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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.



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

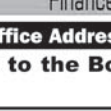
Hyderabad, July 23 : Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday said he has served a legal notice on Telangana Chief Minister, demanding that he tender an unconditional public apology within 48 hours for falsely branding Globe Arena as his 'benami' company and making several 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.





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

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers / Guarantors
1.	Sunitha Lavudiya C/O.Balu Lavudiya , Age:31 Years, Occ: Pritor(Cj Beauty Parlour And Ladies Emporium), H.No:7-21, Gatlamalyala, Nangu Noor, Medak, Pincode:502280.lInd Ad Om Srisai Apartments, Nandana Vanam, 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 Ad Om Srisai 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 Mittappally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet. (Co Borrower / Guarantor)
3.	Loudiya Lalu 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 SIDP2T2F2402280004 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 redeem your property as stipulated in Sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property (Mortgaged under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002): **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 Mittappally Village, Siddipet Mandal & District, Registration District: Siddipet, Sub-District: Siddipet, Bounded as under: East : Plot 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



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[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 (j)]"

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 amount/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/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 Eshwaraiiah H.No.11-25-291, Kothawada, Waranagal Telangana-506002	EMDDT 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, Gurrekuneta, 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/- Contractual dues on as 16-06-2026:	10-08-2026 Auction ID: 334509	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

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.

Police Judo Cluster begins in Hyd, Bandi Sanjay highlights India's Olympic Vision





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: 10-94/1/A, 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



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

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 Bhagavan 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

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, camara-

derie 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	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: 4-1-1-9/4B, Bils Colony,Vikarabad Md & Dist,Pin : 50101. 2. Dooshetty Sharada, W/O Shiva Shankar, Aged About 53 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.Hno : 4-1-719,Bils Colony, Vikarabad Md & Dist,Pin : 50101. 3. Burgupally Srikanth/S/O Rachappa, Aged About 47 Years,Occ: Consultancy Business, R/O.Hno : 4-2-87/9B, 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,Malgampally,Ranga Reddy 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.

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: Vikarabad(Md),RangaReddy(Dt)

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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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

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

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited



SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
Head Office: Level-3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2 Block, BandraKurla Complex, (Bandra East), Mumbai 400 051; 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 Dasharath, 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 Dasharath, 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.	Baliram.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 Dasharath (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 Dasharath,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



PNB HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Regd. Off: 9th Floor, Antriksh Bhawan, 22 K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001. Ph: 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web: www.pnbhousing.com
Branch Office: House No. 1-2-270/45/2, Manasa Nagar, MG Road, Suryapet Mandal & District Telangana-508213.

POSSESSION NOTICE For immovable property as per Rule 8(1) and Appendix-IV

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the PNB Housing Finance Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & in compliance of Rule 8(1) of Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice(s) on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the respective borrower(s) to repay the amount as mentioned against each account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice(s). The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property(ies) described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property(ies) will be subject to the charge of PNB Housing Finance Ltd., for the amount and interest thereon as per loan agreement. The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan Account Number(s)	Name of Borrower/Co-borrower /Guarantor(s) Legal Heirs	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as on Date in Demand Notice (Rupees)	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 & 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.



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".



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).

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.

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.



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.