rep. by It's Proprietor 1/18, Near Sri Vaagdevi School Mallanna Basthi, Wood Work Shop, Bollaram, Hyderabad, Sanga Reddy Dist., Telangana-502325 (Borrower), 2. Babitha Agarwal, 11-34, Mallanna Basthi, AIE Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Sanga Reddy Dist., Hyderabad, Telangana-502325 (Co- Borrower), 3. Ramkishan Agarwal, 11-34, Mallanna Basthi, Near Jyothi Theatre, AIE, Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Sanga Reddy Dist., Hyderabad Telangana-502325 (Co. Borrower), 4. Ganshyam Agarwal, 11-34, Mallanna Basthi, AIE Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Sanga Reddy Dist., Hyderabad, Telangana-502325 (Co- Borrower). Outstanding Amount : Rs.3.21,53,411/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 20.07.2026 along with future interest and charges accrued thereon.	1) E-Auction Date: 11/08/2026 between 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes, 2) Last Date of Submission of EMD With KYC is: 10/08/2026 till 5:00 pm 3) Date of Inspection : 24/07/2026 to 08/08/2026 on working day between 9.30 AM to 5:30 PM with Prior appointments	1) Reserve Price: Rs. 12,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs only) 2) EMD:-Rs. 11,20,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakhs and Twenty Thousand Only) 10% of Reserve Price 3) Bid Increment: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only), & In Such Multiples

Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule Of Property: Property No. 1: All that the property admeasuring area an extent of total 272 Sqr.Yrds (2448 Sqr.Fts) (partially sold extent 112 Sqr.Yrds ,1008 sqfts, Remaining Extent 160 Sqr.Yrds (1440 Sq. Fts), bearing House No.11-34 (New) 5-95/5 (Old) Situated at Bollaram Village, Jinnaram Mandal within Sanga Reddy District and Bounded by : **East** : House of Devamma, **West**: House of Seenu Mesthry, **North**: 50wide Road, **South**: 30wide road (Secured Asset).

Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:
Notice in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion on of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the link <https://bankauctions.in> and <https://www.bajajfinserv.in/sarfaesi-auction-notices>
Date: 24/07/2026, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorized Officer, Bajaj Finance Limited



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Workhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400051; Tel: 02242410400, 02240603100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction>
Branch Office Address: H.No.2-10-1460, Home Line Towers, Jagtial Road, Jyothinagar, Karimnagar.

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

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Shyam Sundher Baddam S/O.Malla Reddy, Age:34 Years, Occ: Propritor (M/S.Manjunatha Enterprises),H.No:4-14, Jagadevpeta, Velgatoor, Jagtial, Pincode:505526. lInd Add H.No:3-6-147, Adarshnagar, Karimnagar, Pincode:505001. (Borrower)
2.	Baddam Manjula W/O.Shyamsundher, Age:35 Years, Occ:House Wife, H.No:4-14, Jagadevpeta, Velgatoor, Jagtial, Pincode: 505526. (Co Borrower / Guarantor)
3.	Koudagani Raghupathi C/O.Koudagani Rajeshwar Rao, Age:39 Years, Occ:Business(M/S.Laxmi Balaji Enterprises),Flat No:202, Sai Manohar Nivas, Markandeya Nagar, Karimnagar, Pincode:505001. (Guarantor)

Sub: Sale of property belonging to Baddam Manjula (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of KMNG2TF2402260008 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, KARIMNAGR II- Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 30.01.2026 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 35,03,827/-(Thirty Five Lakhs Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven Rupees Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 13.07.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of Baddam Manjula Mortgage deed dated 21.02.2024 Registered as Document No.1778/2024 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Karimnagar (R.O)) Schedule Of Immovable Property Open land admeasuring to an extent of 605 Sq. yards or 506.69 Sq. Mtrs., Out of Sy. No.1379, situated at Subhash Nagar locality of Karimnagar Town & District, Regd. District: Karimnagar and Sub-District: Karimnagar Bounded as under: East : 25 feets wide Way, West: House others, North: H.No.10-4-382 of Mohammed Sarwar, South: H.No. 10-4-381 of Puli Eshwaraiah

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."

Date: 23-07-2026, Place: Karimnagar. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD



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Branch Office Address: H.No:8-1-66, Ground Floor, Janani Complex, Hyderabad Road, Siddipet.

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

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Sunitha Lavudiya C/O.Balu Lavudiya, Age:31 Years, Occ: Pro Priotr(C) Beauty Parlour And Ladies Emporium),H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangur, Medak, Pincode:502280.lInd Add Om Srisal Apartments, Nandana Vannam, Road No-2, Near Govt Degree College(Girls),1st Floor, Block-A, Mythrivanam, Siddipet, Medak, Pincode:502103. (Borrower)
2.	Balu Lavudiya C/O.Devaswamy, Age:37 Years, Occ:Business, H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangunoor, Medak, Pincode: 502280.lInd Add Om Srisal Apartments, Nandanavanam, Road No-2, Near Govt Degree College (Girls),1st Floor, Block-A, Mythrivanam, Siddipet, Medak, Pin code:502103. And Also At Balu Lavudiya C/O.Devaswamy, Age:37 Years, Occ:Business, Open Plot No.170, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 160 Sq. Yards Or 133.77 Sq. Mtrs. Out Of Sy. No.819/A & 819/B, Situated At Mittapally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet.(Co Borrower /Guarantor)
3.	Loudiya Lulu C/O.Loudiya Devaswamy, Age:34 Years, Occ: Business, H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangunoor, Medak, Pincode:502280. Guarantor

Sub: Sale of property belonging to BALU LAVUDIYA (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of SIDP2TF2402280004 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, SIDDIPET- Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 16.02.2026 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.20,92,660/-(Twenty Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Rupees Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 09.07.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of BALU LAVUDIYA Mortgage deed dated 29.02.2024 Registered as Document No.2113/2024 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Siddipet)SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open Plot No. 170, admeasuring to an extent of 160 Sq. yards or 133.77 Sq. Mtrs. out of Sy. No.819/A & 819/B, situated at Mittapally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet, Bounded as under: East : Polt No. 175, West: 24 feet Road, North: Plot No. 171, South: Plot No. 169

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Date: 23-07-2026, Place: Siddipet. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

Revanth questions

BRS silence on Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation

Hyderabad, July 23 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy questioned why the BRS had not demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over recent controversies. The Chief Minister also referred to the deaths of 27 Intermediate students during the previous BRS regime, alleging that they resulted from errors in the evaluation

of examination papers. He demanded that BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao prove his integrity in connection with the Globarena issue and apologise for the student deaths.



Delhi developments expose BJP's disconnect with youth: Uttam

Hyderabad, July 23 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the recent developments in Delhi have highlighted a widening gap between the ruling BJP government at the Centre and the hopes and dreams of young people across India. He asserted that democratic engagement—not repression—was the only way to address the concerns of students and young citizens. In a press statement on Thursday, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that at a time when lakhs of students were demanding transparency, accountability and fairness in public examinations and governance, the response of the Central government had been one of confrontation rather than dialogue. He said the Indian National Congress had consistently stood with students, youth and ordinary citizens seeking justice through peaceful and democratic means.

The Minister hailed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's decision for standing with protesting students and young people, describing his actions as an example of courageous, compassionate and principled leadership.

"Instead of remaining a distant political observer, Rahul Gandhi chose to stand shoulder to shoulder with students and young citizens who feel unheard. His willingness to raise their concerns and defend their democratic rights reflects the kind of politics India needs today—politics based on empathy, accountability and constitutional values," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.

He observed that there was a growing desire across the country, particularly among the younger generation, for a new political culture that valued honesty over propaganda, dialogue over intimidation and public service over the politics of division.

Komatireddy extends 10 lakh aid to IIT Madras graduate for Germany master's

Hyderabad, July 23 : Minister for Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, has extended 10 lakh in financial assistance to Parimala, a meritorious student from an economically disadvantaged background, clearing her path to pursue higher education in Germany. Parimala, a native of Devarakonda and the daughter of daily wage labourer, completed her undergraduate studies at IIT Madras before securing admission to a prestigious German university for her Master's degree. Facing financial hardship, her family struggled to fund her overseas studies. Upon identifying her situation, Devarakonda MLA Balu Naik brought the family's plight to Minister Venkat Reddy's attention. Impressed by Parimala's academic achievements, the Minister promptly sanctioned 10 lakh through the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infiniti Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorized Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IFL-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 IFL-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 25-24 ("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 IFL-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 the Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Aluru Naik Bukke Mr. Aluru Huseiniah, Mrs. Ashruti Fatima Mason (Prospect No IL10924855)	All that piece and parcel of Rs : 130, Plot No : 707, Kothapalle, Jagannava Colony, Proddatur, Near Meenapuram, Cuddapah, Andhra Pradesh, India, 516360 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.) Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 479 Bounded By: North: Road South: Plot No 742 East: Plot No 708 West: Plot No 706	Rs.306733/- Rupees Three Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three Only	09-03-2026	20-07-2026
Miss. Jabeen Shek Miss. Syed Shakila Mr. Syed Rasool Basha Jabeen Tailor (Prospect No IL10796625)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No:2708, Sy No:26, Kothapalle Village, Proddatur Mandal, YSR District, Andhra Pradesh. 516360 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.). Property Type: Built-Up Area, Property Area: 350 Bounded By: North: Plot No:2703 South: Rastha East: Plot No:2707 West: Plot No:2709	Rs.312624/- Rupees Three Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Four Only	10-02-2026	20-07-2026
Mrs. Penna Bhuvanewari, Mr. P Chandra Sekar, Milk Business (Prospect No IL10636353)	All that piece and parcel of Plot No 109, Sy No 309/1, Bathalavallam Village, Varadachalapalem Mandal, Chittoor District. Ap. 517541 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 653 Bounded By: North: Plot No 110 South: Plot No 108 East: Plot No 112 West: Road	Rs.155013/- Rupees One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Thirteen Only	09-03-2026	20-07-2026
Mrs. Giri Naik Bukke Mr. Bukke Bujjibhai Gir Tractor And Agriculture Workes (Prospect No IL10542067)	All that piece and parcel of H.No. 4-11, Assessment No. 433, Sy No: 35/A, Madureddipalle, Mydur Mandal in Cuddapah District of AP State-516173 Area Admeasuring (In sq.ft): Property Type: Land, Area, Built-Up Area, Property Area: 871.00, 384.00 Bounded By: North: Donor Remaining Site And Rastha South: Rastha East: House of Bukke Balu Krishna Naik West: House of Bukke Drasaka Naik	Rs.367812/- Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Only	10-02-21-07-2026	20-07-2026
Mrs. N Jyothi Mr. N.Chitti Babu Jyothi Dairy Farm (Prospect No IL10678099)	All that piece and parcel of Rs No 344, Dr No 1-62, Kambalakur Village, Varadachalapalem Mandal, Varadachalapalem, Temple Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, India, 517541 Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.): Property Type: Area Admeasuring Property Area: 1290 Bounded By: North: Empty Place South: S Venkatasai House And Way East: S Mathuram Place West: Empty Place	Rs.335168/- Rupees Three Lakh Thirty Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight Only	09-03-20-07-2026	20-07-2026

For further details please contact to Authorized Officer at Branch Office: Shop No:6&7, TJ Complex, State Bank Main Branch Circle, Kurnool - 518004 or Corporate Office: Plot No.38, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana

Place:Kurnool, Date: 24-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IFL Home Finance Ltd.



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HANAMKONDA CHOWRASTA BRANCH: H.No.3-14-10/3/1/3
Yadav Nagar, Near Petrol Pump, Hanamkonda-506001, Mob: 8367788539, E-mail: VJHAKO@BANKOFBARODA.COM

[Abridged Sale Notice for publication in News Papers]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]"
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Hanamkonda Chowrasta Branch Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Sl No	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor / Mortgagor/s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, & Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	Sri Bommakanti Eshwaraiyah H.No.11-25-291, Kothawada, Waranagal Telangana-506002	EMDTD of land and building constructed in sy 78 plot no 19 near h no 45-9-2 at AP housing board colony, Keerthi nagar colony, Gorrunkunta, Warangal 506002 and it is bounded By: East: H.No.45-9-2 H.No. 2 LIG -I West: 45-9-1 H.no.1 LIG 1, North: 25 wide road South: 30 Wide Road.	Rs. 47,23,382/-	10-08-2026	Reserve Price: Rs. 27,97,740/- and EMD: Rs.2,79,774/-	Physical	Up to 08-08-2026 at 4 PM

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.html> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Mobile: 8367788539

Date: 22-07-2026, Place: Hanamkonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Workhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400051; Tel: 02242410400, 02240603100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction>
Branch Office Address: H.No:8-1-66, Ground Floor, Janani Complex, Hyderabad Road, Siddipet.

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

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Sunitha Lavudiya C/O.Balu Lavudiya, Age:31 Years, Occ: Pro Priotr(C) Beauty Parlour And Ladies Emporium),H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangur, Medak, Pincode:502280.lInd Add Om Srisal Apartments, Nandana Vannam, Road No-2, Near Govt Degree College(Girls),1st Floor, Block-A, Mythrivanam, Siddipet, Medak, Pincode:502103. (Borrower)
2.	Balu Lavudiya C/O.Devaswamy, Age:37 Years, Occ:Business, H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangunoor, Medak, Pincode: 502280.lInd Add Om Srisal Apartments, Nandanavanam, Road No-2, Near Govt Degree College (Girls),1st Floor, Block-A, Mythrivanam, Siddipet, Medak, Pin code:502103. And Also At Balu Lavudiya C/O.Devaswamy, Age:37 Years, Occ:Business, Open Plot No.170, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 160 Sq. Yards Or 133.77 Sq. Mtrs. Out Of Sy. No.819/A & 819/B, Situated At Mittapally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet.(Co Borrower /Guarantor)
3.	Loudiya Lulu C/O.Loudiya Devaswamy, Age:34 Years, Occ: Business, H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangunoor, Medak, Pincode:502280. Guarantor

Sub: Sale of property belonging to BALU LAVUDIYA (Borrower/Guarantor) in the account of SIDP2TF2402280004 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, SIDDIPET- Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 16.02.2026 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs.20,92,660/-(Twenty Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Rupees Only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 09.07.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.
Schedule of Property: (Mortgaged under the Name of BALU LAVUDIYA Mortgage deed dated 29.02.2024 Registered as Document No.2113/2024 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Siddipet)SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Open Plot No. 170, admeasuring to an extent of 160 Sq. yards or 133.77 Sq. Mtrs. out of Sy. No.819/A & 819/B, situated at Mittapally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet, Bounded as under: East : Polt No. 175, West: 24 feet Road, North: Plot No. 171, South: Plot No. 169

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."

Date: 23-07-2026, Place: Siddipet. Sd/- Authorized Officer, SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD

AISF stages protest, demands release of pending scholarships

Hyderabad, July 23 : The All India Students' Federation (AISF) on Thursday staged a protest at the Hyderabad Collectorate, demanding the immediate release of pending scholarships, appointment of an Education Minister and improved educational facilities in the state. After a rally to the Collector's office here at

Lakdikapul, AISF leaders submitted a memorandum to Additional Collector Jitender. They alleged that scholarship dues amounting to Rs. 11,000 crore remain unpaid, forcing educational institutions to withhold students' certificates. The student body also opposed the proposed consolidation of government schools, criticised the lack of basic amenities in hostels and

accused the government of neglecting students' welfare. AISF warned of intensifying its agitation if the issues remain unresolved. Hyderabad District Secretary Mattala Chaitanya Yadav.



Hyderabad, July 23 : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday inaugurated the 11th All India Police Judo cluster 2026 here at the GMC Balayogi Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli. Addressing the participants, the Union minister said the Centre is promoting sports as a tool for nation-building through initiatives such as "Khelo India" and increased the sports budget to Rs.4,480 crore. He reiterated India's goal of becoming one of the world's top five sporting nations by 2047. Bandi Sanjay further said police sports strengthen national integration, camaraderie and discipline while encouraging greater participation of women personnel. He lauded the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for expanding welfare measures for athletes, including financial assistance, nutrition support and modern training facilities. The championship, being hosted by the CISF from July 23 to 30, has drawn over 1,600 athletes from 36 State Police and CAPF organisations, competing in Judo, Wushu, Taekwondo, Karata and Pencak Silat.



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 Branch Office: H.No:1-8-525/B, IInd Floor, Aravind Agarwal Complex, R T C "X" Road, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad.

RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited** (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the **physical possession** of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble The Court Of The Court Of Addl. Senior Civil Judge Cum Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Neredmet under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this **22.07.2026**.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Akku John, S/O: Joseph, Age 49 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 6-153/2, Venkateshwara Nagar Colony, Near HP Petrol Pump, Nagaram, Keesara, Rangareddy-500083, B/O: Proprietor Of " N V Excel Enterprises ", At # Same As Residence Address. 2) Akku Kavitha, W/O: John, Age 43 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 6-153/2, Venkateshwara Nagar Colony, Near HP Petrol Pump, Nagaram, Keesara, Rangareddy-500083, B/O: Proprietor Of " Kavitha Herbal Beauty Parlour ", At # Same As Residence Address. 3) Buiyankar Vignesh, S/O: Krishna, Age 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 10-94/1A, Vinayak Nagar, Near Durga Mattha Temple, Bala Nagar, Rangareddy-500037, B/O: Proprietor Of " Authentic Indian Spices ", At # Same As Residence Address. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 33,87,402/- (Thirty Three Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred And Two Rupees Only)
Description of Property
CHKDPTF2107300001 All That House Bearing No.6-153/2 (Plin No.1227102894) On Plot No.78/Part (East Side Portion), Ward No.08, Admeasuring 100 Square Yards Or 83.6 Square Meters, With A Plinth Area 900 Sq.Ft., In R.C.C., In Survey Nos.367, 361, 362 And 629, Situated At Nagaram Village, Under Nagaram Municipality, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajigiri District, Now Under Medchal Malkajigiri District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No.7, Towards West: Plot No.78/Part, Towards North: Plot No.73, Towards South: 25' Ft. Wide Road.

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: 22-07-2026, Place: Medchal- Malkajigiri

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **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 **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **22.07.2026**.

Borrower Name and Address
1) B Baghaven Reddy @ Alias Bhagvan Reddy Baddam @ Alias Baddam Bhagavan Reddy, S/O: Pratap Reddy, Age 69 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O:H.No: 12-5-27/3, Maruthi Nagar, Ward No: 25, Moosapet, Hyderabad-5000018, B/O: "Durga Electrical Zerox Communications", Same As Residence Address. 2) Baddam Praba, W/O:Bhagavan Reddy, D/O:Thirimal Reddy Kommarreddy, Age 59 Years, Occ:House Wife, R/O: H.No 12-5-27/3, Maruthi Nagar, Moosapet, Hyderabad-5000018. 3) J.I.Samuel, S/O: Isaac, Age 64 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O:EV/SH-253, Santosh Nagar Colony Hyderabad-500059, O/O: Central Power Distribution Company Of A.P.Ltd., Working As A Line Inspector, Lines, Allwin Section, EMP Id No: 1043606, At# Scada Circle, GTS Colony, Erragadda, Hyderabad-500018. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.1,08,10,245/- (Rupees One Crores Eight Lakhs Ten Thousand Two Hundred Forty Five only)
Description of Property
BSRBGTF05040001 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is B.PRABHA, Mortgage deed dated 23.04.2011 Registered as Document No 589/2011 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at BALANAGAR) All That The Part Of House No.5-27(2)(Old), House No.12-5-27/3 G+1(New), On Part Of Plot No.19, In Survey No.3, Admeasuring 75 Sq.Yards, Or 62.7 Sq. Mts., Situated At Maruthi Nagar, Moosapet Village, Kukatpally Municipality, Presently GHMC Kukatpally Circle, Bala Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 20' Ft. Wide Road, Towards West: House Of Neighbour's, Towards North: Part Of House No.5-27/2, Present: Part Of House No.12-5-27/2, Towards South: House Of Chary.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Date: 22-07-2026, Place: Kukatpally

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Medhi Naresh Kumar, S/O Medhi Mallaiiah, Aged About 41 Years, Occ: Building Material Supply & Constructions Business, R/O. Hno : 4-9-153.No : 2, Brundavan Colony, Near Swamy Shankar Function Hall, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy Dist, Pin: 501505, Ph: 9966809197. 2. Medhi Shilpa Latha, W/O Medhi Naresh Kumar, Aged About 37 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O. Hno : 4-9-153, No : 2, Brundavan Colony, Near Swamy Shankar Function Hall, Hayathnagar, Rangareddy Dist, Pin: 501505, Ph: 9652226177. 3. Surya Pavan Kumar, S/O Surya Hanumanth Rao, Aged About 35 Years,Occ: Private Employee, R/O. Hno : 4-1-27/134, Bholaapur, Ranga Nagar, Hyderabad Dist, Pin: 500080, Ph: 9160846768. Also At : Medhi Naresh Kumar, S/O Medhi Mallaiiah, Aged About 41 Years,Occ: Building Material Supply & Constructions Business, R/O.Hno : 4-7(Old Number), HNo: 4-7-11A/NP (New Number), Hayathnagar (Vi) & (Md), L.B.Nagar Circle, Rangareddy Dist, Pin: 501505,Ph: 9966809197. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)	Rs.25,56,736.03/- (Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six Rupees and Three Paise only)
Description of Property: NIZPTTF2401300001- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	
All that the Piece and Parcel of house bearing No.4-7-7 Northern Part(Old Number),4-7-11A/NP (New Number), (PTIN: 1030411487), admeasuring 42 Sq.Yds., Or 35.11 Sq.Mtrs.,(Having 2 Shutters Plinth area 289 Sft), Situated at Bagh Hayathnagar Village, Hayathnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Under GHMC, L.B.Nagar Circle, and bounded by :- NORTH: 20' Wide Road, SOUTH: House of Settlers, EAST: Passage, WEST: Passage.	

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Place: Hayathnagar (Md), Ranga Reddy (Dt) Date: 22.07.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address
1. Dooshetty Ravi Kumar, S/O Shiva Shankar, Aged About 38 Years , Occ: Consultancy Business, R/O. Hno : 4-1-1719,Bis Colony,Vikarabad Md & Dist,Pin : 50101. 2. Dooshetty Sharada, W/O Shiva Shankar, Aged About 53 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.Hno : 4-1-1719,Bis Colony, Vikarabad Md & Dist,Pin : 50101. 3. Burgupally Srikanth/S/O Rachappa, Aged About 47 Years,Occ: Consultancy Business, R/O.Hno : 4-2-87/98, Garb Nagar Colony,Beside Gowthami Junior College, Vikarabad Md & Dist,Pin : 501101. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 25,57,727/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven only)
Description of Property
VIKRBTf1806270005- Description Of The Immoveable Property All that the Hno.4-1-719, Plot No.86 in Sy.No.106,Ground Floor, Build with R.C.C. With a Plinth Area 675 Sq.Fts.,First Floor Built With R.C.C. with A Plinth Area 675 Sq.Fts., and including Open Place Total Admg.75 Sq Yards, ,Situated at B.T.S.Colony,Vikarabad,Mandal,Rangareddy District Under the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub- Registrar, Vikarabad,Rangareddy District and Bounded as follows : North: House Of D.Sharada, South: 20'-0" Wide Road, East: 20'-0" Wide Road, West: House Of Shiva Raj.

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Date: 22-07-2026, Place: Vikarabad(Md),RangaReddy(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Satya Sravan Netheti, S/O: Venkata Rao Netheti, Age:45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Mig-199, Ground Floor, Balaji Nagar, Near Community Hall, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072, B/O: Proprietor Of "M/S Dezine Factory", At # Same As Resi Address, 9849808808. 2) Parvathi Netheti, W/O: Netheti Satya Sravan, Age: 42 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: 199-M I G, Ground Floor, Balaji Nagar, Near Community Hall, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072, 9963945159. 3) Kishore Raju Indukuri, S/O: Ramakrishna Indukuri, C/O: Venkateswara Raju, Age: 41 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Mig-198, Balaji Nagar, Near Public Park, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072, B/O: Proprietor Of "Jahanavi Travels", At # Same As Resi Address, 955725078. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)	Rs.2117907/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred And Seven only)
Description of Property: HMYHTF2204220001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	
Property holder Name is NETHETI SATYA SRAVAN, Mortgage deed dated 25.04.2022 Registered as Document No 3519/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at KUKATPALLY) All that The Flat No.201 In Second Floor, Bearing Ghmc House No:15-21-1M-199/201, Plin No. 114154604, With A Built Up Area Of 850 Sq. Feet (Including Common Area), Along With Undivided Share Of Land Admeasuring 30.5 Square Yards (Out Of 213.88 Square Yards), Constructed On House No. 199/Mig-Phase-X, Aphi Colony, Situated At Balaji Nagar, Kukatpally Village, Kukatpally Mandal, Under GHMC Kukatpally Circle, Medchal-Malkajigiri District - Telangana State And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Open To Sky, Towards West: Flat No. 202, Towards North: Corridor, Towards South: Open To Sky.	

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Place: KUKATPALLY Date: 22.07.2026

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Borrower Name and Address
1. M.Chinna Malleshham, S/O, M.Bandaiah, Aged About 44 Years, Occ: Cement Dealer Business, R/O. H.No.1-1-9/4B, Malreddypally (Vi),Tandur(Md),Vikarabad Dist -501149. Also At : M.Chinna Malleshham, S/O, M.Bandaiah, Aged About 44 Years, Occ: Cement Dealer Business, R/O. H.No-5.2, Plot No.20,Sy.No. 154/A, 154/AA,Antharam(Vi),Tandur(Md), Vikarabad Dist -511493. 2. M.Jayasree W/O, M.Chinna Malleshham, Aged About 41 Years,Occ : House Wife, R/O. H.No.1-1-9/4B, Malreddypally (Vi), Tandur(Md),Vikarabad Dist -501149. 3. G.Prashanth, S/O,Ashappa, Aged About 32 Years,Occ: Cement Trading Business, R/O,H.No.1-6-125/1,Indira Nagar, Tandur (Md), Vikarabad Dist -501141. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.61,27,624.00/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Four only)
Description of Property
VIKRBTf1903250003-DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the House bearing D.No.5-2 in Residential Plot No.20,Admg.150 Sq.Yards,in Sy.No.154/A,154/AA,Situated at Antharam Village,Tandur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District under the Jurisdiction of Registration Sub- Registrar,Tandur, Ranga Reddy District and bounded as follows: North: Plot No.21, South: Plot No.19, East: 20'-0" Wide Road, West: Plot No.4

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Date: 22-07-2026, Place: Tandur(Md), RangaReddy(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Hyderabad, July 23 : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday inaugurated the 11th All India Police Judo cluster 2026 here at the GMC Balayogi Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli. Addressing the participants, the Union minister said the Centre is promoting sports as a tool for nation-building through initiatives such as "Khelo India" and increased the sports budget to Rs.4,480 crore. He reiterated India's goal of becoming one of the world's top five sporting nations by 2047. Bandi Sanjay further said police sports strengthen national integration, camaraderie and discipline while encouraging greater participation of women personnel. He lauded the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for expanding welfare measures for athletes, including financial assistance, nutrition support and modern training facilities. The championship, being hosted by the CISF from July 23 to 30, has drawn over 1,600 athletes from 36 State Police and CAPF organisations, competing in Judo, Wushu, Taekwondo, Karata and Pencak Silat.



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Borrower Name and Address
1. Kottam.Sudhakar, S/O Satyanarayana, Aged About 44 Years , Occ: Transport Business, R/O. Hno: 8-1-110, Sitanagar, Shaikpet, Golkonda, Hyderabad Dist, Pin:500008. 2. Kottam.Renuka, W/O K.Sudhakar, Aged About 43 Years , Occ: House Wife, R/O. Hno : 8-1-110, Sitanagar, Shaikpet, Golkonda, Hyderabad Dist,Pin: 500008. 3. Chitreddy.Chennareddy, S/O Anjireddy, Aged About 37 Years , Occ: Bakery Business, R/O.Hno : 3-5-20, Sy. No. 33/A, Flat No : 1,Sri Chaitanya Enclave, Manikonda, Hyderabad Dist, Pin : 500008. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.31,77,110.00/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ten only)
Description of Property
CDNGRTF1612010003- Description Of The Immoveable Property All that the Part and Parcel of Plot bearing No.14,admeasuring 200 Sq.Yards in Sy.No.717/E in Venture Crystal Part – II,Situated at Mekaguda Village and Gram Panchayat,Kothur Mandal,Mahabubnagar District, bounded by : North: Plot No.13, South : Plot No.15, East: Plot No.26, West: 40 ft Wide Road

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Date: 21-07-2026, Place: Kothur(Md),Mahabubnagar(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 054; Tel: 022 4241 0400 , 022 4060 3100; Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auction> Branch Office Address: Shriram Finance Ltd., H No :4-6-86, Singapuram Ramchandralah Complex, Railway Station Road, Vikarabad Dist-501101

NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS') NOTICE) 8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

To:

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers /Guarantors
1.	M/S Ambha Bhavani Traders Rep By Its Prop Dasherath, S/O Roop Singh, Aged About 45 Years, R/O. Plot No.5, 5/A, Sy.No. 90, Mitta Nagar, Saipur,Tandur (Md), Vikarabad Dist, Pin : 501141, Ph : 877928469. Borrower
2.	Dasharath, S/O Roop Singh, Aged About 45 Years, Occ: Granite Marble And Tiles Supplier Business, R/O. Hno : 5-61, Navalgata (Vi),Tandur (Md), Vikarabad Dist, Pin : 501143, Ph : 9948361022. Co Borrower /Guarantor
3.	Anjali Bai, W/O Dasherath, Aged About 41 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O. Hno : 5-61, Navalgata (Vi), Tandur (Md), Vikarabad Dist, Pin : 501143, Ph: 8652616951. Guarantor 1
4.	Bairam.Lavarya, S/O Hanmya Nayak, Aged About 49 Years, Occ: Govt Employee (Teacher), R/O. Hno : 3-2-194/1, Inspection Bangla, Venkateshwara Colony, Tandur (Md), Vikarabad Dist, Pin : 501141, Ph : 9550506501. Guarantor 2

Sub: Sale of property belonging to Dasherath (BORROWER) in the account of VIKRBTf2101310002 for realization of amount due to Shriram Finance Limited under The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Shriram Finance Limited, Vikarabad-Branch, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated 12.01.2026 under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay Rs. 20,00,123.46/- (Twenty Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Three Rupees and Forty Six Paise only) within the time stipulated period therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the stipulated period, the Authorized Officer, has taken symbolic procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 17.02.2026. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Property holder Name is Dasherath,Mortgage deed dated 03.02.2021 Registered as Document No.684/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Tandur)) All that the Open Plots No.44(P),45 & 46,in Sy.No.196, Admg.285 Sq.Yards, situated at Ward No.8,Block No.1, Old Tandur, Tandur Municipality, Vikarabad District under the Jurisdiction of registration Sub- Registrar,Tandur,and bounded by : NORTH: 20' – 0" Wide Road, SOUTH: Land of Hameed Qureshi, EAST: Remaining Plot No.44 Part, WEST: Plot No.47.

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."

Date: 22.07.2026 Place: Vikarabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

Loan Account Number(s)	Name of Borrower/Co-borrower /Guarantor(s) Legal Heirs	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as on Date in Demand Notice	Date of Possession Taken/ Type of Possession	Description of the Property /s mortgaged
HOU/SUR/ 0325/ 5164665	Mr./Ms. Shiva Sai Abatikarra (Borrower) & Mr./Ms. Abatikarra Govindamma (Co-Borrower)	16th April 2026	Rs.26,82,477.96 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven And Paise Ninety Six) as on 16th April 2026	18-07-2022 Symbolic	Sy No. 62, Ward 1, Block No. 9, Vijaya Colony, Suryapet Municipality, Suryapet District, Telangana, India - 508213.

Dated: 24-07-2026 | Place: Suryapet

Sd/- Authorized Officer, PNB Housing Finance Limited

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V-P Radhakrishnan, Zanzibar President Mwinyi discuss ways to strengthen cooperation

Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Zanzibar President Hussein Ali Mwinyi held a meeting at the Uprashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on Sunday, discussing ways to further strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, development partnership, tourism, the blue economy, education, technology and multilateral engagement. During the meeting, Vice President Radhakrishnan reiterated India’s commitment to partnering with Tanzania and Zanzibar in advancing shared development aspirations through enhanced cooperation across priority sectors.

"Hon’ble Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan today held wide-ranging and productive discussions with H.E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, at the Uprashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The meeting reaffirmed the enduring India–Tanzania partnership and the special relationship India shares with Zanzibar, rooted in centuries-old maritime, cultural and people-to-people ties. The two leaders discussed ways to further strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, development partnership, tourism, the blue economy, education, technology and multilateral engagement," the Vice President's Office posted on X following the meeting.

Hussein Ali Mwinyi expressed appreciation for India's support in establishing the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras' Zanzibar Campus. Sudhakar Dalela, Secretary for Economic Relations at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and other officials were present during the meeting. "H.E. Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi expressed his delight at visiting the IIT Madras campus in Chennai and appreciated India’s support in establishing the IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus, a landmark initiative in bilateral educational cooperation, as well as India’s assistance for water projects, ICCR scholarships and ITEC training programmes. The Vice-President reiterated India’s commitment to partnering with Tanzania and Zanzibar in advancing shared development aspirations through enhanced cooperation across priority sectors," it added.

Earlier in the day, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Sunday met Hussein Ali Mwinyi in New Delhi and discussed ways to further expand bilateral cooperation across a range of priority sectors, including higher education, capacity building, healthcare, artificial intelligence, digital technology and water supply.

Sharing details of the meeting on X, EAM Jaishankar described the interaction as productive and reaffirmed India’s commitment to strengthening its development partnership with Zanzibar and Tanzania.

He wrote, “A pleasure to meet Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, today in Delhi. We discussed expanding our cooperation in higher education, capacity building, water supply, health, AI, digital and other priority sectors.”

Highlighting the growing collaboration in the education sector, EAM Jaishankar said, “@IITMZanzibar stands as a shining example of our close partnership and India’s enduring commitment to Africa’s education and development priorities.”

President Mwinyi is currently on an official visit to India at the invitation of Vice President Radhakrishnan. On Saturday, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal welcomed the visiting leader upon his arrival in New Delhi. He landed in Delhi after attending the 63rd Convocation Ceremony of IIT Madras as the Chief Guest.



Pakistan fueling insurgency by targeting peaceful activism in Balochistan

Islamabad, July 23 : The life imprisonment handed down to Baloch human rights defender Mahrang Baloch last month extends beyond the fate of one activist in Pakistan’s Balochistan province. It has raised a larger question confronting Islamabad: whether a state can effectively defeat violent extremism while simultaneously shrinking the space for peaceful dissent, a report has stated. The answer to that broader question will have implications not only for Balochistan but also for the future balance between security, democracy and citizenship in Pakistan. Sustainable peace requires more than military victories against insurgents — it also demands that ordinary citizens who reject violence retain faith in justice.

Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attends SCO Culture Ministers' Meeting in Kyrgyzstan



Bishkek, July 23 : Union Minister of Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Sunday represented India at the 23rd Meeting of the Ministers of Culture of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States in Kyrgyzstan's Cholpon Ata.

Iran ceases fulfilling obligations under MoU as US violated commitments: Deputy FM

Tehran, July 23 : Iran has ceased the fulfillment of its obligations under the peace memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United States as Washington has violated its commitments under the deal, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi said. In an interview with state-run IRIB TV, Gharibabadi said the United States has effectively violated or suspended "all its commitments" under the MoU, stressing that Iran is now fo-

cused on defending itself, and there is "no news of negotiations." "What we are currently faced with is defending the country in a decisive manner," he said. "This time too, the Americans have already received their answer that these aggressive actions will lead nowhere. If they are wise, they should choose other solutions." The United States has launched waves of strikes on military sites and infrastructure in Iran's southern provinces in the past week, claiming they were aimed at "degrading Iran's ability to threaten commercial shipping" in the Strait



of Hormuz, reports Xinhua news agency. Iran has responded with missile and drone attacks targeting US military bases and facilities in several Gulf countries and Jordan. Kuwait and Bahrain said Saturday their air defense systems intercepted fresh rounds of Iranian aerial attacks. A key oil facility and a power generation and water desalination plant in Kuwait have been hit.



Pakistan: Public transport fares and freight charges increase after fuel price hike

Islamabad, July 23 : Public transport fares have increased, freight charges have been raised, and a nationwide strike threat has been issued by the petrol pump operators after the Pakistan federal government's policy of frequent revisions in fuel prices, local media reported on Thursday. After the Pakistan government raised prices of petrol and diesel on Friday, transport operators in Rawalpindi and Islamabad revised fares with immediate effect. Public transport fares have increased by 15 to 17 per cent, while goods transport operators have increased freight

charges by 20 per cent. Transport associations have said that fares will now be adjusted whenever fuel prices are revised, Pakistan's daily The Express Tribune reported. Pick and drop service for office workers and students has announced that their charges will change as per the revision in petrol and diesel prices. The minimum stop-to-stop fare on public transport in Rawalpindi and Islamabad has been raised to Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 60. Long-haul transporters have increased their tariffs, with the freight charge for container.



India emerges as trusted capacity building partner for Southeast Asia

Canberra, July 23 : India has emerged as a valuable partner for ASEAN by focusing its cooperation on areas where the regional bloc seeks support, while remaining least concerned about dependence. When disaster strikes maritime Southeast Asia — whether a typhoon across the mainland, an earthquake in Myanmar, or a vessel in distress in the Andaman Sea — the true measure is not who is most powerful, but who responds first, how quickly, and at what cost, a report has stated. Highlighting India’s rapid humanitarian response during major disasters in South-east Asia, a report in Australia-based ‘The Interpreter’ said, “When Typhoon Yagi tore across mainland Southeast Asia in September 2024.

US completes another round of strikes against Iran

Washington/Tehran, July 23 : US forces have completed another round of strikes against Iran, with more than 50,000 US troops in the Middle East remaining "highly vigilant," US Central Command (CENTCOM) said. "During the eighth consecutive night of US strikes,

CENTCOM forces successfully hit Iranian military coastal surveillance and air defence facilities, maritime capabilities, and missile and drone storage sites to continue degrading Iranian military capabilities," CENTCOM said in a post on social media platform X. The US military also targeted Iran's Islamic Revolutionary



Guard Corps (IRGC), which "launched attacks against US service members in Jordan on July 17," the command said. "More than 50,000 US men and women

in uniform are operating across the Middle East. They remain highly vigilant, focused, lethal, and ready," it added. Meanwhile, the Iranian Army on Sunday announced that its forces struck US bases in Kuwait in retaliation for the "aggressions" against Iran by the United States and the country's civilian infrastructure, such as bridges, Xinhua News Agency reported. In statements published on its website, the army said its forces have targeted.

India emerges as key partner in global crackdown on transnational crimes

Brussels, July 23 : India's cooperation with international agencies in combating transnational crime is rooted in its commitments under international law. After ratifying the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime (UNTOC) and its three protocols in 2011, New Delhi accepted obligations to tackle human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and the illicit manufacture and trafficking of firearms. The commitment reflects New Delhi’s consistent doctrine of treating human trafficking, illegal migration networks, narcotics trafficking, arms smuggling,

forged documentation, and narco-terror links as interconnected security threats rather than isolated crimes, a report has stated. “The US Justice Department’s 'Operation Hard Ball', announced on July 7, is being read across capitals as a demonstration of what coordinated enforcement can achieve against organised crime that respects no border. As many as 24 arrests across the United States, Canada, and Europe, more than 50 search warrants, three unsealed indictments, and 37 charged defendants, drawn from syndicates that recruit and kill across continents, mark one of the largest joint actions against criminal enterprises,” a report in



the European Times mentioned this week. For New Delhi, the report said, the importance of the case extends beyond the number of arrests. The networks under investigation were reportedly based in India, initially targeted Indian victims, and cannot be fully dismantled without India's cooperation. This places India at the heart of the operation rather than on its periphery. “The indictments de-

scribe the criminal enterprises led by the jailed Punjab gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, alongside the Canada-based network of Ravinder Singh Dhanda, as sprawling operations running murder for hire, extortion, weapons trafficking, and the movement of bulk narcotics across several continents. The Bhagwanpuria group alone is said to count more than a thousand members and associates worldwide, directing extortion through encrypted messaging and running its affairs with contraband phones smuggled into prison,” European Times mentioned.

New Bulgarian parliament fails to elect chairperson in 1st session amid political tensions

Sofia, July 23 : Bulgaria's newly-elected National Assembly held its first session amid internal disputes and public protests. It failed to elect a chairperson despite a constitutional requirement to do so at the first session since being elected in the end. The 240 legislators from eight parties and coalitions were unable to secure a simple majority for any candidate. Five parties nominated their candidates for the position, but none gained enough support, Xinhua news agency reported. The two leading candidates, Raya Nazaryan from the GERB-UDF coalition and Andrey Tsekov from the We Continue the Change-Democratic Bulgaria (PP-DB) coalition, qualified for the runoff, initially backed by 68 and 67 Members of Parliament (MPs), respectively. In the runoff, Nazaryan received 68 votes from her coalition's 69 MPs, while Tsekov gained 68 votes.



US 'almost starting a war with an allied country' in pursuit of Greenland: Danish lawmaker

Washington, July 23 : US President Donald Trump's administration is 'almost starting a war with an allied country' in its pursuit of Greenland, Danish lawmaker Rasmus Jarlov said. "They talk about the United States as the only ones that can protect Greenland, but the fact is that they're the only ones threatening Greenland," the Danish parliament member said during an interview to CNN on Thursday. Denmark's ownership of Greenland "may be one of the most well-established ownerships of territory in the world," Jarlov said.

South Korean delegation leaves for Spain, Poland to explore joint infrastructure projects

Seoul, July 23 : The South Korean Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport on Thursday sent a high-level delegation to Spain and Poland to explore infrastructure and development-related cooperation with the countries. During the four-day two-nation trip, the delegation headed by First Vice Land Minister Jin Hyun-hwan plans to hold a meeting with Spain's Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda and attend a bilateral seminar to explore joint projects in third countries, reports Yonhap news agency.



US lawmakers clash over troops, war powers

Washington, July 23 : US lawmakers are sharply divided over the prospect of deploying ground troops in Iran, with senior politicians warning of escalating risks, unclear objectives and the need for Congressional approval. The debate has intensified amid media reports of potential military escalation. CNN reported that "thousands more US service members arrive in the Middle East, as a new front opens in the war," while President Donald Trump said the conflict is "not finished yet." Democratic Senator Andy Kim cautioned against deeper military involvement.



Pakistan: Rights groups slam looming eviction of Christian working-class community

Islamabad, July 23 : Human rights activists and civil society organisations have strongly condemned the planned demolition and forced eviction of residents in Allama Iqbal Colony, a 25-year-old predominantly Christian working-class settlement in Islamabad. The community now faces an imminent threat of clearance in the coming days, raising serious concerns over minority rights and displacement. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), alongside the All Party Alliance for Katchi Abadis, the National Commission for Justice and Peace, the Awami Workers Party, Aurat March Islamabad and allied civil society organisations, unequivocally rejected the ongoing pattern of evictions carried out by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) in Islamabad, citing lack of due process, adequate notice and lawful rehabilitation. According to the organisations, these "actions are not isolated incidents but part of a broader and deeply unjust approach" by Pakistani authorities that disproportionately targets low-income communities across Islamabad's katchi abadis (informal settlements)—"affecting families who have lived and worked in these areas for decades". Expressing concern, they said that the continued

disregard for Pakistan's 2015 Supreme Court stay order and the absence of a coherent and rights-based policy reflect a disturbing erosion of legal protections for marginalised citizens. "This issue transcends any single religious or social group. The demolition of katchi abadis represents a systemic assault on the housing, dignity and livelihoods of working-class communities. Women and children are particularly vulnerable, facing heightened risks of displacement, insecurity and loss of access to basic services. The climate of fear surrounding these evictions further suppresses the ability of affected residents to organise and assert their rights," the groups mentioned. The organisations called on the Pakistani authorities to immediately halt all planned and ongoing eviction operations.

Measles outbreak in Bangladesh claims four more lives; death toll rises to 788

Dhaka, July 23 : As many as four children died due to measles-like symptoms in Bangladesh in the 24 hours till 8 am (local time) on Thursday, raising the total number of confirmed and suspected measles-linked deaths to 788 in the country, local media reported. All the latest deaths were suspected measles fatalities. With the latest update, the number of suspected measles fatalities has increased to 693, while the number of laboratory-confirmed fatalities stood at 95,



United News of Bangladesh reported. During the 24-hour period, 938 new suspected measles cases were reported in Bangladesh, taking the total number of suspected cases in the country to 117,648. As many as 113 new confirmed measles cases were reported in Bangladesh.

Sirens activated in various areas in Jordan : state media

Amman, July 23 : Sirens have been activated in various regions in Jordan, state broadcaster the Jordan Radio and Television Corporation said Thursday on social media platform X. Meanwhile, several media reports, citing the Israeli military, said Sunday that missiles launched from Iran toward southernmost Jordan's

coastal city of Aqaba were identified. The military said the missiles have been intercepted by Israeli and Jordanian forces, according to the reports. Earlier in the day, the US Embassy in Amman issued a security alert saying Aqaba's airport and seaport had been evacuated due to a "specific and credible threat," urging Americans to avoid travelling to the sites until

further notice, Xinhua News Agency reported. It also renewed its warning for Americans to avoid military bases in Jordan. However, Jordanian authorities later denied the US embassy's claim, saying both facilities are operating normally. Jordan's Minister of Government Communication Mohammad Al Momani said in a statement that the relevant authorities

had not issued any decisions to evacuate the airport or the seaport, adding that Jordanian authorities will issue alerts in accordance with established procedures, including emergency sirens if needed. The latest developments came amid heightened tensions in the Middle East as the United States and Iran have traded rounds of attacks.



US congratulates Penpa Tsering on his re-election as Central Tibetan Administration's Sikyong

Washington, July 23 : US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour Riley Barnes has congratulated Penpa Tsering on his re-election as the Central Tibetan Administration's (CTA) Sikyong (President) and expressed Washington's commitment to engage with Tibetan leaders in their support. In a statement shared on X, Riley Barnes stated, "Congratulations to the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) and the Tibetan diaspora community on their elections, and to Penpa Tsering on his re-election as the CTA's Sikyong. The United States



will continue to engage with democratically elected Tibetan leaders in support of Tibetans everywhere." Penpa Tsering on Thursday was sworn in for his second democratically elected five-year term as the Sikyong (President) of the CTA.

US forces performed brilliantly in Maduro's seizure, but bypassed Congress : Warner

Washington, July 23 : The US operation to seize Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro was carried out without required congressional consultation and could set a dangerous precedent, a powerful Democratic senator said, even as he praised the military for completing the mission without American casualties. Senator Mark Warner, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said US forces performed

"brilliantly" in extracting Maduro from his residence and bringing him into US custody. Warner described Maduro as a repressive leader and said the Venezuelan people had overwhelmingly voted against him in 2025. But Warner, who is also co-chair of the Senate India Caucus, told reporters here that the way the operation was authorized and explained raised serious constitutional and strategic concerns. He said Congress was not consulted before the raid and that Sec-

retary of State Marco Rubio attempted to reach him only after the operation had already begun. Warner said that runs counter to long-standing practice, particu-



larly for actions involving the use of military force. "The Constitution gives Congress the authority to declare war," Warner said, adding that major military actions are meant to be discussed in advance with lawmakers, even when secrecy is required. Warner rejected the administration's claim that the operation amounted to the execution of an arrest warrant. "You don't send Delta Force to execute a warrant," he said.

Maha govt to set standards for app-based services under new rules : Minister

Mumbai, July 23 : In a bid to bring in greater discipline, transparency and passenger safety in app-based transport services, including Ola, Uber and Rapido, the Maharashtra government, on Thursday, promulgated the "Maharashtra Motor Vehicle Aggregator Rules, 2026, and Maharashtra Bike-Taxi Rules, 2026". The state government proposes to set new standards

for all these app-based transport services. The state government has sought objections and suggestions from the people till October 17 and thereafter these draft rules will come into effect, the State Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik said. "These new rules will make the relationship between aggregator companies, drivers, and passengers more transparent, and will bring significant changes in terms

of fares, service quality, driver's rights and passenger safety. These rules will apply to all passenger motor vehicle aggregators, including e-rickshaws, Ola and Uber. Also a separate "Maharashtra Bike-Taxi Rules, 2025" will remain applicable for bike-taxi services and a separate license will have to be obtained for the same," Minister Sarnaik added. As per these rules, the state transport authority (per district) will be

issued a license for Rs 10,00,000 and renewal of license will be for Rs 25,000 and Regional Transport Authority (per district) will charge Rs 2,00,000 for issuance of license and Rs 5,000 for renewal, the government statement said. "Apart from this, the aggregator will have to pay a security deposit according to the number of vehicles. Number of vehicles up to 100 buses or 1,000 vehicles -- Security deposit -- Rs 10 lakh, num-



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90 pc border fencing completed along Meghalaya-Bangladesh border: CM Sangma

Shillong, July 23 : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on Thursday said nearly 90 per cent of the fencing work along the India-Bangladesh international border in the state has been completed, while the remaining stretches are expected to be finished after resolving a few local issues. Speaking to reporters after a Cabinet meeting, Sangma said Meghalaya shares an international border of nearly 440 kilometres with Bangladesh, of which fencing work has already been completed across around 400 kilometres. "Only about 40 to 45 kilometres of border fencing work remains pending," the Chief Minister said. According to Sangma, delays in the remaining stretches are mainly due to ground-level challenges and concerns raised by local residents in some border villages. He explained that in certain locations, the proposed fencing alignment falls inside Indian territory, affecting privately owned land belonging to local communities.

Odisha: JPC & stakeholders continue meeting in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, July 23 : A meeting between members of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and various stakeholders is going on in Bhubaneswar on the Waqf amendment bill, 2026. The proposed meeting is a part of JPC's study tour in five cities - Guwahati, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Patna, and Lucknow-between to collect the opinions of various stakeholders in these states on the bill. Speaking to media persons on the sidelines of the meeting, Bhubaneswar MP and member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on the Waqf amendment bill, 2024, Aparajita Sarangi, on Thursday said that the aim behind the Indian government's initiative is to bring improvements in the administration of the waqf boards. Sarangi also noted that as many as 44 amendments have been proposed in the Waqf Act, of 1995. She further stated that it is the duty of the JPC to collect the opinions of different people and organisations in various parts of the country on the proposed amendments. The JPC was set up on August 9, 2024, while its first meeting was held on August 22. Sarangi told the media persons that 25 sittings of more than 100 hours have so far been completed.



Over 2.36 lakh citizens join Gujarat's self-enumeration drive for Census 2027

Gandhinagar, July 23 : More than 2.36 lakh people across Gujarat, including Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, ministers, senior bureaucrats and citizens, have participated in the state's ongoing self-enumeration campaign for Census 2027, officials said on Thursday. The self-enumeration campaign, which began on May 17 and will continue until, allows residents to submit their census details online before the formal enumeration process begins next year. According to the Directorate of Census Operations in Gujarat, Ahmedabad recorded the highest participation with more than 42,000 registrations, followed by Surat with 22,000, Vadodara and Anand with 16,000 each, Rajkot with 14,000 and Mehsana with more than 11,000 participants. Census Director Sujal



Mayatra said the campaign had received a strong response from citizens across the state and appealed for wider participation before the deadline. "If maximum citizens across the state fill the self-enumeration forms from home using technology, along with providing accurate information, it will reduce the workload on census employees and increase the speed of work," he said. Mayatra said government employees would also participate in large

numbers over the next two days. All employees under the Health and Education Departments will fill self-enumeration forms on May 29, while personnel under the Police Department will do so on May 30. "Census 2027 would, for the first time, include a self-enumeration system allowing citizens to submit details through an online portal and mobile phones. The forms can be accessed only through a designated QR code," he said. Citizens can submit their information through the official portal. After completing the process, respondents will receive an SE ID, which must be shared with the enumerator during the official visit.



Drugs, foreign cigarettes valued at Rs 8.55 crore seized in Mizoram & Tripura, two held

Aizawl/Agartala, July 23 : Assam Rifles, which guards the 1643-km unfenced border with Myanmar along four northeastern states, on Thursday in separate operations seized huge quantities of foreign cigarettes and drugs worth Rs 8.55 crore in Mizoram and Tripura, officials said. Two smugglers were also arrested with this

contraband. Assam Rifles sources said that paramilitary troops in collaboration with local enforcement agencies, seized a substantial cache of Methamphetamine tablets and foreign-origin E-cigarettes.



Maha Dy CM Shinde says key relief measures approved for onion, sugarcane farmers

New Delhi, July 23 : Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Thursday said that a high-level meeting chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has yielded several key decisions aimed at providing major relief to onion growers, sugarcane farmers and the sugar industry in Maharashtra. These include procurement of onions through NAFED and NCCF at Rs 1,580 per quintal, expansion of procurement from 2 lakh tonnes to 10 lakh tonnes, enhancement of onion storage and sorting-grading facilities, an increase in the ethanol quota, review of the Minimum Selling Price

(MSP) for sugar, restructuring of sugar mills' debts, and a positive resolution of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) issues concerning sugarcane labourers. Deputy CM Shinde said these measures would provide substantial support to lakhs of farmers and strengthen the cooperative sector in the state. To shield onion farmers from fluctuations in market prices, Union Minister Amit Shah directed NAFED and the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) to undertake large-scale onion procurement. A procurement rate of Rs 1,580 per quintal has been fixed for this purpose, while a proposal has also been made to scale up procurement capacity from the current 2 lakh tonnes to 10 lakh tonnes. He further said emphasis would be laid on expanding modern warehouses as well as sorting and grading facilities for onion storage. It was also clarified during the meeting that the Central government would take positive steps to boost onion exports.



Arjun Munda seeks impartial probe into tribal woman's death in Jharkhand

Ranchi, July 23 : Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Arjun Munda has written to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, demanding a fair and time-bound probe into the alleged death of a tribal woman, Budhan Purti, due to medical negligence in Khunti district. He said that if the woman died after she was transfused with the wrong blood group, it would be an extremely serious lapse warranting strict action against those responsible. In his letter, Arjun Munda said the incident at the Birs Institute of Medical Science and Research Centre in Khunti was not merely a tragedy for one family but also raised serious questions about the state's healthcare system.

PMK claims bid to dilute local job promise, urges TN govt to honour poll pledge

Chennai, July 23 : PMK president Dr Anbumani Ramadoss has accused officials and sections of the industry of attempting to undermine the Tamil Nadu government's election promise of encouraging private companies to recruit more local youth. He warned that any move to weaken the commitment would amount to a betrayal of the principles of social justice. In a statement issued on Thursday, Anbumani referred to media reports claiming that officials have begun consultations on framing a new industrial policy for Tamil Nadu. According to reports, some officials and representatives of private industry have opposed



proposals aimed at ensuring greater employment opportunities for Tamil Nadu's youth in private companies and commercial establishments. If those reports are accurate, Anbumani said, such opposition would be deeply disappointing and contrary to the state's long-standing commitment to social justice and inclusive development.



Will not tolerate insult against Bhagat Singh, says AAP Punjab

Chandigarh, July 23 : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab on Thursday expressed concern over disapproval of a proposal to name a square in Lahore in Pakistan after Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. AAP MP Malvinder Singh Kang told the media here that the decision of the Punjab government of Pakistan is highly condemnable. "We will not tolerate the insult to Bhagat Singh. The Indian government should intervene in this matter and demand an explanation from Pakistan."



Nazara Technologies sees Q2 profit decline 33 pc to Rs 16 crore

New Delhi, July 23 : Homegrown gaming and sports media company Nazara Technologies reported 33 per cent drop in its net profit for the July-September period (Q2 FY25). The company reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 16.24 crore in Q2 FY25, from Rs 24.18 crore in the same quarter last year. On a sequential basis, its profit declined 31 per cent from Rs 23.62 crore, as per Nazara's financials. The company's operating revenue grew 7 per cent to Rs 318.94 crore against Rs 297.24 crore in the same quarter last year. The gaming company incurred a

loss of Rs 1.86 crore from discontinued operations, as against a profit of Rs 1.68 crore in the year-ago quarter. Total expenditure went up 11 per cent to Rs 321.27 crore, according to its financials. In Q2 FY25, the company raised Rs 900 crores via a preferential equity issue from a group of investors as well as made a significant investment in leading skill-based gaming platform Pokerbaazi, in addition to increasing its stake in Absolute Sports (Sportskeeda) and acquiring a minority stake in fast growing esports community, Stan.

DII buying offsets FII outflows as domestic liquidity keeps Indian markets resilient

New Delhi, July 23 : Strong buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs) effectively offset heavy foreign institutional investor (FII) selling during the week -- highlighting the resilience of domestic liquidity even as global uncertainties kept market sentiment cautious, analysts said on Thursday. During the week, FIIs remained net sellers, pulling out Rs 8,743.35 crore from Indian equities. However, DIIs more than compensated for the outflows by investing a net Rs

8,790.75 crore, helping the benchmark Nifty end the week at 24,334.30. According to market analysts, the divergence between foreign and domestic institutional flows underscores the growing role of domestic investors in supporting Indian equities. Strong domestic liquidity, stable macroeconomic fundamentals and improving corporate earnings visibility continue to provide structural support to the market despite global headwinds.



India Post launches mascot design contest with Rs 2 lakh prize pool

New Delhi, July 23 : The Department of Posts has launched 'India Post Mascot Design Contest' on Innovate India MyGov platform, inviting citizens across the country to design the official mascot of India Post, with a total prize pool of Rs 2 lakh across mascot design and naming categories, according to an official statement on Thursday. The initiative aims to create a distinctive brand ambassador that reflects India Post's core values of trust, reliability, inclusivity, service and digital innovation, the

Ministry of Communications said. The ministry further said the contest is open to all Indian citizens, adding that participants are required to submit one original mascot design, a suitable mascot name and a brief concept note through the MyGov platform. Entries can be submitted from July 15 to August 15. To encourage creative participation, the government has announced cash prizes of Rs 75,000, Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 for the top three mascot designs. Moreover, separate cash prizes of Rs 25,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 will also be awarded for



the top three mascot names, taking the total prize pool to Rs 2 lakh. All winners will receive certificates, while the prizes for mascot design and mascot naming will be awarded independently. The selected mascot will become the official brand ambassador of

India Post and will feature across promotional campaigns, philatelic products, public awareness initiatives, exhibitions, social media platforms and other official communication. The government has urged students, designers, artists and creative professionals from across the country to participate in the contest and contribute to shaping the future visual identity of India Post. The contest comes as India Post continues to strengthen its financial performance. The postal department recently crossed the Rs 4,000-crore turnover mark in the first quarter of a financial year for the first time, posting its highest-ever Q1 revenue of Rs 4,008.95 crore in FY 2026-27.



PNB reports three-fold jump in Q1 net profit to Rs 5,339 crore

New Delhi, July 23 : State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) on Thursday reported a nearly three-fold year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit to Rs 5,339 crore for the first quarter of FY27. The bank had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,832 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. On a sequential basis, net profit rose over 2 per cent from Rs 5,225.12 crore in the March quarter, according to its exchange filing. PNB's consolidated total income stood at Rs 37,953.75 crore during the April-June

quarter, up 2.9 per cent quarter-on-quarter from Rs 36,878.02 crore, although it was marginally lower than Rs 37,998.84 crore reported a year earlier. The bank's global business expanded to Rs 29.98 lakh crore as of June 30, 2026. Total deposits increased 8.5 per cent year-on-year to Rs 17.24 lakh crore, while global advances grew 12.7 per cent to Rs 12.73 lakh crore. Among key lending segments, vehicle loans registered 34.4 per cent annual growth, while advances to the MSME sector rose 19.8 per cent, reflecting broad-based credit expansion. Asset quality improved further during the quarter, with the gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio declining by 100 basis points year-on-year to 2.78 per cent. Gross NPAs in absolute terms fell by Rs 7,292 crore to Rs 35,381 crore, while the net NPA ratio improved to 0.28 per cent.

India's economy in sweet spot with strong growth, inflation likely to ease : Moody's

New Delhi, July 23 : India's economy is in a "sweet spot" with strong growth and inflation expected to ease in the coming months, according to Moody's Global Macro Outlook report released on Thursday. The global ratings agency has forecast 7.2 per cent growth for calendar year 2024, followed by 6.6 per cent in 2025, and 6.5 per cent in 2026. It also expects the Indian economy to maintain its steady momentum in the July-September quarter after clocking a 6.7 per cent growth rate in the April-June quarter. "High-frequency indicators -- including expanding manufacturing and services PMIs, robust credit growth and consumer optimism -- signal steady economic momentum in Q3," Moody's Ratings said. "Household consumption is poised to grow, fuelled by increased spending during the ongoing festive season and a sustained pickup in rural demand on the back of an improved agricultural outlook," the report states.



SEBI names 18 more firms to conduct forensic audits of listed companies

New Delhi, July 23 : Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has expanded its panel of forensic auditors by empanelling 18 additional firms, including Ernst & Young LLP, KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP, Zx Grant Thornton Bharat LLP and Nangia & Co LLP, to conduct forensic audits of the financial statements of listed companies. The move follows a se-

lection process initiated through a public procurement notice issued by SEBI in November 2025. According to a notification issued by the regulator, the newly empanelled firms have been added to the existing list of forensic auditors published in April 2025. The empanelment will remain valid for a period of three years from the date of publication of the latest list. Apart from the Big Four-linked firms and Nangia & Co LLP, the newly



empanelled entities include J C Kabra & Associates, J C Mandal & Co LLP, J Singh & Associates, Jain Jagawat Kamdar and Company, Pipara & Co LLP, R Kabra &

Co LLP, R S Patel and Co, Ravi Rajan and Co LLP, S S Periwal and Co, Sarath and Associates, SKVM and Company, V Singhi & Associates.

CCPA cracks down on 41 restaurants for levying service charges without consumers' consent

New Delhi, July 23 : The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has initiated suo motu action against 41 restaurants across the country for violation of consumer rights and adoption of unfair trade practices by levying service

charge by default on consumers' bills, according to an official statement issued on Thursday. The action has been taken based on complaints received through the National Consumer Helpline (NCH).



India's GDP to grow 6.5-7 pc through FY27 over infra, consumption push : Report

New Delhi, July 23 : India's GDP will expand 6.5-7 per cent annually in the next three fiscal years (2025-2027), and the country's good economic growth prospects will continue to support banks' asset quality, according to a new report. India's infrastructure spending and private consumption will support robust economic growth, said S&P Global Ratings in its latest global bank outlook report. "Structural improvements and good economic prospects will support the resilience of India's financial institutions, higher demand coupled with stronger bank capitalisation should boost

bank loan growth and the RBI's regulatory clampdown will strengthen the financial system in the medium term," the report mentioned. India's growth story remains intact as its fundamental drivers -- consumption and investment demand -- are gaining momentum, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said last month, adding that the country is likely to see real GDP growth at 7.2 per cent for FY 2024-25. According to the report, Indian banking sector's weak loans will decline to about 3.0 per cent of gross loans by March 31, 2025, "from our estimate of 3.5 per cent as of March 31, 2025".

UP CM inaugurates new building of State Disaster Management Authority, calls for collective action

Lucknow, July 23 : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the new headquarters building of the Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (UPSDMA) in Lucknow on Thursday and called for developing a collective mechanism for tackling natural disasters and assisting in rescue operations. The Chief Minister, addressing the audience after unveiling

the building constructed for Rs 200 crore, said that disaster management is not merely a matter of government administration but also calls for public awareness and timely preparedness. He emphasised that the loss of life and property can be significantly prevented through effective early warning systems, better coordination, and public awareness. The authority's website was also launched while eight personnel from SDRF, PAC, and the Fire



Services were felicitated for their commendable work in relief and rescue operations during disasters. "We must make Uttar Pradesh such an empowered state where every citizen is fully prepared,

alongside the government, to fulfil their responsibilities in any hour of crisis," CM Yogi said. The Chief Minister said that vigilance, preparedness, and awareness regarding disasters are key to

minimising the loss of life and property and stressed that it should become an integral part of every citizen's daily life.

The Chief Minister further said that the state government took swift measures to further strengthen the early warning system, aiming to minimise the loss of life in such incidents in the future. He said that Uttar Pradesh is the first state in the country to classify human-wildlife conflict as a disaster, thereby establishing a system to provide relief and assistance to those affected.



Centre undermining Haryana's interests, state sitting mute : Deependra Hooda

Chandigarh, July 23 : Congress MP Deependra Hooda on Thursday said the Central government "is undermining Haryana's interests and the state government is sitting mute".

He said the Centre and the state BJP government "are completely ignoring and neglecting Haryana's rights". He demanded Haryana be designated as the host or co-host for the 2030 Commonwealth Games and the 2036 Olympics announced by the Government of India. "We have decided that we will not remain silent; we will fight for Haryana's rights from Parliament to the streets," Deependra told the media in Chandigarh. Accompanying two dozen MLAs and four MPs.



DDA plants 6.62 lakh saplings out of targeted 23 lakh this season

New Delhi, July 23: Under the stewardship of Delhi Lieutenant Governor T.S. Sandhu, the DDA has planted over 6.62 lakh saplings within a few days, including more than 37,000 trees and over 6.25 lakh shrubs, achieving nearly 30 per cent of its target of 23 lakh plants under the ongoing Mega Plantation drive, an official said on Thursday. Sandhu, who is also the Chairperson of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

Trinamool's Derek O'Brien urges PM Modi to call all-party meet on Delimitation, FCRA Bills

Kolkata, July 23 : Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien on Thursday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to convene an all-party meeting to discuss proposed legislation on delimitation and amendments to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), which he described as "draconian" in nature. "Any legislation related to delimitation has not been included in the parliamentary bulletin listing government business to be taken up during the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament. However, given your government's dubious record of mocking parliamentary rules of procedure and conventions, we are cynical about your intentions," wrote O'Brien in the letter. The Trinamool leader also cited previous examples of bills that were sent to the MPs at the last minute before being included in the Supplementary List of Business. He urged the PM not to resort to that tactic in case of the Delimitation and FCRA bills. "May I cite just one of many examples. The J&K Reorganisation Bill 2019, which stripped J&K of its statehood, was included in the Supplementary List of Business which reached MPs at 11.18 am. Incredulously, the Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha at 11.07 am, eleven



minutes before the Supplementary List of Business was circulated!" O'Brien wrote. According to him, "Delimitation concerns the very structure of India's polity, and the future of our democracy. The Union government must refrain from using cloak and dagger tactics while introducing such a vital piece of legislation. It is important to note that the Union introduced The Constitution (131st) Amendment Bill, along with The Union

Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, and The Delimitation Bill on 16 April 2026 in Lok Sabha. On 17 April, the Bill failed to get the two-third majority, and was negatived." He further wrote, "One of the bills listed in the bulletin for consideration and passing in the upcoming Session is the draconian Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill (FCRA).

Uttarakhand STF busts fake pharma factory, seizes counterfeit drugs

Dehradun, July 23 : In a major crackdown on fake and illegal drug manufacturing and trade, the Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) on Thursday busted a major syndicate manufacturing counterfeit allopathic medicines in the industrial area of Udham Singh Nagar's Bazpur. The STF sleuths, in coordination with the Drug Administration Department, raided 'Kovil Biotech' on Sun-

day and confiscated a large stock of medicines being illicitly manufactured under the brand names of reputed companies without a valid drug manufacturing license. A person named Dharendra was also arrested from the spot. The STF found in its investigation that the fake factory was churning out and supplying counterfeit allopathic and life-saving medicines, with stamps of renowned companies like STADMED,



Macleods, Intas, and Sun Pharma—under the guise of Ayurvedic and food licenses. About 1 lakh tablets and 15,000 bottles of syrups used for treating

conditions such as acidity, pain, neurological disorders, and prostate issues, as well as for addressing antibiotic needs and calcium/iron deficiencies.

Bihar: Rs 3, 936 crore Khagaria-Purnea highway project holds key to prosperity for farm heartland

New Delhi, July 23 : The proposed upgradation of the Khagaria-Purnea section of NH-31 and NH-231 to a four-lane highway by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, recently approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), is poised to propel Bihar's agricultural heartland on the path to prosperity, according to a government factsheet issued on Thursday. Before dawn breaks over the fertile plains of Bihar, trucks loaded with bunches of bananas leave the farms of Khagaria, while sacks of makhana begin their journey from ponds and processing centres of Purnea, one of the country's biggest makhana hubs. For years, traffic congestion and seasonal disruptions have slowed the journey of these highly valued crops. For a crop as perishable as banana, where every hour matters, faster



and more reliable connectivity can help minimise spoilage, preserve quality and improve market realisations for farmers.

The upgradation of the Khagaria-Purnea section of NH-31 and NH-231 to four-lane standard in Bihar for Rs 3936.05 crore is more of an investment in the people whose livelihoods depend on efficiently getting Bihar's bananas and makhana to market, helping strengthen the economic backbone of the state's agricultural heartland. Eastern Bihar's transport network has historically been vulnerable to flooding, particularly in areas influenced by the Kosi and Ganga river systems. Seasonal flooding often affects road connectivity.

Afghan security forces discover weapons, ammunition in Herat province

Herat, July 23 : Afghan security personnel have discovered a large amount of weapons and ammunition in Herat province, the provincial police office said in a statement on Thursday. The contraband, which included Kalashnikovs, pistols, rocket launchers, grenades, and an amount of ammunition, including PK machine gun bullets and explosives, was discovered during a series of discovery operations across the province, according to the statement.



NCB holds JCC meet for K'taka to intensify crackdown on narcotics-related crimes

Bengaluru, July 23 : Officials of the NCB discussed strategies to enhance inter-agency coordination and strengthen enforcement measures during the quarterly state-level Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting for Karnataka held here, an official said on Thursday.

The meeting was convened to tackle emerging narcotics threats by implementing a comprehensive strategy against narcotics-related crimes, the official said in a statement. The meeting, chaired by NCB DDG (South Western Region), brought together senior officers from DRI, Customs, ED, IB, NIA, Income Tax, RPF, CDSCO, State ANT, Drug Control Department and Karnataka State Excise Department to strengthen institutional collaboration against drug trafficking in the state.



K'taka drought: CM Shivakumar says 178 taluks affected; holds review meet

Bengaluru, July 23 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday chaired a meeting of Deputy Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Zilla Panchayats at Vidhana Soudha to review the prevailing drought situation across the state and discuss measures to address key challenges arising out of it. The meeting focused on issues related to drinking water supply, availability of fodder for livestock, agricultural activities, employment generation and other relief measures needed to be implemented in drought-affected areas.



South Korea: World heritage representatives gather in Busan for UNESCO committee session

Seoul, July 23 : Thousands of global delegates gathered in Busan on Thursday as the UNESCO World Heritage Committee opened its annual session for the first time in the country with a ceremony attended by South Korean President Lee Jae Myung. Around 3,000 participants from 196 member states, international organisations and nongovernmental entities are expected to attend the 10-day meeting at the Busan Exhibition and Convention Center in the port city, some 330 kilometers southeast of Seoul, according to organisers, Yonhap News Agency reported. It marks the first time South Ko-

rea has hosted the meeting since joining the UNESCO World Heritage Convention in 1988. Key figures attending the ceremony also included UNESCO Director-General Khaled El-Enany, Assistant Director-General for Culture Nayef Al-Fayez and Lazare Eloundou Assomo, director of the World Heritage Center. In a congratulatory address, President Lee emphasised that world heritage is not merely a legacy of the past but a symbol uniting humanity across borders, serving as a foundation for peace and cooperation.

Bangladesh: Jamaat chief calls US 'tested friend', ignites debate

Dhaka, July 23 : Although Dhaka can recognise the importance of its present-day partnership with the United States, it cannot overlook the serious failures of Washington's policy during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War against Pakistan. Those contradictions became particularly evident in December 1971, when, as the Indo-Pakistani War reached its critical stage, the United States sent Task Force 74, led by the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, into the Bay of Bengal — a move widely perceived as a support for Pakistan, a report has stated. The policy of the former US President Richard Nixon's administration during the Bangladesh Liberation War has been widely criticised by historians as one

of the gravest moral failures of American foreign policy. Influenced by geopolitical interests, particularly the Cold War rivalry and the effort to establish a strategic relationship with China, Nixon and his National Security Advisor, Henry Kissinger, sustained support for Pakistan despite increasing evidence of severe atrocities committed by Pakistani forces in Bangladesh, according to a report in Bangladesh's newspaper, Daily Sun It argued that this is precisely why the projection of the United States as a "tested friend" calls for careful reflection. "Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Shafiqur Rahman's description of the United States as a "tested friend" of Bangladesh during the celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence at the South Plaza of the Jatiya Sangsad has reignited an old debate. Diplomatic niceties are an integral part of international



relations, and there is nothing unusual about celebrating the ties between two countries. Yet portraying the United States as a "tested friend" without acknowledging the defining test of 1971 risks reducing history to political convenience," the report detailed. "The irony is difficult to ignore. The remark comes from the leader of a party whose own role during Bangladesh's Liberation War continues to cast a long shadow over its political legacy. For Jamaat-e-Islami to invoke the language of enduring friendship while remaining silent about both its own wartime position and Washington's record during the Liberation War raises un-

comfortable questions about historical consistency," it added. According to the report, the decision to host the celebration at Bangladesh's parliament drew criticism from leftist political groups and intellectuals, who viewed it as overlooking a painful episode in the country's historical journey "They also linked the event to broader concerns about growing American influence, echoing their recent criticism of the Interim Government's reciprocal trade agreement with the United States as being contrary to Bangladesh's sovereign interests.

Suspending all commitments under MoU with US: Iranian minister

Tehran, July 23 : Iran has suspended its commitments under the recently-signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United States, country's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs, Kazem Gharibabadi, announced on Thursday.

"We were in negotiations, and unfortunately, the Americans themselves, in violation of their obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding, took these aggressive actions," Gharibabadi said in response to a question about the future of negotiations with the US," Iran's leading Tasnim News Agency quoted the minister as saying on Saturday. "For us, the solution now before us is to decisively defend the country and teach a lesson to the aggressors — the US has practically violated and suspended all of its commitments, and we have also suspended our commitments under that Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding and are not implementing our commitments," Gharibabadi added. Iran's main military command, Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters, warned this week that any US attack on Iranian power plants and bridges



would trigger a devastating response against all infrastructure across West Asia. The warning came as Iranian forces struck US bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and Jordan. Ebrahim Zolfaghari, the headquarters' spokesman, issued the warning in a video message carried by Iranian media in response to recent threats by Trump to attack Iran's infrastructure if the country does not come to the negotiating table, Xinhua news agency reported. "The powerful armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will crush everything that has still remained intact owing to Iran's decency," he said, if the US President follows through on threats against Iranian infrastructure.



Indian-American Congressman blames House GOP for shutdown chaos

Washington, July 23 : Indian-American Congressman Suhas Subramanyam said on Thursday that the ongoing shutdown crisis is hurting Americans and blamed House Republicans for blocking a bipartisan Senate deal that could have eased airport disruptions.

Lithuania's Social Democratic Party signs coalition agreement

Vilnius, July 23 : Lithuania's Social Democratic Party (LSDP), Dawn of Nemunas (PPNA) and the Democratic Union 'For Lithuania' (DSVL) signed an agreement on Thursday to form a ruling coalition in the future Seimas and government, the Baltic News

Service (BNS) reported. The document was signed after all the three parties approved its draft on the weekend. Under the coalition agreement, Gintautas Paluckas will lead the new government.



North Korea says 'military collusion' between US-Japan-South Korea undermines stability

Pyongyang, July 23 : North Korea condemned "military collusion" among the United States, Japan and South Korea, saying it undermines regional peace and stability, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported on Thursday, citing the country's Ministry of National Defence. The Trilateral Chiefs of Defence meeting of the three countries convened Thursday in Washington showed an attempt to "attain a military superiority in the region and seek their hegemonic geopolitical interests through intensified trilateral military cooperation," a ministry spokesman said in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported. The "military collusion" is "the root cause of undermining peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula.

Pakistan's civil-military compact under fresh strain as veteran leader challenges Munir

Islamabad, July 23 : Pakistan's political landscape has long been shaped by one enduring reality: "governments may change, but the military remains the country's most powerful institution". Against that backdrop, Pakistani

stani Islamist leader and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman's open challenge to Army chief Asim Munir represents a striking break from convention, a report has detailed. When a veteran insider questions

the military's political authority, the establishment has little choice but to take notice, according to a report in the 'Strat News Global'. "Prime Ministers have been elected, dismissed, jailed and exiled. Political parties have risen and fallen.



No demolition without serving 15-day notice : SC lays down pan-India directives

New Delhi, July 23 : The Supreme Court on Thursday said that when a structure is suddenly demolished while other remains, a presumption could be drawn that the motive was not to bring down the illegal structure but to penalise the accused before trial. Delivering verdict on a clutch of petitions alleging that demolitions were carried out by several state authorities without sufficient notice, a bench headed by Justice BR

Gavai, in its judgment, said that the executive cannot declare a person guilty solely on the basis of accusations. It will be wholly unjust if the state authorities demolish properties of accused persons without following due process of law, added the Bench, also comprising Justice KV Viswanathan. The apex court stressed that under the Constitution, even accused has certain rights, and state officials cannot take arbitrary action against an accused or a convict without fol-

lowing due process of law. The Supreme Court in exercise of its extraordinary powers under Article 142 laid down a series of pan-India directives.



Over 100 AI-morphed photos, fake IDs: Delhi man held for online harassment of Ahmedabad woman, mother

Ahmedabad/New Delhi, July 23 : In a shocking incident, a man from Delhi, Sumit Sharma, was arrested by the Ahmedabad Cyber Crime Branch for allegedly creating multiple fake social media accounts in a woman's name and uploading AI-generated morphed nude photographs and videos of her and her mother, police said on Thursday. The case was registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station under Sections 78(2) and 356(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 66(C) and 67 of the Informa-



tion Technology Act after the victim approached police with a complaint of online stalking, impersonation and harassment. According to investigators, the complainant was associated with the ISKCON Hare Krishna sect and had first come in contact with Sumit Sharma through Instagram.

Northern Syria snowstorm affects more than 150,000 displaced people : UN

United Nations, July 23 : A snowstorm in northern Syria hit 90 sites for the displaced, affecting more than 150,000 people, destroying or damaging 5,000 shelters, UN humanitarian said. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said its partners in the governorates of Aleppo, Idlib and Al-Hasakah reported the storm claimed the lives of two infants due to extreme cold. Thousands of people were exposed to freezing temperatures at risk of hypothermia and respiratory diseases, OCHA said. Humanitarians have provided more than 10,000 displaced people in camps with stoves and fuel since the snowstorm. The United Nations and its partners need \$112 million for life-saving winter assistance from September 2025 to March 2026, OCHA said. So far, only \$29 million has been received, leaving a 74 per cent funding gap, Xinhua news agency reported. Winter in Syria can be extremely tough. Freezing cold winds, heavy rain, and sporadic snowfall combine together to create dire, and at times dangerous, situations for people across the country.



Pakistan remains central to ISKP's connectivity: Report

Islamabad, July 23: The Islamic State-Khorasan Province's (ISKP) greatest strength is connectivity, and Pakistan remains central to that connectivity because of history and geography, a report stated. "Pakistan has always attempted to present ISKP as a foreign infection entering from Afghanistan. This is convenient, but historically false. The organisation did not arrive in Pakistan from another planet. It emerged in part from the same jihadist ecosystem that the Pakistani state had cultivated, tolerated, or selectively fought since the Afghan war of the 1980s," said a report by Stringer Asia. The report called out Islamabad's long practice of distinguishing between useful and hostile jihadists, which nurtured an environment where groups like ISKP could recruit, reorganise and survive. "A state cannot construct an entire strategic policy around armed religious proxies and then convincingly claim surprise when militants begin changing allegiance."



50 dead, 500 injured in new escalations with US: Iran

Tehran, July 23 : At least 50 people have been killed and 500 injured in Iran in US strikes since the start of the new escalation in the Gulf. Tehran's Health Ministry spokesman, Hossein Kermanpur, reported this on X, specifying that 12 civilians have died in the last 24 hours. According to the spokesman, 460 injured people have been discharged from the hospital, while 37 people remain hospitalised, Italian news agency Adnkronos reported. The Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei of Iran on Thursday called the signature of the US president 'worthless',

saying that the repeated violation of the promises regarding the memorandum of understanding signed between the presidents of Iran and the United States has proved it to everyone, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) news agency Sepah reported. Late on Friday, the US CENTCOM said in a post on social media platform X that US forces ended the seventh consecutive night of strikes against Iran, hitting surveillance sites, military logistics infrastructure, underground weapons storage, and maritime capabilities. "More than 50,000 American service mem-

bers are operating across the Middle East and remain vigilant, lethal, and ready," said the statement. According to Iran's state media, three people were killed and eight others injured in the latest US strikes. IRGC said Thursday that it targeted the US naval fuel support pier at Al Ahmadi Port in Kuwait, as well as the US combat aircraft site at Sheikh Isa Air Base in Bahrain. Jordan's air defence systems downed Iranian missiles, Bahrain intercepted several Iranian aerial attacks, and Kuwait said a fire broke out at a power and water desalination plant after an Iranian attack.

'Instrumentalisation of religion' driving conflict narratives in Pakistan: Report

Islamabad, July 23 : The recent statements in Pakistan by figures linked to terrorist networks reveal a troubling pattern of leveraging symbolic and emotionally charged occasions to strengthen narratives of conflict, identity, and cross-border mobilisation, a report highlighted on Thursday. Writing for 'Pressenza - International Press Agency', Dimitra Staikou, a Greek journalist and writer, stated that this dynamic came into sharp focus.



Thailand lodges protest with Cambodia over border explosion

Bangkok, July 23 : Thailand's caretaker Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said in a media interview on Thursday that the country's military has lodged a protest with Cambodia over an explosion in the border area that injured a Thai soldier. Earlier on Saturday, Thailand's 2nd Area Command stated on social media that Cambodia violated the ceasefire agreement by firing a mortar round in the border area at around 7:25 a.m.

South Korea: Prosecution, police form joint investigation team to handle Unification Church allegations

Seoul, July 23 : The prosecution and the police formed a joint investigation team on Thursday to handle various allegations of bribery among the Unification Church, the Shincheonji Church of Jesus and politicians, South Korea's Supreme Prosecutors' Office (SPO) said. The launch of the new team comes after the legally mandated investigation period of special counsel Min Joong-ki's team ended last month, before it was able to fully determine the details of alleged bribery between the Unification Church and multiple lawmakers of both the ruling and main opposition parties. The SPO said the joint team will look into not only the Unification Church but also the religious sect, Shincheonji, and other faith groups to determine whether they provided bribes to politicians and meddled in elections, reports Yonhap news agency. Kim Tae-hoon, chief of the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, has been tapped to lead the joint team, it said in a press release, adding the body will comprise 47 prosecutors and police



officials and have offices inside the Seoul High Prosecutors' Office and the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office. President Lee Jae Myung earlier directed the formation of a special or joint investigation headquarters to handle the scandal, saying it was necessary to determine the truth and demand accountability in order to prevent a repeat of similar crimes. The bribery allegations surfaced during Min's investigation into

former first lady Kim Keon Hee's suspected corruption, resulting in the indictment of Rep. Kweon Seong-dong of the main opposition People Power Party and an investigation into Rep. Chun Jae-soo of the ruling Democratic Party, among other high-profile names. Talk of appointing a special counsel to investigate the matter has stalled amid disagreements between the rival parties.

China plans to use AI, data analytics to shape global narrative on Tibet: Report

New Delhi, July 23 : China is increasingly turning to artificial intelligence (AI), big data and advanced digital communication tools to shape international perceptions on Tibet, according to a report. The report by Bitter Winter states that the Second Xizang International Communication Conference, held in Lhasa in June under the theme of enhancing international communication on Tibet-related issues, brought together nearly 300 participants, including scholars, journalists, media professionals, think tank experts, communication specialists, government officials and policy practitioners. While officially described as a platform for cross-cultural dia-

logue, the report argues that the conference reflected Beijing's increasingly sophisticated efforts to influence international perceptions on Tibet and strengthen its discourse power. According to the report, the conference focused extensively on information warfare, audience engagement, content co-creation and the use of emerging technologies in international communication. Participants discussed the use of big data analytics, audience profiling, artificial intelligence and algorithm-driven content dissemination to adapt messaging on Tibet to today's digital information environment. The report notes that Chinese media representatives stressed the need to identify target audiences and develop customised narratives

tailored to different demographic, cultural and ideological groups. It describes this as "a shift from traditional propaganda toward more advanced forms of strategic communication designed to maximise influence in the global information sphere." The report further states that "AI algorithms could hold the key to China's solution for reframing the Tibet issue worldwide, as the country seeks to assert its dominance over the narrative." According to Bitter Winter, the conference also demonstrated China's significant investment of political, financial, technological and institutional resources to strengthen its international messaging on Tibet. It says Beijing is seeking to build networks of selected scholars, journalists, communication experts,



social media influencers and foreign participants capable of amplifying state-approved narratives across multiple platforms. The report argues that these efforts represent "a proactive and long-term strategy aimed at shaping international opinion, influencing public discourse, and generating broader acceptance of China's policies in Tibet." It adds that "the scale, sophistication, and persistence of China's communication efforts show that shaping global perceptions of Tibet has become a central component of Beijing's long-term strategic agenda."

China extending footprint to Malaysia, Indonesia in bid to control global rare earths industry

New Delhi, July 23 : China has become geopolitically more ambitious with its objective no longer merely to dominate rare earth production at home but also control the global industry by deciding which countries receive the technology, technicians and market access required to compete, according to Jack Lifton, Co-Chair, Critical Minerals Institute (CMI). In an article in Investor News, he points out that China's strategy for Malaysia and Indonesia are clear indicators of this new policy.



Norway to join French-led nuclear deterrence initiative

Oslo/Paris, July 23 : Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store has announced that Norway will join French President Emmanuel Macron's nuclear deterrence initiative, while stressing that the decision will not change Norway's basic policy on nuclear weapons.

Norwegian PM Store travelled to Paris on Thursday (Local time) for talks with Macron. Speaking to Norwegian media, he said Norway's decision was based on the current security situation in Europe and that Europe must assume greater

responsibility for its own security. The Norwegian Prime Minister also emphasised that Norway's nuclear weapons policy remains unchanged. Norway will not allow nuclear weapons to be stationed on its territory in peacetime, he said, adding that Norway will not contribute financially to France's nuclear weapons program, reports Xinhua news agency. In March, Macron announced plans to strengthen France's nuclear arsenal by increasing the number of nuclear warheads.



Three killed, four injured in separate road accidents in Afghanistan

Kabul, July 23 : At least three people were killed and four others injured in two separate road accidents in eastern Khost and northern Balkh provinces on Thursday, Afghan authorities said. A passenger vehicle collided with a truck on the Khost-Gardez highway in the Mandozai district of Khost province early Sunday, killing two people and injuring three others, provincial police spokesman Tahir Ahrar said. The injured were taken to a hospital for treatment, the official added, Xinhua News Agency reported.

In a separate incident in Mazar-i-Sharif, the capital of northern Balkh province, a collision involving two passenger vehicles left one person dead and another injured, according to provincial police. Authorities have urged motorists to comply with traffic regulations.



Nepal: RSP President Lamichhane prepares for India trip as Balen Shah's New Delhi visit remains uncertain

Kathmandu, July 23 : As the proposed visit of Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah to India appears increasingly uncertain, Rabi Lamichhane, President of the ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), is likely to visit New Delhi in the first week of June.



UN warns of acute food insecurity in Afghanistan

Kabul, July 23 : The humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan is worsening as aid agencies are scaling back food assistance due to severe international funding shortfalls, local media reported citing the United Nations and Human Rights Watch (HRW). "The United Nations estimates that more than 17 million people in Afghanistan will face acute food insecurity this year, while about 22 million people require humanitarian assistance, including food, healthcare and protection services. Women, children, internally displaced people and returning refugees remain among the hardest hit," Khama Press

reported. It noted that the UN's 2026 Humanitarian Response Plan had received less than 20 per cent of the funding required by June. This has forced the humanitarian organisations to suspend or reduce food distributions and healthcare programmes, including some life-saving services. According to HRW, the return of more than five million Afghan migrants from Pakistan and Iran has placed additional pressure on communities already struggling. "Fereshta Abbasi, an Afghan researcher at Human Rights Watch, said deteriorating economic conditions are driving many families into extreme hardship. Drawing

on interviews conducted across Afghanistan, she described parents unable to provide enough food for their children and households increasingly relying on neighbours for basic meals," Khaama Press noted. Over 10.7 million women and girls will need humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan in 2026, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said in a report on Tuesday while warning that they remain among the most affected due to the country's ongoing humanitarian crisis. According to the OCHA's latest update on Afghanistan.



Corruption tour disguised as diplomacy: Senator Warren on Trump's China visit

Washington, July 23 : US Senator Elizabeth Warren has accused President Donald Trump of using his recent China trip to benefit billionaire allies and corporate donors, saying the visit amounted to "a corruption tour disguised as diplomacy". The report, released by the minority staff of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee led by Warren, alleged that Trump's China policy favoured wealthy business interests over American workers, farmers and families. "President Trump didn't go to China to fight for American workers or farmers -- he went to cut deals for the billionaires who funded his campaign and his ballroom," Warren said in a statement. "The American people will not forget this brazen display of corruption."

Rising mental health treatment in US paired with worsening outcomes, experts warn

Washington, July 23 : An increasingly large number of Americans are receiving mental health treatment, but experts have told lawmakers that outcomes are worsening, pointing to overdiagnosis and flawed incentives. At a Congressional roundtable on mental health, lawmakers and witnesses described a system expanding rapidly in reach and cost, yet struggling to deliver measurable improvements. Congressman Glenn Grothman said the number of adults receiving mental health care has more than doubled over two decades,

rising from 27 million in 2002 to about 60 million in 2024. Yet, he noted, "depression rates are at historic highs," and suicide rates have climbed back to "their highest levels in decades." "That raises a fundamental question," Grothman said. "If we are treating more people than ever before, why are we not seeing bet-

ter results?" David Hyman, a health law professor, said the problem lies in how the system is structured. Spending on mental health and substance use disorders has grown faster than overall healthcare spending, now accounting for roughly 5 per cent of the total. But he warned that higher spending does not neces-



sarily translate into better outcomes. "When we pay for services, we get services; we don't necessarily get better mental health," Hyman said.



Nepal prepares legislation to enable govt raise foreign currency debt for first time

Kathmandu, July 23 : The Nepali government has prepared a draft amendment to the Public Debt Management Act that would allow it to issue government debt instruments denominated in foreign currency for the first time. "The Public Debt Management Office may issue government securities, through auction or other prescribed methods, denominated in either domestic or foreign currency, in a manner that allows them to be purchased by domestic or foreign individuals or entities," the draft bill states. The proposed provision would enable the Nepali government to raise debt from international capital markets to meet the country's growing financing needs. "It is aimed at opening the door for raising public debt from the international market," a senior official at the Public Debt Management Office told IANS. "It is an international practice, and we are preparing to follow it." Nepal has not yet raised public debt from the international market through the issuance of market-based debt instruments. Instead, the country has received the majority of its external loans from multilateral development partners such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), as well as from bilateral donors.

Indian American doctor Tina Shah joins New Jersey Democratic primary race

Washington, July 23 : Indian American Dr Tina Shah's entry into electoral politics grew out of years spent in intensive care units, where she treated patients whose conditions deteriorated after medicines were denied or care was delayed. Shah is now among several Democrats and the only Indian American seeking the party's nomination in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, arguing that the systemic failures she encountered in hospitals are the direct result of decisions made in Washington. "I never thought I would run for office," Shah said. "But every time I practice, I see somebody coming in because they couldn't afford their medicines or the insurance company denied that MRI that they needed," she told IANS in an exclusive interview. A triple board-certified physician in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, and critical care, Shah says her decision to enter the race followed years of witnessing systemic failures at the bedside. "We're in the US, and we don't have a good healthcare system, and we have to fix it," she said. Shah argues that recent policy decisions have worsened conditions

for patients, particularly those with limited means. She pointed to cuts in Medicaid coverage and the loss of insurance subsidies for people purchasing plans through the Affordable Care Act exchanges. "People that are the most vulnerable, they don't have health insurance starting this year," she said, adding that Congress has failed to rein in high drug prices or curb insurance denials. One case, she said, still weighs heavily on her. A patient with asthma had been stable for nearly a decade until a change in insurance required prior authorisation for inhalers. The request was denied, the patient ran out of medication and was later admitted to the ICU on a ventilator. "This shouldn't happen," Shah said. That experience helped push her into advocacy work in New Jersey, where she joined doctors.



Zanzibar President arrives in New Delhi, growing momentum in Strategic Partnership

New Delhi, July 23 : Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous Tanzanian archipelago, arrived in New Delhi on Thursday as part of his official visit to India. "Warmly welcome Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council, as he arrives in New Delhi. The visit follows President Mwinyi's successful engagements in Chennai yesterday, where he attended the 63rd Convocation Ceremony of IIT Madras as the Chief Guest," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) wrote on X. His visit holds special significance as the Zanzibar campus of IIT Madras has completed two years since its establishment in October 2023. "The visit reflects the growing momentum in the India-Tanzania Strategic Partnership, building on longstanding people-to-people ties and our shared priorities as partners in the Global South," the MEA noted on X.

CWG 2026: India seal first medal as Lovlina gets bye to move straight into 75kg SF

Glasgow, July 23 : India have opened their medal tally at the Commonwealth Games 2026 (CWG) before the opening ceremony as the Olympic medalist boxer Lovlina Borgohain moved straight into the semifinals after receiving a bye. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain moved straight into the women's 75kg semifinals after a bye. With only five athletes in the draw, three competitors, including Lovlina, advanced

straight to the last four, while the remaining two were scheduled to contest the lone quarterfinal match. Under Commonwealth Games boxing rules, all losing semifinalists are awarded bronze medals, guaranteeing Lovlina at least a bronze medal before her opening bout in Glasgow. Lovlina will begin her campaign on July 31 against Taafaki in the semifinals, with a spot in the gold medal bout at stake. A win would propel Indian into the final and

guarantee her at least a silver medal, while a loss would still see her leave Glasgow with the bronze medal. It will be her maiden Commonwealth Games podium finish. Lovlina exited in the quarter-finals at Gold Coast 2018 after losing to eventual champion Sandy Ryan and lost her opening bout at Birmingham 2022. She competed in the 69kg category in both the previous editions. The medal also means that Lovlina will medals at all possible major multi-sport events she is

eligible to compete in; Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games. Notably, Lovlina along with Tokyo Olympic silver medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu will be the flag and baton bearers when the Indian contingent steps out, dressed nattily, for the opening ceremony on Thursday. Lovlina is a seasoned star whose performances speak volumes about what she has achieved for India across various competitions. In Tokyo, she did herself and the nation proud by winning bronze. Her rise from kickboxing to regular boxing has been very purposeful. As a role model for many Indian athletes, she has won a gold medal at the 2023 World Championship. In addition, Lovlina also won a silver medal at the Asian Games in 2023 in Hangzhou, China. She has not won a medal before at the CWG.



England to host Pakistan, Bangladesh and NZ ahead of 2027 ODI WC

London, July 23 : The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has unveiled England's 2027 home international schedule, with the men's side set to host Pakistan, Bangladesh and New Zealand across formats, while the women's team will round off the summer with a white-ball series against Bangladesh. England Men will begin their home campaign with a five-match ODI series against Pakistan, starting at the Utilita Bowl on May 15. The teams will then head to Old Trafford, Headingley, Durham and Sophia Gardens, before England switch their focus to the red-ball format. Bangladesh will visit for a one-off Test at Lord's, beginning on May 28, marking the first home Test meeting between the two nations since 2010.

The latter part of the summer will be dedicated to England's preparations for the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, with New Zealand touring for a white-ball series comprising three T20Is and five ODIs in September. The T20Is will be played at Durham, Old Trafford and Sophia Gardens, while the ODI leg will take place at Edgbaston, Lord's, Bristol, Trent Bridge and Headingley. England Women will also face Bangladesh in September, hosting a three-match T20I series followed by a three-match ODI series. The T20Is will be played at Northampton, Taunton and Worcester, while the ODIs are scheduled for Hove, Canterbury and Chelmsford.



FIFA WC: 'Injury denied fans the best version of Yamal,' says Lewandowski

New Delhi, July 23 : Former Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski believes Lamine Yamal was unable to showcase his best football during Spain's triumphant FIFA World Cup campaign because of the injury setback that disrupted his preparations. Poland's captain said the teenage winger entered the tournament short on match fitness after spending nearly two months on the sidelines, making it difficult for him to hit top form immediately. "Honestly, no, we didn't see his best this tournament. For me, the best version of Lamine was two seasons ago. He's still very

young, and he came to the World Cup after an injury. He hadn't played for around eight weeks, so it's very difficult to return straight into a tournament like the World Cup," Lewandowski told ESPN. "When you don't play for eight weeks, and then you start at the World Cup, you don't really have time to train because it's one match after another. Even then, he showed great quality. The Spain players helped Lamine.

1st T20I: Ashok handed debut as India opt to bowl against Zimbabwe

Harare, July 23 : India have handed a debut to pacer Ashok Sharma as skipper Shreyas Iyer won the toss and elected to bowl first against Zimbabwe in the first T20I at the Harare Sports Club on Thursday. India, the current T20 World Cup winners, are eyeing redemption after suf-

fering series defeats to England (4-0) and Ireland (2-0). After winning the toss, Iyer said India are fielding three seamers in Ashok, Prince Yadav and Mayank Yadav, along with leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi being the lone spin-bowling option.

"This is my first time here, so I don't know how the wicket is going to play. But looking at the practice wickets and the practice wickets on the side, there was a decent amount of bounce.



Bangladesh pacer Ebadot Hossain to miss Australia tour

Dhaka, July 23 : Bangladesh will be without their key fast bowler Ebadot Hossain in the two-Test series against Australia next month as the pacer is ready to welcome his first child. The Asian side are scheduled to take on Australia in a two-match Test series that commences in Darwin on August 13 as part of the ongoing World Test Championship. The news on Ebadot has been offset with confirmation that pace spearhead Taskin Ahmed has withdrawn from the Lankan Premier League (LPL) to prepare for the Australia tour, ICC reports. Taskin had been scheduled to feature for the Jaffna Kings at the LPL, but the 31-year-old has decided to do everything he can to prepare for the Australia tour.

ECB unveils schedule for 2027 men's and women's home Ashes

London, July 23 : England will begin their men's Ashes campaign against Australia at Trent Bridge on June 18 next year, with the women's team beginning their multi-format Ashes campaign from June 24, as the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Thursday announced the full schedule for the 2027 series. England Men will begin the five-Test series at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on June 18, returning to a venue where they have enjoyed recent Ashes success, winning each of the last three Tests played at the venue against Australia. The series will then move to Lord's, Edgbaston, and the Utilita Bowl, which will host a men's Ashes Test for the first time, before concluding at The Kia Oval from July 29. England Women will launch their campaign at Headingley on June 24, marking the first women's Ashes Test in Leeds since 2001.



Peter Clarke named Sydney Sixers WBBL head coach

Sydney, July 23 : Sydney Sixers have turned to Peter Clarke to lead their women's side, confirming the experienced coach will oversee the Women's Big Bash League outfit while continuing as head coach of the NSW Breakers in a dual-capacity role over the next two seasons. Clarke's appointment completed the Sixers' coaching transition after Matthew Mott shifted across to take charge of the club's men's Big Bash League team. He will continue his responsibilities with New South Wales, where he enjoyed an impressive debut season

by guiding the Breakers to the Women's National Cricket League final. Under Clarke, NSW dominated the regular season, suffering only a single defeat before falling narrowly to Queensland in a rain-interrupted championship match. His familiarity with the Sixers setup also played a part in the appointment, having worked alongside Mott as an assistant coach during last season's WBBL campaign.