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Hyderabad, July 24 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy ordered the officials to develop Indiramma housing colonies in residential areas in the CURE (Core Urban Region) zone. Reviewing the implementation of the Indiramma Urban Housing scheme, the Chief Minister enquired about the availability of government lands and instructed the authorities to identify unused lands owned by various government departments in the Outer Ring Road (ORR) limits. The officials briefed the Chief Minister about the details of housing sites identified across several Assembly constituencies.

'Agitation bigger than any person or outfit': Reactions pour in after Wangchuk ends hunger strike



New Delhi, July 24 : While parties across the political spectrum welcomed climate activist Sonam Wangchuk's decision to end his 26-day hunger strike over exam irregularities, several opposition leaders said that a movement that involves the participation of scores of people across the country, is "bigger than an individual or outfit".

Wangchuk broke his fast late on Thursday night, in the presence of Union Ministers JP Nadda and Jitendra Singh, following assurances from the Centre on key demands of the students' agitation. Speaking to IANS, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MP Manoj Jha said: "When a movement reaches this stage, it is not restricted to any one person or outfit. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi will not be able to deal with the emotions of lakhs of people." Communist Party of India MP P. Santhosh Kumar said: "Whether Sonam Wangchuk continues his hunger strike or not is not the main issue. The students have only one demand: Dharmendra Pradhan should resign or PM Modi should sack him.



KTR accuses BJP of betraying youth, says Revanth shielding centre's failures

Hyderabad, July 24 : BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao launched a sharp attack on both the BJP-led union government and the Congress-led Telangana government, alleging that while the Centre was suppressing the voices of students and youth, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was helping divert public attention from the Centre's failures. Addressing a massive gathering of students and youth at Indira Park on Friday, KT Rama Rao said the overwhelming participation reflected growing anger against the Centre's handling of issues affecting young people, particularly the NEET paper leak and the alleged crackdown on student protests.

We have brought major changes in the education system : Pemmasani

Guntur, July 24: Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar commented that major changes have been brought in the education system under his government. He said that one lakh students have joined government schools from private schools. On Friday, the Mega PTM 4.0 program was held at the Government Women's Junior College in Guntur city. Union Minister

Pemmasani, MLA Mohammed Nasir and District Collector Saikanth Verma attended the program. Pemmasani spoke on the occasion. Pemmasani suggested that parents can see what their children are doing in school on their phones through the Leap app. He said that Rs. 30 thousand crores are being allocated for education in the budget in AP. He emphasized that the coalition government is working

to provide quality education to the poor. He suggested that students should take advantage of such opportunities and grow in life. He mentioned that 99 percent of teacher transfers are taking place under the auspices of Minister Nara Lokesh. We have given 14



thousand teacher posts: Pemmasani said that 14 thousand teacher posts have been given through Mega DSC. He said that Vidyamitra committees have been formed and a bracelet

has been made for the development of schools.

Rahul Gandhi accuses Centre of 'lying' on pellet use during CJP stir



New Delhi, July 24 : Scaling up his attack on the students' stir, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused the Centre of "speaking lies" over the alleged use of pellet guns on students protesting under the banner of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) at Jantar Mantar. Rahul, with pellet gun victim Sahil by his side, claimed that the latter suffered grievous injuries in the police crackdown during the CJP's 'Chalo Sansad' march on July 20, asserting that pellet guns were used to crush peaceful dissent. Showing his injuries to the press, Rahul said this was "visual proof" of a brazen crackdown on students and demanded that the Centre, rather than deflecting, come clean on the issue.



PM Modi ends the exam leak standoff, clears path for reform

New Delhi, July 24 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personal intervention in the standoff involving the fasting activist Sonam Wangchuk, protesting students, and others involved in the ongoing stir against exam-paper leak has been both decisive and sym-

bolic. For weeks, the impasse had deepened, with Wangchuk's fast entering a critical phase, student groups intensifying demonstrations, and the government facing acute pressures from civil society and the Opposition benches alike. By opening direct channels of dia-

logue with Wangchuk and student leaders simultaneously, PM Modi signalled that his government was willing to listen, negotiate, and act. At the same time, he ensured concrete steps aimed at addressing the root causes of the protests, particularly greater transparency, fairness, and accountability in public examinations and recruitment processes.



Teachers are the backbone of the education system: CM Chandrababu

Polavaram, July 24: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that arrangements have been made for children to study happily. The CM participated in an intimate meeting of parents and teachers in Rampachodavaram and addressed the gathering. He said that there is no shortage of teachers in the state. He said that

teachers are the backbone of the education system. It is the responsibility of teachers to make students beneficiaries along with the parents. He said that nutritious food is being provided to all children. He said that efforts are being made to support the poor under the P4 program. The CM said that children are the asset of the future. The Chief Minister said that the birth of children is not a burden. It has been turned into

income. He said that no matter how many children there are, the mother is given a gift of money. He said that Rs. 10,120 crores are being deposited for 67 lakh children. He said that Rs. 664 crores are being deposited for 5 lakh people in tribal areas. He said that tribals will be given priority in IITs. He said that the Sanjeevani program will be started from August. He said that solar energy will be provided free to every household.

My future depends on students: Minister Lokesh

Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has said that he will bring back the glory of government schools. He said that he had promised CM Chandrababu Naidu to this extent. Minister Lokesh visited Rampa chodavaram in Polavaram district on Friday. On this occasion, Lokesh spoke at a face-to-



face meeting with students and their parents at a government high school and junior college.

Oasis Fertility celebrates World IVF Day with the families it helped begin, in the good hands of science

Kurnool, 24 July 2026: On the occasion of World IVF Day, Oasis Fertility, one of India’s leading fertility chains, brought together families from Kurnool and the surrounding districts who became parents in the good hands of science at Oasis Fertility. Parents returned with their children for a morning that celebrated the families that reproductive science helped begin. Over the last 16 years, Oasis Fertility has helped thousands of couples conceive, across its network of 40+ cen-

Parents and their children come together in Kurnool

tres. Behind every family it has helped begin is careful diagnosis, advanced embryology and a treatment plan matched to the couple rather than a standard protocol. The event was graced by **Mr. T.G. Venkatesh, Member of Parliament ,Rajya Sabha**, who joined the families in celebrating this special occasion. **Mr. T.G. Venkatesh** said, “Every child celebrated here today represents a unique story of persever-

ance, trust and possibility. World IVF Day is not only an occasion to recognise scientific achievement but also to celebrate the individuals and couples who chose to pursue their dream of parenthood despite the challenges they faced. Their journeys continue to inspire us to advance fertility care and increase awareness around reproductive health.” **Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi, Fertility Specialist, Oasis Fertility Kurnool**, said, “World IVF Day is usually spoken about as a scientific milestone. For us, it is about the families that science helped begin. To every couple still waiting, there is no single correct path to parenthood, and there is no shame in asking



for help early. Every couple who comes to us wants one thing, a family of their own, and our work is to place that hope in the good hands of science, with honest counselling and a plan built for that couple. At Oasis, we value family, because families are the foundation of India’s vibrant future.” The morning brought parents and children together for shared memories and gratitude, and for a simple reminder that every path to parenthood deserves acceptance and respect.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mool Singh Bhati, S/o Narayana Singh, R/o. D.No. 14-5-11, Ground Floor, Andhra Ratna Road, Vijayawada-520003, N.T.R. Dist, A.P. I, Declare that I, have Changed my Daughter Name from **RANJAN KUIVER** (Old Name) to **RANJAN KANWAR** (New Name) Here after my Daughter name is known and called as **RANJAN KANWAR** D/o Mool Singh Bhati for all purposes

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my clients Smt. Talluri Durga Tulasi Devi W/o Late Dr. M. Bapuji and Mrs. M. Pratyusha, D/o Late Dr. M. Bapuji, both R/o Flat No.201, Jashwinta Imperial Block-A, Kondapur, Hyderabad-500084, have lost their original documents, Sale Deed dated 25-06-2019 registered as Document No.14774/2019 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Outhbullapur of Smt. Talluri Durga Tulasi Devi and Sale Deed dated 18-07-2008 registered as Document No.2654/2008 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Abdulapur of Mrs. M. Pratyusha, along with the link document, Sale deed dated 09.01.2001 Document No.164/2001 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Pedda Amberpet, while shifting their house to Kondapur.

Any person/s who have come across or got custody of the said documents may contact the undersigned with them within a period of one week from today

Sd/- N. Chandradhar Rao, Advocate
HIG, Block-I, Flat No.2, Baghingampally, Hyderabad - 500 044 Ph. No.996398209

Govt to back Singareni's diversification beyond coal: Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 24 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the State government will extend its full support to protect, strengthen, and transform Singareni into a globally competitive enterprise. He assured that the government's doors would remain open round the clock for the development of Singareni. The Deputy Chief Minister observed that the energy sector is expected to undergo a major transformation over the next 15–20 years. With the

rapid growth of solar power, pumped storage, wind energy, hydrogen, rare earth minerals, and battery energy storage systems, the dependence on thermal power and coal is likely to decline gradually. In view of these changes, he said Singareni should not remain confined to coal mining alone but should proactively diversify into emerging sectors. The Deputy Chief Minister made these remarks while chairing a special review meeting with senior officials of Singareni and GENCO at the Singareni headquarters in Kothagudem on Fri-



day. Describing Singareni as the soul of Telangana, he said the 130-year-old institution has played a vital role in the State's development and assured that the government would stand firmly behind its continued growth and sustainability. He noted that Singareni once enjoyed a monopoly in coal production, with consumers purchasing coal at prices fixed by the company. However, the situation has changed drastically with the expansion of privatization. The Union government's policy of auctioning coal blocks has enabled many private companies to enter the sector, compelling public sector enterprises to compete in an increasingly competitive market.

केनरा बँक
Canara Bank
Specialized ARM Branch,
Vijayapura, Sy.No.412C,
P.No.2, Srushti Colony, Opp.
RUDSETI, Vijayapura 586109 Mob. No. 9591254633/6366975034

POSESSION NOTICE UNDER HYPOTHECATION (For movable property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, Specialized ARM Branch, Vijayapura, Invoked the Hypothecation agreement by issuing the Demand notice dated 16.05.2026 calling upon the borrower M/s Vaishnavi Oil and Proteins (Firm), Smt. Sangamma Malleshappa, W/o Sri. Ghaleppa Biradar (Partner), Smt. Ambika Muchalambe, W/o Anand Biradar (Partner) and Sri. Anand Biradar (Guarantor), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.8,63,75,780/- (Rupees Eight Crore sixty-three lakhs seventy-five thousand seven hundred eighty only) within 60 days of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of its right in terms of Hypothecation Agreement/ Loan Agreement dated 24.03.2022 and 23.12.2022 and executed by you with our Bank on this 24th day of March of the year 2022 and 23rd of December of the year 2022 respectively. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the hypothecated Plant & Machinery and any dealings with the said movable asset will be subject to the charge (hypothecation) of Canara Bank for an amount of Rs.8,74,43,736/- and interest thereon. The borrower/s may please to note that he/she may redeem the hypothecated assets within 15 days from the date of this notice.
Description of the hypothecated Plant & Machinery is as follows:
Plant and Machineries (Solvent Extraction & Oil Refinery Machineries) located at Sy.No.109/4AA, 109/5A, 109/3AA, 109/4AA/1, 109/A2B, 109/A1B, Gunjoti(V), Nyalkal (M), Sangareddy District, Telangana-502251. CERSAI ID: 400600336063. Owner: M/s Vaishnavi Oil & Proteins. List of Machineries are annexed.
Date: 23.07.2026
Place: Vijayapura
Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Canara Bank

Left-wing student organizations called for a district-wide bandh of educational institutions



Nellore, July 24 : Left-wing student organizations called for a district-wide bandh of educational institutions, demanding the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him responsible for the alleged NEET examination paper leak. The student leaders warned that if the minister

does not resign, they will intensify their agitation with further protests. Meanwhile, at the Nellore District Court, advocates under the banner of the All India Lawyers Union (AILU) staged a protest. They strongly condemned the alleged attack on students and protesters at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi and called for the protection of India’s democratic values.



Communist forces behind Delhi students' protest, alleges Bandi Sanjay



Hyderabad, July 24 : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday strongly reacted to the NEET paper leak issue and the recent students protests in Delhi, alleging that Communist forces were behind the agitation and accusing them of attempting to create unrest under the guise of student protests.

Addressing the media at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, Bandi Sanjay said the NEET paper leak had affected the future of lakhs of students and deeply concerned their parents. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was personally distressed by the incident and that the Central Government had acted swiftly to ensure justice.

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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. The accounts of the following borrowers with Bank of Maharashtra having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFESI Act on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned. The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to Bank of Maharashtra: within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrower's obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to Bank of Maharashtra.
Name & Address of the Borrower: 1. M/s. Tannal Ventures Private Limited (Borrower), at H.No.1-98/5/6 on Plot No.87 in Survey No.67, Jubilee Enclave, Madhapur, Hyderabad, Telangana-500081. 2. Mr. Maddula Jwala Veera Venkata Panduranga Praneeth (Guarantor), At J-403, My Home Bhooja, Silpa Gram Craft Village, Madhapur, K.V.Rangareddy, Telangana-500081. 3. Ms. Maddula Bala Tripura Sundara Lakshmi Bhavana (Guarantor), At J-403, My Home Bhooja, Silpa Gram Craft Village, Madhapur, K.V.Rangareddy, Telangana-500081. **NPA Date: 17-07-2026**
Total Outstanding Balance: Rs.2,99,94,456.81 (Rupees Two Crore Ninety nine lakhs Ninety four thousand Four Hundred Fifty Six and Eighty one paise Only) plus undistributed interest of Rs.13,90,689.19/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty thousand Six hundred Eighty nine and nineteen paise Only) up to 19/07/2026 along with other cost and expenses. **Demand Notice Date: 20-07-2026**
Description of the Property Mortgaged: a) All that the Flat No.K-4, (Assessed as Municipal House No.3-147/SKC/6/K-4) (PTIN No.1266207835), in Fourth Floor with a plinth area of 3000 Square Feet (including common areas) and Car parking of 180 square feet, together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 84 Square Yards, out of 689.33 sq.yards, in the Building known as "SAI KRISHNA CHAMBERS", on Plot No's 6, 7 Part and 8, Part, in Survey Nos.261, 262, 264, 266 Part and 290, situated at Nizampet Village, Bachupally Mandal, Under Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri District (formerly known as Outhbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District), Telangana State, the property in the name of M/s. Tannal Ventures Private Limited and bounded on the: Boundaries of Entire Land: North by: Plot No's 4 & 5, South by: 40'-0" Wide Road, East by: Neighbour's Land, West by: 60'-0" Wide Road. **Boundaries For Flat No.K-4:** North by: Open to Sky, South by: Open to Sky, East by: Corridor, West by: Open to Sky. **CERSAI Asset ID: 200075655832**
b) All that the Flat No.M-4, (Assessed as Municipal House No.3-147/SKC/6/M-4) (PTIN No.1266207840), in Fourth Floor with a plinth area of 1000 Square feet (including common areas) and Car parking of 90 Square Feet, together with an undivided share of land admeasuring 27 Square Yards, out of 689.33 sq.yards, in the Building known as "SAI KRISHNA CHAMBERS", on Plot Nos.6, 7 and 8, in Survey No's 261, 262, 264, 266 Part and 290, situated at Nizampet Village, Bachupally Mandal, Under Nizampet Municipal Corporation, Medchal-Malkajgiri District (formerly known as Outhbullapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District), Telangana State, the property in the name of M/s. Tannal Ventures Private Limited and bounded on the: Boundaries of Entire Land: North by: Plot Nos.4 & 5, South by: 40'-0" Wide Road, East by: Neighbour's Land, West by: 60'-0" Wide Road. **Boundaries For Flat No.M-4:** North by: Flat No.L-4, South by: Open to Sky, East by: Open to Sky, West by: Corridor, Staircase & Lift. **CERSAI Asset ID: 200075656314**
If the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment to Bank of Maharashtra as aforesaid, then the Bank of Maharashtra shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers/ Guarantors as to the costs and consequences.
In terms of provisions of SARFESI Act, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors are prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of Bank of Maharashtra. Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and /or penalty in accordance with the SARFESI Act.
For more details notice may collect the undersigned returned notices from the undersigned.
Date: 24-07-2026, Place: Hyderabad. **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra**

KVR
Karur Vysya Bank
Siddipet Branch, Siddipet Dist, Telangana

NOTICE TO BREAK OPEN THE LOCKER
Consequent upon non-payment of rent which was not paid in terms of Safe Deposit Locker Agreement executed between the Locker Holders & the Bank, the Termination Notice & Break Open Notices were sent through post to the following Locker Holders on their registered address however the said Notices returned undelivered and in spite of all other efforts made in terms of the said locker agreement, the locker holders neither responded nor be traced. In terms of the provisions of above Locker Agreement, we hereby give you notice that if the locker is not surrendered & the key of the locker is not returned within a period of 15 days from the date of this Notice, we will proceed to break open your locker, whether you remain present or not, on 12.08.2026, 11.00 A.M and while breaking open the Locker an inventory of the contents recovered from the Locker, if any, shall be prepared. Further, the overdue rent, penalties, charges, break open charges & other expenses shall be recovered from you & the contents of the Locker shall be dealt with in accordance with the law. Please note that the locker is not to be opened by the Bank in the above regard is without prejudice to the rights, remedies & contentions available to the Bank and it shall be at your cost, liability, risk & responsibility, consequences and Bank shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever.

Sr. No.	Branch	Name of Locker Holder/s	Address	Date of Notices	Locker No. Over Due Rent
1.	Siddipet	Mr Venishetty Pramod Kumar	H.no: 11-2-48/7, Bharath Nagar, Siddipet Telangana-502103	i) 02.06.2026 ii) 19.06.2026 iii) 01.07.2026	48520030025 Rs.10,956/-

Date: 24.07.2026, Place: Siddipet **Sd/- Branch Head, The Karur Vysya Bank**

Phoenix ARC Limited (Formerly known as "Phoenix ARC Private Limited")
Regd. Office: 3rd Floor, Wallace Towers, 139/140/141, Crossing of Sahar Road and Western Express Highway, Vile Parle East, Mumbai-400057, Tel: 022- 6216 2150, Fax: 022- 67412313, CIN: U67190MH2007PLC168303, Email: info@phoenixarc.co.in & Website: www.phoenixarc.co.in

POSESSION 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 under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 25-06-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits 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 26-14 (Phoenix) for the benefit of the holders of the 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 Authorised 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)	Demand Notice Date	Date of Possession
Mr. Yadaiah Erammekala Mrs. Erammekala Marjula, (Loan Account No. IL10413139)	All that piece and parcel of: H.No.1-90/1part, Rachuloor Village, Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, TS-501559. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.) Property Type Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 1161. Bounded By: North: House of Narayana, South: Remaining Open Plot of Jyothi, East: House of Mallappa, West: Wide Road	Rs. 778731/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty One Only)	04/12/2025	22/07/2026
Mr. Srishailam Goud Ankangari, Sri Mallikarjuna Ankangari, Mr. Anil Kumar Ravi, Property Type Area, Capital Area, Rahul Goud, Mrs. Ankangari Swaroop, (Loan Account No. IL10277495)	All that piece and parcel of: House No. 5-39, at Nadergul Village, Balapur Mandal, R R Dist. TS - 501510. Area Admeasuring (In Sq.ft.) Property Type Area, Capital Area, 1048.00, 1660.00, 1326.00. Bounded By: North: House Of Ankangari Samiah, South: 25 Wide Road, East: House Of Boni Sathiah, West: 10 Wide Road	Rs. 1050881/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty One Only)	13/10/2025	22/07/2026

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 under Section 13 (1) of the SARFESI 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 amount together with incidentals including but not limited to 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: 25-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Phoenix ARC Limited (In capacity as Trustee)**

BAJAJ HOUSING FINANCE
Corporate office: Cerebrum IT Park B2 Building 5th Floor, Kalyani Nagar, Pune, Maharashtra-411014, Branch Office: 2nd Floor, Sita City One, 7-1-2222, Leelanagar, Greenland Road, Amerpet, Near Begumpet Flyover, Hyderabad, 500016

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

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s) (LAN No., Name of Branch)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
Branch : HYDERABAD, LAN: H400HLP0218365 1. Rajeevkumar Bernwal (Borrower) At: Flat No 306, Diamond Block 2, Aarambh Township, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Telangana-500019.	Schedule of property: All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: All That The Single Bed Room Flat No B2-306, Third Floor In Diamond Sector, Aarambh Township At Chandanagar With A Plinth Area Of 486 Sq.ft. Together With 1/80' Of Undivided Interest Measuring 12.10 Square Yards (Out Of Total Land Of 726.23 Square Yards), Situated At Chandanagar, Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy District. In Survey No. 65 & 66 Of Serilingampally Village And 323/2, 326/2, 327/2 & 328/2 Of Chandanagar Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana State, And Bounded By: North: Corridor, South: Open To Sky, East: Flat No.D81-304.	24th April 2026, Rs.9,82,799/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine Only)	22-Jul-26
Branch : GIDDALUR, LAN: H405RLP028782 1. Shaik Khaja Vali (Borrower) 2. Shaik Mahabuni (Co-Borrower) Both The Above At No 71, Islampeta, Islampeta, Komarolu, Prasth, Sindhra Pradesh, 523373.	Schedule of property: All that piece and parcel of the Non-agricultural Property described as: Building Bearing D.No.3-65 In Sy.No.631/2 Measuring 60 Sq Yrds Situated In Komarolu Village And Mandal Within The Srd Of Ongole And Registration District Of Prakasham- Boundaries:- East: Rastha, West: Shaik Mohammed Hussain House, North: Shaik Hussain Bae House, South: Srd Of Sayeed Bika Sahab, Measurements:- Ex W: 45 Ft Nxs: 12 Ft Area:60 Sq Yrds.	28th Feb 2026, Rs. 6,72,614/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Only)	20-Jul-26

Symbolic Possession Date: 20-07-2026&22-07-2026, Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bajaj Housing Finance Limited**

SBFC
Registered Office:- Unit No. 103, First Floor, C&B Square, Sangam Complex, Village Chakala, Andheri- Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400059.

POSESSION NOTICE (As per Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SBFC Finance Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued Demand Notices upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/Co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The Borrower/Co-borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of SBFC Finance Limited.

Name and Address of Borrowers & Date of Demand Notice and Loan A/c No.	Description of Property(ies) & Date of Possession	Amount demanded in Possession Notice (Rs.)
1. Mr. Mohd Shoab Ahmed (Applicant), 2. Mohd Saleem Ahmed (Co-Applicant 1), 3. Tameeza Begum Tameezabegum (Co-applicant 2), Having address at: House No.5-4-1/15 (Assessment No.1037015372) Constructed over on Plot No.8 in Sy.No.240, Situated at Ward No.5, Block No.4, Mekalabandara Street, Shiva Shakthi Nagar, Mahabubnagar, Telangana State, Pincode-509001. Demand Notice Date: 29th April 2026 Loan Account No. SBFCFLAP0000161432 (PR01716499) & SBFCFLAP0000177389 (PR01744600)	All that the piece & parcel of Property Bearing Residential House No.5-4-1/15 (Assessment No.1037015372) Constructed over on Plot No.8 in Sy.No.240 with Admeasuring 143.34 sq.yards, GF R.C.C. Plinth Area 830.0 sq.ft, Situated at Ward No.5, Block No.4, Mekalabandara Street, Shiva Shakthi Nagar, Mahabubnagar, Telangana State, Pincode-509001, and Bounded By: East: Plot No.19 West: 25 Feet Road North: M.A. Rasheed H.No. 5-4-1/15/A Constructed Over On Plot No.9 South: Shameem Khatoun H.No.5-4-1/16 Constructed Over On Plot No.8 Date of Symbolic Possession: 20th July, 2026	Rs. 2488484/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Only) as on 15th April, 2026, plus unapplied interest from the date of 16th April, 2026,
1. Mr. Ganji Ramesh (Applicant) 2. Mrs. Ganji Jaya (Co-Applicant 1) Having address at: H No 2-87, situated at Cherlapally Village & Mandal-Nalgonda, Telangana 508001. Demand Notice Date: 20th March 2026 Loan Account No. 4021060000101130 (PR00987119) & 4021060000210200 (PR0188464)	All that the piece & parcel of a property house bearing Municipal Door No 2-87, comprising total area as per plan 351.33 sq yard = 293.74 sq mtrs, Plinth area 200.00 sq ft with roof of A.C.C. sheets, Age of the house 12 year, inside residential zone. situated at Cherlapally Village & Mandal-Nalgonda, Telangana 508001, and Bounded by: East: Plot of J. Parvathamma West: House of G. Srinivasulu & others North: 12" wide road South: House of P. Mallaiha Date of Symbolic Possession: 22nd July, 2026	Rs.2078513/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on 20th March 2026, plus unapplied interest from the date of 21th March 2026,

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Mahabubnagar/Nalgonda Telangana-509001. Date: 25-07-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, SBFC Finance Limited**

Congress govt failed to ensure power, water supply: Harish Rao

Hyderabad, July 24 : Former minister and BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government had completely failed in ensuring uninterrupted electricity, drinking water and irrigation supply across Telangana. He said that during the BRS government, farmers received uninterrupted 24-hour free electricity, every household had access to safe drinking water through Mission Bhagiratha and irrigation water was supplied without disruption. Harish Rao on Friday conducted a surprise inspection of the Solepet Electricity Substation in Bommalaramaram mandal of Aler Assembly constituency along with former Aler MLA Gongidi Sunitha.



CWMA to meet amid widening Cauvery water shortfall; TN steps up pressure on K'taka

Chennai, July 24 : With Tamil Nadu facing a widening shortfall in the receipt of Cauvery water during the current water year, the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) is scheduled to meet in New Delhi on Friday, amid growing concerns over the impact of delayed releases on irrigation in the state's delta districts. The meeting assumes significance as Tamil Nadu has reported a substantial deficit in water realised at Biligundulu, the inter-State measuring point on the Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border. As of July 19, the state had received only around 3.44 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) of water since June 1, leaving it with a deficit of nearly 21 tmc ft compared to the quantity due for the corresponding period under the Cauvery water-sharing arrangement. The development comes a week after the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC), during its meeting, heard submissions from both Tamil Nadu and Karnataka but deferred a decision. The committee decided to review the evolving situation at its next meeting scheduled for July 28. Water resources experts in Chennai have pointed to the disparity between inflows into Karnataka's reservoirs and the quantity released downstream. They noted that while the four major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin in Karnataka had together received around 30 tmc ft of inflows since the beginning of the current water year, Tamil Nadu had received less than four tmc ft during the same period. Data released by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre showed that, as of Monday, the cumulative inflow into the four reservoirs stood at 31.61 tmc ft, while the combined outflow was only 5.26 tmc ft. The reservoirs together held about 59 tmc ft of water against total storage capacity of 114.57 tmc ft. The situation has also raised concerns over storage levels at the Mettur dam, the principal irrigation source for the Cauvery delta. On Tuesday morning, the reservoir's water level stood at 75.14 feet against its full reservoir level of 120 feet. , with a storage of around 37.3 tmc ft compared to its total capacity of 93.47 tmc ft. Amid the growing concern, AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami criticised Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay.

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Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Branch Office: # 16-207, 2nd, Opp:R&B Guest House,Main Road, Thorur, Mahabubabad - 506163

RULE-8(3) POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shirram 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 Chief Judicial Magistrate, at Mahabubabad, in CrI.M.P. NO.145/2026, under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 23rd Day of JULY 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Hemalatha Boora W/O Venkanna, Age: 54 Years, Occ: Mahodaya Vidyanilayam, Little Flower School, Narsampet Road, Mahabubabad, R/O.H.No.7-17/1A/2, Ramachandrapuram, Mahabubabad Md & Dist -506101, 2) Venkanna Boora S/O Sailu, Age: 65 Years, Occ: Head Master, ZPPSS Chinnaudur, Maripeda, Warangal, R/O.H.No.1-7-17/A/2, Ramachandrapuram, Mahabubabad Md & Dist-506101. And also at Venkanna Boora S/O Sailu, Age: 65 Years, Occ: Head Master, ZPPSS Chinnaudur, Maripeda, Warangal, # House with Open Place GP Door No.1-7-17/1A (old), & 1-7-17/1A/2 (New), 847.83 Sq.yds, 708.78 Sq.mtrs, old Bazar, Mahodaya Nagar, Mahabubabad Municipal Corporation, Warangal District. 3) Ramesh Kumar Anumandla S/O Veeramallu, Age: 62 Years, Occ: Head Master II, ZPPSS Jayaram, # 5-9-69, Kishanpura, Public Garden, Hanamkonda, Warangal -Dist - 506 001.

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 72,79,338/- (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Only)

Description of Property
(Property holder Name is BOORA VENKANA Mortgage deed dated 31.12.2015 Registered as Document No.6993/2015 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at MAHABUBABAD) House with Open Place bearing GP Door No.1-7-17/1A (old) & 1-7-17/1A/2 (New) admeasuring to an extent of 847.83 Sq.yds or 708.78 Sq.mtrs situated at old Bazar, Mahodaya Nagar, Mahabubabad Municipal Corporation, Thorur Mahabubabad District, Registration District Warangal & Sub - District Mahabubabad, Bounded as uder: East: Remaining Place of Boora Hemalatha (Donor), West: Proposed Road, North: 18 Ft wide Road, South: 24 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: 23-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Mahabubabad, Shirram 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

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shirram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shirram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shirram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shirram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.30-11-2022) 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 23rd day of July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1. Tamatam.Anitha, W/O T.Shiva Shankar Reddy, Aged About 42 Years, Occ: Kumara Swamy Agencies Business, R/O.Hno : 4-32-41/106/2, Plot No : 135/A, Kamala Prasanna Nagar, Alwyn Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Pin : 500072. 2. Tamatam.Shiva Shankar Reddy, W/O T.Chinnappa Reddy, Aged About 45 Years, Occ: Kumara Swamy Agencies Business, R/O. Hno: 4-32-41/106/2, Plot No : 135/A, Kamala Prasanna Nagar, Alwyn Colony, Kukatpally, Hyderabad,Pin: 500072. 3. Myadarri.Bhanu Chander, S/O M.Sathyanaaryana, Aged about 31 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/O. Plot No: 10, Mallikarjuna Nagar, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, Pin : 502032.

(Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 22,53,683/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Three only)

Description of Property
BLNGRTF2210310006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the Flat No.G-1 on Ground Floor of " OM SAI RESIDENCY", with a built up area of 850-00 Square Feet(including common area and a Car Parking),along with an Undivided Share of land admeasuring 19.00 Square Yards,(Out of 190.00 Square Yards or 158.84 Square Meters), constructed on House Bearing No.4-32-1561,(PTIN No.1140401562), on Plot No.A-356, in Survey No.336, situated at Phase -II, Alwyn Colony,Kukatpally Village,Mandal and GHMC Circle,Medchal - Malkajgiri District and boundaries as follows: Boundaries Of Entire Land North: House on Plot No.355, South: Neighbours House East: House on Plot No.337. West: Road. Boundaries For Flat No.G-1 in Ground Floor North: Parking Space, South: Neighbours House, East: Corridor/Staircase and Lift, West: 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: 23-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Kukatpally,Medchal - Malkajgiri(Dt) Shirram Finance Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
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Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shirram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shirram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shirram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shirram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 22nd July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1. Rukmenidevi S P W/o. Paramashivan Pillai, Age: 59 Years, Occ: Mothu Jote World (Manufacturing Jute Bags), O/o. H.No. 37-93/291/2, P.No. 609, Road No.5, Sainik Vihar, R K Puram, Neredmet, Malkajgiri - 500056. R/o. Plot No.17, Padmaja Colony, New Bowenpally, Secunderabad - 500011. 2. Paramashivan Pillai S/o. Late Subbaiah, Age: 70 Years, Occ: Mothu Jote World (Manufacturing Jute Bags), O/o. H.No. 37-93/291/2, P.No. 609, Road No.5, Sainik Vihar, R K Puram, Neredmet, Malkajgiri - 500056 R/o. Plot No.17, Padmaja Colony, New Bowenpally, Secunderabad - 500011. And Also At Paramashivan Pillai S/o. Late Subbaiah, Age: 70 Years, R/o. H.No. Plot No. 2/Ff, First Floor, Shyama Sadan Apartments, Brig Syed Road, Thokkata Village, Secunderabad-500011. 3. Muthuswamy Rajan S/o. Muthu Swamy, Age: 70 Years, Occ: Civil Contractor R/o. H.No. 37-93/297/1, Plot No.609, Road No.5, Sanik Vihar, R.K. Puram, Neredmet, Medchal-Malkajgiri -500056.

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 63,36,971.37/- (Sixty Three Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy One Rupees and Thirty Seven Paise only)

Description of Property
SECUTF1302280007 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Property holder Name is Paramashivan Pillai S/o. Late Subbaiah, Mortgage deed dated 25-02-2013 Registered as Document No 455/2013 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Bowenpally Property On The Name Of Paramashivan Pillai S/o. Late Subbaiah, All that the Residential Plot No. 2/Ff, on First Floor Shyama Sadan Apartments, with Built up area : 860 SFT including common area together with undivided share of land 45 Sq.Yards out of 610 Sq.Yards, Constructed in Survey No. 115, situated at Brig Syed Road, Thokatta Village, Secunderabad Cantonment, within the district of Hyderabad and Sub-Registration District, Bowenpally and bounded on the East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Neighbour's Flat, South: Corridor, Staircase and Neighbours Flat.

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

Date: 22-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Thokatta. Shirram Finance Limited

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Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. **Authorized Officer Address:** Shirram Finance Limited, Wyra Road, SBI Building, Khammam-507001

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Mamidi Radhika, W/O Mamidi Srinivas, Age: 43yrs, R/O H.NO: 7-5-43, Medarabasthi, Kothagudem Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101. (Borrower No.1) 2) Mamidi Srinivas, S/O Apparao, Age: 47yrs, R/O Hno: 7-5-43, Medara Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507101. (Coborrower/Guarantor No.1) 3) Guguloth Jyothirmal, W/O Shiva, Age: 43yrs, R/O H.No: 1-119, Perupalli, Singareni, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507122. (Co borrower/Guarantor No.3.)

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs.42,66,146/- (Rupees Fourty Two Lakh Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred Forty Six Only)

Description of Property
KTGDMTF2403220011- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Mamidi Radhika With Document No: 1127/2024 All That The House With Open Place Bearing (New) H.No. 7-5-43/1, (Old H.No. 7-5-43), in Sy. No. 142, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 480.00 Sq.Yards., Including Plinth Area 400.00 Sq.Feet, Situated At Medara Basthi, Kothagudem Town And Mandal Municipality, Bhadradi Kothagudem Disrict And SRO Kothagudem Is Bounded By: North: House Of Bikkulal. South: House Of Chandramoudi, East: House Of G.Venkatalamma, West: House Of M. Srinivas And Private Way

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: 24-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Khammam. Shirram 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.

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Borrower Name and Address
1. Pandilwar Swapnil, S/O Sainath Rao, Aged About 39 Years, Occ: Malki Distribution And Pan Shop Business, R/O.Flat No : 201,Plot No : 125, Victoria Plaza, Padma Nagar, Phase -II, Chinthal, Outbulapur(Md), Rangareddy Dist. Pin-500037. 2. Pandilwar Sainath Rao, S/O P.Kashinath Rao, Aged About 66 Years, Occ: Malki Distribution And Pan Shop Business, R/O.Flat No : 201,Plot No : 125, Victoria Plaza, Padma Nagar, Phase -II, Chinthal, Outbulapur(Md), Rangareddy Dist. Pin-500037. 3. Cheela.Srikanth, S/O Ch.Venkat Rajaiah, Aged About 42 Years, Occ: Private Employee, R/O.Hno : 227/6,Pranod Nilayam, Prasoor Nagar, Chinthal,Hyderabad Dist. , Pin-500054.

(Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs)

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 23,09,810/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten only)

Description of Property
BLNGRTF1809270001- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All that the Part and Parcel of Open Plot bearing No.24 in Sy.No.712/AA, admeasuring 133 Sq.Yards,Situated at Gummadidala Village & Mandal, Sangareddy District, and Bounded as Follows: North: Plot No.25, South: Plot No.23, East: Plot No.11, West: 20' 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: 23-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Gummadidala(Vi) & (Md),Mahabunagar(Dt) Shirram Finance Limited

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Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710. **Authorized Officer Address:** Shirram Finance Limited, Wyra Road, SBI Building, Khammam-507001

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Ashok Naga Raju Talari, S/O Thirupathaiah, Age: 52yrs, Occu: Sony Traders, R/O: H.No. 6-12-127, Safai Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt (Borrower No.1) 2) Talari Padmavathi, W/O Ashok Nagaraju, R/O: H.No 6-12-127, Safai Basthi, Kothagudem, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt (Coborrower/Guarantor No.1) 3) Tolem Koteswar Rao, S/O Ramaswamy, Age:50yrs, Occu: JPA in APGENCO, EMP Id: 55683, R/O: BG-43, IM Colony , KTPS, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt (Coborrower/Guarantor No.2) 4) Syed Alem, S/O Syed Nayem, Age: 43yrs, Occu: Sony Traders Nuts & Bolts Business, R/O:H.No.16-1-36 , ZPSS Road, Bollirigudem, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dt (Coborrower/Guarantor No.3)

Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs. 47,44,584/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four Only)

Description of Property
KTGDMTF1806300022- Description Of The Immovable Propertyproperty Holder Name: Ashok Nagaraju Talari With Document No: 3922/2018 RCC Roofed Building Along With Its House Site Of An Extent Of 227.74 Sq.Yards Bearing Sy.No.142 Of Kothagudem Revenue Village Bearing H.No. 6-12-127/1, At Safai Basthi Of Kothagudem Town And Mandal Of Bhadradi Kothagudem Distic Bounded By: RCC Plinth Area 867 Sq.Feet: North: Existing Wide Road, South: House Of MD Amer, East: House Of Mogalaiah, West: House Of Md.Knuda Bakhsh

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: 24-07-2026, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Khammam. Shirram Finance Limited

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UNODC warns young gamers lured into online gambling

Young gamers are at risk in South-East Asia, including India, with criminals using the same structure of online casinos to gamify online gambling and make it appealing to them. The dangerous mix of online gaming’s highly addictive nature and mobile accessibility is putting young users at risk, a new report released in Bangkok, Thailand, by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Tuesday said.

“The line between online gaming and online gambling is becoming more and more blurred,” UNODC regional representative for South-East Asia and the Pacific Delphine Schantz said. She explained that while online gaming initially refers to interactive digital play without mandatory monetary stakes, the two sectors have converged through design features that deliberately exploit this ambiguity, making the crime more dangerous.

The report, titled An Interconnected Criminal Ecosystem: Transnational Organised Crime Threat Assessment for Southeast Asia 2026, also documents scam operations, drug trafficking, illegal gambling, online child sexual exploitation, tobacco crime and firearms trafficking.

It highlights how once-fragmented, locally rooted syndicates have merged into a single transnational, tech-driven criminal economy sophisticated enough to outpace conventional law enforcement and threaten governance, economic stability and development in the region and beyond.

Schantz said groups that once stayed within their own geographic domain and criminal speciality are now operating across multiple illicit markets at once, relying on the same service streams. “Their operating model looks like corporate franchising: imagine specialised departments for laundering money, trafficking people, smuggling migrants and harvesting data, all plugged into the same, service-based interconnected network,” she added.

The document reveals how criminals are weaving different types of crime into a single, shared financial and operational infrastructure. Organised crime in the region is also shifting from trafficking physical goods to selling services – cyber-enabled fraud, criminal infrastructure and platform-based financial settlements – that leave little trace and are harder to seize or attribute to any single actor.

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Maldives Ministers thank India for ‘generous support’ for community transformation

Male, July 24 : Iruthisham Adam, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Abdulla Rafiu, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Fitness of the Maldives, expressed gratitude to the Government of India for its generous support, highlighting its transformative impact on Maldivian communities after a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and the Maldives supporting Maldivian communities. “The Government of Maldives (GoM) and the Government of India

(GoI) have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on equipment support for fitness and recreation centres in 42 islands through the Indian grant assistance scheme, High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDP). The signing ceremony took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, marking another milestone in the ever-strengthening partnership between the two countries,” stated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Maldives. The MoUs were signed by Minister Iruthisham on behalf of the Government of the Maldives and by G.



Balasubramanian, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives, on behalf of the Government of India. Minister Rafiu signed on behalf of the Implementing Agency. During the ceremony, Foreign Minister Iruthisham stated that the provision of equipment for fitness and recreation centres in 42 islands represents a meaningful investment in the health and well-being

of island communities. She also highlighted that the initiative would promote healthier, more active lifestyles while expanding access to quality fitness facilities, particularly for women and girls, thereby contributing to women’s empowerment, equality, and social inclusion. Speaking at the ceremony, Minister Rafiu noted that the fitness and recreation centres will serve as vibrant community spaces that promote healthy lifestyles, social interaction and community well-being. He emphasised that the initiative would provide greater opportunities for people of all ages.

UK leaders urge foreign aid, visa sanctions against Pakistan until Islamabad takes back child rapist



London, July 24 : Political parties in the United Kingdom (UK) are urging the Labour Party to stop all foreign aid to Pakistan and impose visa sanctions until Islamabad takes back the child rapist and ringleader of the Rochdale grooming gang.

The UK government is trying to deport Shabir Ahmed to Pakistan, his country of birth, as he was released from prison recently after serving 14 years of his 22-year sentence for 30 child rape offences, leading British daily 'The Telegraph' reported. However, Pakistan has refused to take Ahmed back.

It has been brought to the limelight recently that the UK government has signed a three-year, GBP 153 million foreign aid package to Pakistan.

“Pakistan. No foreign aid. No visas. Until you take back rapist Ahmed,” Richard Tise, deputy leader of Reform Party, wrote on X.

“The fact Labour plans to continue to send them aid is proof the political class do not care about the British people. Reform will stop foreign aid and visas issued to Pakistan immediately,” Zia Yusuf, Reform Party’s home affairs spokesperson was quoted as saying by The Telegraph.



Top diplomats of South Korea, US, Japan to meet in Manila this week

Seoul, July 24 : The top diplomats of South Korea, the United States and Japan will meet in Manila this week to discuss coordination on North Korea and enhance three-way economic and security cooperation, Seoul’s foreign ministry said Friday. South Korea’s Foreign Minister Cho Hyun is scheduled to meet with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi on Wednesday on the sidelines of a series of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-related ministerial meetings in the Philippine capital, according to the ministry, Yonhap News Agency reported. The upcoming meeting will come about two weeks after the three ministers held talks on the sidelines of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit in Ankara on July 7. The three sides are expected to discuss issues on North Korea, ways to enhance trilateral

security cooperation and economic ties, and the Middle East crisis and other regional and global developments, according to ministry officials. During their trilateral meeting earlier this month, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula and vowed to continue efforts to pursue dialogue with Pyongyang. The three countries also signed a memorandum of cooperation (MOC) to establish a framework for cooperation on accelerating the deployment of small modular reactors (SMRs) in third countries, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.

US student visa rule may disrupt degrees

Washington, July 24 : A new four-year limit on F-1 and J-1 visas could push international students out of the United States midway through their degrees or research, an Indian diaspora policy group has warned.



The Foundation for India and Indian Diaspora Studies (FIIDS) urged elected officials and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to halt the immediate implementation of the Department of Homeland Security rule. According to FIIDS, the measure was finalised on July 16-17 and is set to take effect in mid-September. The organisation said the rule ends the decades-old “duration of status” policy and imposes a maximum stay of four years. It also counts Optional Practical Training and STEM OPT towards that limit. The rule cuts the grace period after completion of studies from 60 days to 30 days and requires students to obtain USCIS approval through Form I-539 for any extension, FIIDS said. “This is a self-inflicted wound on

US competitiveness,” said Khanderao Kand, chief of policy and strategy at FIIDS. “A 4-year cap misaligns with how modern degrees actually work—median time to a bachelor’s is about 52 months and to a PhD about 5.7 years—while USCIS is already sitting on more than 11 million cases with roughly year-long processing times.” “Students will be forced out mid-program or mid-research, labs will lose critical talent, and America will hand its innovation pipeline to competitors,” he said. FIIDS said many research-intensive programmes, particularly doctoral courses and medical training.

Trump Hails US space achievements; pledges push toward Moon, Mars

Washington, July 24 : Marking Space Exploration Day, US President Donald Trump hailed America’s achievements in space exploration, saying the country would continue to lead humanity into a “new Golden Age of space exploration” while advancing missions to the Moon and, eventually, Mars. In a presidential message issued by the White House on the 57th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, Trump linked America’s historic lunar mission to his administration’s space agenda, highlighting the Artemis programme, the US Space Force and what he described as a long-term strategy to secure American leadership in space. “On Space Exploration Day, we commemorate one of the greatest achievements in the history of our Republic: landing Americans upon the surface of the Moon,” Trump said. “Inspired by that giant

leap, we look ahead with bold resolve, certain that America will continue to lead humanity into a new Golden Age of space exploration.”

Recalling the Apollo 11 mission of July 20, 1969, Trump paid tribute to astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, saying their achievement demonstrated that “no frontier lies beyond the reach of a free and unwavering people.”

“Fifty-seven years later, the legacy of Apollo still burns in the hearts of all Americans, calling each generation to reach higher into the cosmos than the last,” he said. The President said his administration was building on that legacy through the Artemis programme. He referred to the recent Artemis II mission, saying American astronauts Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch, together with Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen, had “soared into deep space aboard Artemis II for the first time in over 50 years.” The mission has “propelled us toward the Artemis missions, which



will return American astronauts to the Moon, establish a human presence, and lay the foundation to reach the red dunes of Mars and the boundless frontier beyond, where American courage will discover what none have ever dared to imagine,” the president said. Trump also used the occasion to underscore the national security dimension of America’s space programme. “This new era rests upon a foundation of unrivalled American strength in space,” he said, adding that the same innovation supporting lunar exploration also powers “our incredible United States Space Force, whose innovative technology shields ev-

ery American family while safeguarding our Nation’s national security from above.” Highlighting his first administration’s space policies, Trump said he had been “proud to reestablish the National Space Council,” describing it as a mechanism to bring together the military, scientists, industry and the Space Force behind “a single purpose: securing American dominance in space for all time to come.” He pledged that “under my leadership, America will continue to push beyond every boundary and lead the world ever deeper into the universe.”

US Congresswoman seeks revocation of Chinese student visas over alleged China election interference

Washington, July 24 : United States Republican Congresswoman, Anna Paulina Luna, has written to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, urging the immediate suspension and cancellation of all F-1 and J-1 student visas held by Chinese nationals currently enrolled at higher education institutions across the country, citing recently declassified intelligence detailing the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) efforts to interfere in American elections. This came after President Donald Trump accused China of orchestrating a wide-ranging campaign to interfere in US elections, alleging that Beijing sought to undermine his presidency, acquire millions of American voter records and conceal its activities through what he described as a cover-up inside the US intelligence community. In a letter addressed to the Secretary of State, Luna said, "As you are

aware, President Trump's recent address to the nation detailed newly declassified documents alleging that, beginning with the 2020 election cycle, the Chinese government carried out what is believed to be one of the largest cyber espionage campaigns targeting American election data in history, including the theft of voter names, addresses, phone numbers, political affiliations, and other registration information." "These revelations demand a serious and immediate response from every agency with the authority to act.



US lacks grounds to attack Cuba, says Cuban diplomat

Havana, July 24 : The United States has no grounds to launch an attack against Cuba, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said, warning such a

move would cause death and destruction. "Isn't there a lack of grounds to justify killing, maiming, and causing destruction and misery, in addition to running the certain risk



of losing lives on their own side?" Fernandez de Cossio wrote on X in response to a report by US magazine Politico. The official accused the magazine of encouraging Washington to go to war and criticised it for claiming that the US military was prepared to attack Cuba and only awaited "a final go-ahead from Donald Trump."



'Deliberate attempt to suppress democracy': Rights body condemns jail hearing of Baloch activists in Pakistan

Quetta, July 24 : The Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) has criticised the Pakistani authorities for holding hearing of BYC leaders Mahrang Baloch, Beebow Baloch, Gulzadi Baloch, Beebarg Baloch and Sibghatullah Shahjee in prison, terming it a "grave and deliberate attempt to suppress transparency, exclude public scrutiny, and further institutionalise the criminalisation of peaceful political dissent in Balochistan". On Saturday, the BYC said that the judicial remand of all detained BYC leaders was further extended for 10 days.

US strips citizenship over China-linked theft



Washington, July 24 : A US federal judge has stripped a married couple of their American citizenship after they were convicted of stealing sensitive medical trade secrets and sharing them with China, the Justice Department said. Judge James E. Simmons Jr. of the US District Court for the Southern District of California issued the order on Saturday against Li Chen and Yu Zhou, finding they had illegally procured their naturalisation. Chen and Zhou had earlier pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit theft of trade secrets and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The court held these offences amounted to crimes involving moral turpitude, disqualifying them from demonstrating the "good moral character" required for naturalisation. The judge also found both had committed unlawful acts that reflected adversely on their moral character, with no extenuating circumstances. "Gaining citizenship after committing serious crimes against the American people is an unacceptable abuse of our immigration system," Attorney General Pamela Bondi said.

Vietnam warns of prolonged dengue fever outbreak

Hanoi, July 24 : Vietnam's Ministry of Health has warned of a complicated dengue situation and the risk of a prolonged outbreak, Vietnam News Agency reported on Friday. The country recorded more than 181,000 dengue fever cases in 2025, including 36 fatalities, the ministry said. Nguyen Trong Khoa, deputy director of the ministry's Department of Medical Service Administration, cautioned that the outbreak could extend into 2026. He said localities must not be complacent and should prepare dengue prevention and control measures for 2026.

Trump renews anti-communism pledge

Washington, July 24 : US President Donald Trump proclaimed July 19-25 as Captive Nations Week, renewing a strong US commitment to supporting people living under communist and authoritarian governments while declaring that "America will never be a communist country."

In a presidential proclamation marking the annual observance, Trump said the United States stood "in solidarity with all who suffer beneath communism and tyranny" and pledged that "the evil ideologies of socialism, communism, and totalitarianism will never be allowed to take root" in the United States. "As one Nation, we vow to ensure our Republic remains the fiercest guardian of freedom and democracy the world has ever known," Trump said. The proclamation described communism as "a doctrine of darkness" that had consistently failed wherever it had been adopted. "Communism has always been a doctrine of darkness, promising equality and prosperity while delivering misery and ruin. Centuries of bloodshed prove that communism has failed every society that has ever embraced it," Trump said. He added that the ideology "scorns the individual and treats human beings as property of the state," contrasting it with what he called America's belief that "our individual rights flow from our Creator, beyond the reach of any ruler or regime." Trump said communism remained "the gravest threat our Nation faces" and outlined his administration's efforts to defend religious liberty and free-market principles. "Under my leadership, we are defending the sacred rights at the heart of our Republic: life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the freedom to worship Almighty God without fear," he said. The President cited the work of the Religious Liberty Commission and the White House Faith Office, saying they



were confronting anti-religious bias and supporting faith-based organisations serving communities across the country. He also linked economic policy with the broader defence of freedom, saying his administration was working to "usher in a new Golden Age of prosperity, safeguarding the free market that fuels our greatness and unleashing the boundless abundance of our economy for every citizen." According to Trump, preserving those freedoms also offered hope to people living under authoritarian governments. "In preserving these blessings, America offers hope to every captive people who dream of sharing in them and to the nations yearning to be free," he said. Looking ahead, Trump reaffirmed US support for people facing political and religious persecution. "We stand with all who yearn to breathe free, are imprisoned for speaking truth, punished for their faith, and denied the abundance that liberty alone can bring," he said.



IMEC remains top priority, says EU commissioner after meeting EAM Jaishankar

Nicosia, July 24 : European Commissioner for the Mediterranean Dubravka Suica on Friday said the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) remained a shared top priority after her meeting with External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar in Cyprus. "Happy to meet you @DrSJaishankar today in Cyprus at the Informal Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers," Suica wrote on X after the meeting with the EAM. "The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor #IMEC remains a shared top priority in view of deepening trade, improving energy and digital connections, and becoming an important driver of peace and prosperity across the region," the EU commissioner said. She added that the India-European Union (EU) partnership was moving ahead strongly, helping drive growth, strengthen stability and create opportunities across Europe, the Middle East, the Gulf and India. "At a time of growing tensions, the EU and India remain committed to working together to support stability in the Middle East and ensure secure maritime routes.

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Chittepu Kistaiah, S/O Sayanna, Aged About 49 Years, Occ: Civil Contracts Business, R/O Hno: 2-67, Nagreddypally (Vi), Kohir (Md), Sangareddy Dist. Pin: 502210, Ph: 9951213624. 2. Chittepu Narsamma, W/O Kistaiah, Aged About 45 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O Hno: 2-67, Nagreddypally (Vi), Kohir (Md), Sangareddy Dist. Pin: 502210, Ph: 8897993652. Also At - Chittepu Narsamma, W/O Kistaiah, Aged About 45 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O M.C.No: 9-64, Ramnagar, Chinna Hyderabad (Vi), Zaheerabad Town & (Md), Sangareddy Dist. Pin: 502220, Ph: 8897993652. 3. Chittepu Srikanth, S/O Kistaiah, Aged About 26 Years, Occ: Civil Contracts Business, R/O Hno: 2-67, Nagreddypally (Vi), Kohir (Md), Sangareddy Dist. Pin: 502210, Ph: 9966763674. 4. Mohammed Shareef, S/O. Sattar Miya, Aged About 28 Years, Occ: Kirtana Shop Business, R/O Hno:1-42/3, Nagreddypally (Vi), Kohir (Md), Sangareddy Dist. Pin: 502210, Ph: 9010232652. Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.22,21,729.97/- (Twenty Two Lakh Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Rupees and Ninety Seven Paise only)

Description of Property: ZHRBDTF2310270006- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
An Existing House bearing M.C.No 9-64, (PTI No.1114300957) measuring 600.00 Sq.Yards with the Plinth area RCC 1350.00 Sq.Feets Situated at Ram Nagar, Chinna Hyderabad, Zaheerabad Town & Municipality Sangareddy District, **bounded by** : NORTH: House of Smt.V.Narsamma & H/o.Sri V.Sayallu, SOUTH: House of Smt.Amruthamma & Shop of Smt.K.Saiyamma, EAST: Zaheerabad to Tandur Road, WEST: Road.

Place: Zaheerabad (Vill & Md), Sangareddy (Dt)
Date: 21.07.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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ITEM – I : All That Building constructed House Bearing G.P.No.14-28,Built on Plot No's.201 &22 in Survey No.175 measuring area 450.00 Sq.Yards(150 Sq.Yards each)Plot in L.P.No.1/25/2019 with the Ground floor, First floor and Second floor Built up area of 3915.00 Sq.feet each,Roof covered with R.C.C., Situated at Golden Hills Colony, Mogudampally Village and Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State, NORTH: Existing BT Road to Mogudampally, SOUTH: Plot No's.24 & 23, EAST: Plot No.19, WEST: Others Land.**ITEM – II :** All that Plot No's.23 & 24 in Survey No.175,measuring area 300.00 Sq.Yards(i.e.,150 Sq.Yards each Plot)in L.P.No.1/25/2019,Situated at Golden Hills Colony, Mogudampally Village and Mandal,Sangareddy District,Telangana State, NORTH: Plot No's.22,21 & 20, SOUTH: 25'Wide Road, EAST: Plot No.25, WEST : Others Land.**Place: Mogudampally (Vi) & (Md), Sangareddy (Dt)**
Date: 21.07.2026**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Shriram Finance Limited

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NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS' NOTICE) 8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**To:****1. Chari Padakanti S/O.Rajanna, Age:51 Years, Occ: Propitor (M/S.Chan Drashekara Welding & Engineering Works), H.No:3-6-259, Vaninagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell:9440504579, Pincode:505327. And Also At Chari Padakanti S/O. Rajanna, Age:51 Years, The Open Land Of Dismanted House Bearing H.No. 4-2-154/B, (Corresponding Old H.No. 4-2-154), In Survey No. 284/a, To The Extent Of 118.11 Sq. Yards Or 98.75 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karimnagar. And Also At Chari Padakanti S/O.Rajanna, Age: 51 Years, The Open Land In Bearing Survey No. 284/a, To The Extent Of 62.22 Sq. Yards Or 53.69 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karimnagar. Borrower****2. Kothapally Maruthi S/O.Kishan, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Business (Vaishnavi Wood Furniture Works), H.No:1-3-73, Krishna Nagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell:9704111154, Pincode:505327. Co Borrower /Guarantor****Sub:** Sale of property belonging to **CHARI PADAKANTI (Borrower/Guarantor)** in the account of **JAGTITF1709270002** 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, JAGTIAL- Branch,** the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **26.03.2026** 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.29,27,764/- (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four 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 procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **03.07.2026**. 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 **CHARI PADAKANTI** Mortgage deed dated 07.10.2017 Registered as Document No.4830/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Jagtial)**SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**
(Description of the property shown in title deed, Document No. 349/2013)
The Open Land of Dismanted House Bearing H.No. 4-2-154/B, (Corresponding Old H.No. 4-2-154), In survey No. 284/a, to the extent of 118.11 Sq. Yards or 98.75 Sq. Meters. **BOUNDED BY:** EAST : Land of G. Prasad, WEST: Land of Raju Singh, NORTH: Land of P. Chary, SOUTH: Land of A. Rajajiah. The Property is situated at JAGTIAL village and Mandal, under the limits of Jagtial Municipality, within the jurisdiction of Registration Sub-District Jagtial and Registration District Karimnagar.(Description of the property shown in title deed, Document No. 345/2013)
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NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS' NOTICE) 8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**To:****1. Chari Padakanti S/O.Rajanna, Age:51 Years, Occ: Propitor (M/S.Chan Drashekara Welding & Engineering Works), H.No:3-6-259, Vaninagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell:9440504579, Pincode:505327. And Also At Chari Padakanti S/O. Rajanna, Age:51 Years, The Open Land Of Dismanted House Bearing H.No. 4-2-154/B, (Corresponding Old H.No. 4-2-154), In Survey No. 284/a, To The Extent Of 118.11 Sq. Yards Or 98.75 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karimnagar. And Also At Chari Padakanti S/O.Rajanna, Age: 51 Years, The Open Land In Bearing Survey No. 284/a, To The Extent Of 62.22 Sq. Yards Or 53.69 Sq. Meters. The Property Is Situated At Jagtial Village And Mandal, Under The Limits Of Jagtial Municipality, Within The Jurisdiction Of Registration Sub-District Jagtial And Registration District Karimnagar. Borrower****2. Kothapally Maruthi S/O.Kishan, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Business (Vaishnavi Wood Furniture Works), H.No:1-3-73, Krishna Nagar, Jagtial, Karimnagar, Cell:9704111154, Pincode:505327. Co Borrower /Guarantor****Sub:** Sale of property belonging to **CHARI PADAKANTI (Borrower/Guarantor)** in the account of **JAGTITF1709270002** 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, JAGTIAL- Branch,** the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **26.03.2026** 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.29,27,764/- (Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four 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 procession of the immovable secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **03.07.2026**. 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 **CHARI PADAKANTI** Mortgage deed dated 07.10.2017 Registered as Document No.4830/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Jagtial)**SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**
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WTO must go for
consensus-based decisions: Piyush Goyal



New Delhi, July 24 : Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has said that consensus-based decision-making is the bedrock of the WTO's legitimacy, as the discussions related to reforms in the global trading system, electronic commerce, TRIPS non-violation and the package for least developed countries (LDCs) will now continue in Geneva. The minister's statement comes after the conclusion of the 14th Ministerial Conference of the WTO at Yaounde in Cameroon on Friday, where he led the Indian delegation. Goyal emphasised that it is important for the WTO not to ignore the sovereign right of each member not to bind itself to rules which they do not agree to. While extending India's support for a time-

bound restart of reform efforts with milestones, he stressed the importance of the WTO to undertake a transparent, inclusive and member-driven assessment of the current impasse and its underlying causes. India also highlighted that an integrated multilateral trading system cannot thrive alongside fragmentation within its own institutional framework and called for the consensus process to be premised on the principles of openness, transparency, inclusivity, participative and member-driven. Goyal emphasised India's proactive and historical conservation efforts, including the 61-day annual fishing ban, and underlined India's long-standing commitment to sustainability well before it became a global priority. He highlighted that the incorporation of Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement risks eroding the functional limits of the WTO and undermining its foundational principles. In MC-14, India engaged positively on the issue of moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmission, but convergence could not be reached amongst the members.



MP Dy CM
prioritises doctor recruitment
in remote areas

Bhopal, July 24 : Madhya Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla on Friday directed officials to give top priority to the recruitment of doctors and specialist doctors in remote and underserved regions of the state. Chairing a review meeting of the Public Health and Medical Education Department at the Mantralaya, Shukla said healthcare services must reach the last person in need. He reviewed staffing, infrastructure projects, and hospital management during the meeting. "Recruitment of doctors and specialist doctors in underserved and remote areas should be accorded the highest priority so that quality health services can reach the last person in need," Shukla said.



Census 2027 house listing training begins in Assam

Guwahati, July 24 : Preparations for the nationwide Census 2027 gathered pace in Assam on Friday with the launch of training programmes for Enumerators and Supervisors engaged in the House Listing Operation (HLO) and Housing Census in Kamrup district, officials said. The district-wide training exercise, which commenced on Monday, will continue until August 8 and aims to equip field personnel with the technical knowledge and procedural skills required to conduct the House Listing Operation accurately and efficiently. Officials said the programme will be implemented

in phases across all 11 Revenue Circles of Kamrup district: Palashbari, Hajo, Boko, Chhaygaon, North Guwahati, Rangia, Kamalpur, Goroimari, Chamaria, Nagarbera and Koya. The training is designed to familiarise Enumerators and Supervisors with census procedures, data collection methods, field protocols and operational guidelines to ensure uniformity and accuracy during the enumeration process. Kamrup District Commissioner Deba Kumar Mishra inaugurated the training programme at Dakshin Kamrup College in Mirza under the Palashbari Revenue Circle. Addressing the partici-

pants, he stressed the importance of conducting the exercise with precision, transparency and a strong sense of responsibility. Mishra said that accurate census data form the foundation for evidence-based governance and play a vital role in planning developmental programmes, framing public policies, and ensuring the equitable distribution of resources. He urged Enumerators and Supervisors to strictly follow the prescribed Census guidelines while carrying out fieldwork and emphasised that even minor inaccuracies could affect planning and policy decisions at multiple levels of government.



'Next time I'm in Gujarat,
I'll go to IB office': Kejriwal over
alleged calls to AAP workers

New Delhi/Gandhinagar, July 24 : Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said he would personally visit the Intelligence Bureau (IB) office in Gujarat to seek answers over alleged verification calls being made to party workers, as the party accused central agencies of targeting its workers in the state. The controversy began after AAP Gujarat co-incharge Durgesh Pathak claimed on the social media platform X that one of the party's workers in Gujarat had been receiving repeated calls from a mobile number allegedly claiming to be from the IB. "Just a short while ago, one of our workers working in Gujarat received repeated calls.

Hidayat Patel's killers
must be given the harshest punishment: Maha Congress

Amravati, July 24 : Maharashtra Congress chief Harshwardhan Sapkal on Friday condemned the murder of party leader Hidayat Patel in Akola, claiming that it is an example of how badly law and order in the state has deteriorated. He further stated that the gangs wielding machetes, drug mafias, sand mafias, and local strongmen have mushroomed

across the state as Maharashtra does not have a full-time Home Minister. He demanded that all those involved in the attack be arrested immediately and punished severely. Addressing a press conference in Amravati, Sapkal said that the elections to the Amravati Municipal Corporation are no different from those to the other 29 municipal corporations in the state. In municipal council and nagar panchayat elections, the ruling

party is throwing money to change the results in its favour. "Law and order has deteriorated; the Election Commission has become a puppet in the hands of the ruling party, and the administration is aiding those in power. Bogus voting and massive distribution of money are underway. There is virtually no administration functioning in the state. What happened in the municipal elections is now happening in the municipal corporation elections as

well," he said. The Congress leader said that the horse-trading has intensified, with opposition candidates being threatened and pressured to withdraw their nominations. "To ensure unopposed elections, the Chief Minister and both Deputy Chief Ministers have descended into hooliganism," claimed Sapkal. Sapkal said that the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly is the custodian of the Constitution and the



House, yet he stood outside the office of the election decision officer to ensure that three candidates from his own family were elected unopposed; he intimidated and threatened officials, and his conduct was strange and perverse. "The ruling party has wrapped up democracy," he said.



Congress alleges massive
irregularities in Odisha paddy procurement system

Bhubaneswar, July 24 : The opposition Congress on Friday claimed to have exposed a massive scam going on in the paddy procurement system in Odisha during the Kharif season at the cost of farmers, allegedly involving a collusion between millers, concerned government officials, and the state Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister. Addressing a press conference here on Tuesday, Pradesh Kisan Congress President Abhay Kumar Sahu and senior Congress leader Sudarshan Das claimed that irregularities in procurement have deprived thousands of farmers of fair earnings. They said that despite procurement targets, nearly 1.13 lakh farmers are yet to sell their paddy, highlighting serious gaps in the system.

The party demanded that the state government take immediate steps for the procurement of paddy from these 1.13 lakh farmers who registered themselves to sell their paddy. The Congress leaders alleged that a nexus between rice millers, officials of the Food Supplies Department, and cooperative societies has enabled manipulation and diversion of funds. According to the senior Congress leader Das, an "80:20 formula" is being followed in the procurement of paddy across the state. The Farmers are reportedly assured that their entire produce will be purchased, but in practice, they receive payments for the full quantity while being forced to return the value of 20 per cent to millers, resulting in financial loss.

Bengal CM assures all
cooperation to
Sikkim government after
tunnel collapse tragedy

Kolkata, July 24 : West Bengal Chief Minister, Suwendu Adhikari, on Friday expressed concern over the tragic tunnel collapse in neighbouring Sikkim and assured all cooperation to the Sikkim government. In a X post, Adhikari said, "Deeply pained and concerned by the tragic tunnel collapse at the under-construction site of the NHPC Teesta Stage VI Hydroelectric Project at Samardung; Jholungey, in Namchi District of Sikkim." At least 10 people were killed while several others remained trapped after an under-construction tunnel of the NHPC's Teesta Stage VI hydroelectric project collapsed in Sikkim's Namchi district on Friday.



After PM Modi's appeal, Gujarat
orders solar rooftops for all Agriculture Dept offices

Ahmedabad, July 24 : The Gujarat government on Friday directed all offices, institutions, universities and corporations functioning under the state Agriculture Department to install solar rooftop systems, with Agriculture Minister Jitu Vaghani ordering departments to begin the process immediately in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent appeal to promote green energy and reduce fuel consumption. The decision was taken under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel after the Prime Minister urged citizens and government institutions to adopt measures aimed at saving fuel and increasing the use of renewable energy sources. Vaghani said the installation of solar rooftops in gov-

ernment offices and institutions would reduce dependence on electricity generated through conventional fuels and encourage the use of renewable energy such as solar power. "All offices, boards, corporations and educational institutions under the Agriculture Department where solar rooftops are yet to be installed will begin the project on an immediate basis," he said. The government has instructed all concerned offices to prepare and submit proposals to the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) within the next seven days so that the work can be completed on a war footing. Officials said the initiative is expected to reduce electricity expenditure in government offices while strengthening Gujarat's position in the clean and green energy sector.



CM Sharma visits
Rajasthan Sampark Helpline,
hears public grievances

Jaipur, July 24 : Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma inspected the Rajasthan Sampark Helpline 181 at the Government Secretariat on Friday. During the visit, he personally spoke with citizens by phone, listened to their grievances, and issued prompt instructions to officials for prompt and effective redressal.



Paytm reports highest ever quarterly EBITDA of Rs 203 crore in Q1 FY27; revenue rises 28 pc to Rs 2,448 crore

Mumbai, July 24 : Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited), India's full stack merchant payments leader serving MSMEs and enterprises, and a leading financial services distribution company, and the pioneer of mobile payments, QR codes, and Soundbox, on Friday announced its financial results for the quarter ending June 2026 (Q1 FY 2027), reporting its highest ever quarterly EBITDA, driven by growth acceleration across merchant and consumer businesses, EBITDA margin expansion, and AI-led accelerating operating leverage. During Q1 FY27, operating revenue increased 28 per cent YoY to Rs 2,448 crore, while EBITDA rose 182 per cent YoY to a record Rs 203 crore, with EBITDA margin expanding to 8 per cent. Profit after tax increased 79 per cent YoY to Rs 220 crore, according to its official statement. On a comparable basis, excluding the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) incentive, which was applicable till December 2025, operating revenue grew 31 per cent YoY, while EBITDA margin expanded by 7 percentage points YoY, reflecting the strength of the underlying business. Merchant GMV growth accelerated to 31 per cent YoY to Rs 7.1 lakh crore, led by investments in product, distribution and service of device merchants and increasing momentum in the online merchant business following receipt of the online Payment Aggregator licence last year.

Alkem Labs' Q4 profit falls 27.7 pc; declares Rs 10 dividend

Mumbai, July 24 : Pharmaceutical major Alkem Laboratories Limited on Friday reported a 27.7 per cent decline in consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2026 (Q4 FY26), impacted by a one-time

loss during the quarter. The company posted a net profit of Rs 236 crore for the quarter ended March 2026, compared to Rs 306 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year (Q4 FY25).



Gold, silver prices jump as safe-haven demand rises amid Middle East tensions

Mumbai, July 24 : Gold and silver prices traded higher on Friday, tracking gains in global bullion markets as easing crude oil prices and persistent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East boosted demand for safe-haven as-

sets. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures for August delivery climbed as much as 1.03 per cent or Rs 1,460 to touch an intraday high of Rs 1,42,848 per 10 grams at around 11:20 am. Meanwhile, silver futures.



LG Electronics India shares hit record low after lock-in expiry

Mumbai, July 24 : LG Electronics India shares came under selling pressure on Friday after the expiry of the company's three-month lock-in period, pushing the stock to an all-time low on the BSE. The share price fell as much as 4.4 per cent to Rs 1,392.8 during early trade. At 1:30 pm, the stock was still down 2.51 per cent or Rs 36.50 at Rs 1,419.90. The decline was largely linked to the end of the lock-in period, which restricts certain shareholders from selling their shares for a fixed time after listing. With the lock-in ending, around 15 million shares -- about 2 per cent of LG Electronics India's total equity --

became eligible for trading, according to Nuvama Institutional Equities. The company currently has a market capitalisation of Rs 2,559.97 crore. The stock is trading nearly 17 per cent below its listing price of Rs 1,715 on the BSE, though it remains about 25 per cent higher than its issue price of Rs 1,140 per share. LG Electronics had made a strong debut on Dalal Street on October 14, 2025. On the financial front, LG Electronics India reported a weak performance in the September quarter (Q2FY26). The company's net profit fell 27.3 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 389.43 crore, compared with Rs 535.7 crore in the same quarter last financial year. Net sales grew marginally by 0.9 per cent to Rs 6,170.4 crore, according to its earlier exchange filing. Emkay Global Financial Services said the company's quarterly results were weak, in line with industry peers. The brokerage attributed the performance to GST-led demand postponement by dealers and consumers, weak consumer sentiment, and lower business-to-business revenue in the home electronics segment due to tariff-related issues.



OpenAI's new ChatGPT Health to securely connect medical records and wellness apps

New Delhi, July 24 : OpenAI has introduced ChatGPT Health, a dedicated experience to securely connect people's medical records and wellness apps. The San Francisco-based artificial intelligence (AI) giant has developed the new experience, with close collaboration from more than 260 physicians practicing across 60 countries. "You can securely connect medical records and wellness apps to ground conversations in your own health information, so responses are more relevant and useful to you. Designed in close collaboration with physicians, ChatGPT Health helps people take a more active role in understanding and managing their health and wellness -- while supporting, not replacing, care from clinicians," Open AI said in a blog post. OpenAI noted that the feature comes amid heavy demand for health queries on ChatGPT -- over 230 million people globally ask health and wellness-related questions on ChatGPT every week. However, the company stated that the new feature is just "designed to support, not replace, medical care".

Users to pay for premium Insta, WhatsApp, Facebook features as Meta launches 'Plus' plans

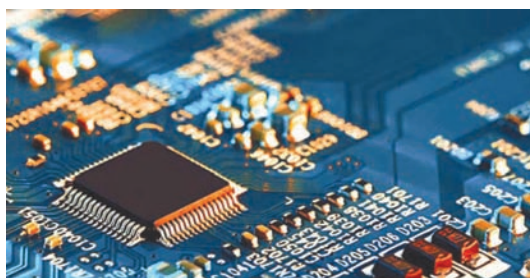
New Delhi, July 24 : Meta is preparing a major shift in the way people use its social media platforms by rolling out new paid subscription plans for Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp with exclusive premium features for users across global markets, including India. The company has introduced "Plus" versions of its

apps, offering paying subscribers access to advanced tools, customisation options and enhanced visibility features that will not be available to regular users. The move marks Meta's growing focus on diversifying revenue streams beyond advertising by encouraging users to pay monthly for premium social media experiences. Instagram Plus and

Facebook Plus have been priced at \$3.99 per month, roughly Rs 387, while WhatsApp Plus will cost \$2.99 per month, or around Rs 290. However, the company has not yet announced official pricing for India. According to a report by TechCrunch, Instagram Plus subscribers will gain access to several exclusive features, including



the ability to see how many people rewatched their Stories and create unlimited Story audience lists beyond the existing Close Friends option. The premium plan will also allow users to secretly preview Stories without appearing in the viewer list, extend Stories beyond the standard 24-hour limit and spotlight one Story every week for additional visibility.



Rs 27,000 crore Assam semiconductor plant to be game-changer in India's chip ecosystem

New Delhi, July 24 : The development of a semiconductor unit in Morigaon, Assam, spearheaded by Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd (TSAT) with an investment of Rs 27,000 crore is headed for completion in mid-2025, will be a game-changer for India's semiconductor ecosystem, the Ministry of Electronics & IT said on Friday.

India's foldable smartphone shipments to cross 3 million units by 2026: Report

New Delhi, July 24 : India's foldable smartphone market is expected to cross 3 million cumulative shipments by the end of 2026, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of nearly 80 per cent between 2019 and 2026, according to a report released on Friday. According to Counterpoint Research,

foldable smartphone shipments are projected to grow around 8 per cent year-on-year in 2026, outperforming the broader smartphone market despite rising device prices and weaker overall demand.



SML Mahindra's Q1 profit falls 5 pc to Rs 64 crore

Mumbai, July 24 : Mahindra Group-owned SML Mahindra Limited on Friday reported a 5.1 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in its consolidated net profit to Rs 64 crore for the first quarter of FY27. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 67 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previ-

ous financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations rose 13.2 per cent year-on-year to Rs 957 crore in the April-June quarter from Rs 846 crore a year ago, it added in its filing. However, operating performance remained under pressure, with earnings before interest, taxes.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands may keep losing tourists till new airport comes up

Kolkata, July 24 : Tourism in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands may not reach its full potential for at least the next five years, following the government of India's decision to shelve the proposed project to extend the runway of the Indian Navy's air station INS Baaz at Campbell Bay to 10,000 feet. According to sources in the Andaman and Nicobar Administration

(ANA), the island chain is losing tourists to destinations such as Thailand, primarily due to high airfares and uncertainties regarding landings and takeoffs at Veer Savarkar Airport in Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair). "We are now handling barely 60-65 per cent of the tourist traffic that can be sustainably accommodated in the Andamans. The airfare from a location like Kolkata hovers around Rs 8,000 for a one-way



economy class ticket. In comparison, the airfare from Kolkata to Bangkok is around Rs 9,000-9,500. With Thailand offering visa on arrival, tourists obviously prefer a trip to the foreign destination, though there is more that the Andamans can offer," an official said. Indian carriers like Air India Express say they have to keep

fares high as there is no knowing when the weather packs up over Sri Vijaya Puram, and flights are forced to return to the mainland. The archipelago has no alternative airport where commercial jets can land. The 4,500 feet runway at INS Baaz is not adequate for Boeing 737s or Airbus A320s that domestic airlines operate between the mainland and the Andamans. For over a decade, those in the ANA, as well as the Tri-Services Command in the archipelago.



Meghalaya CM lays foundation stones for Rs 412 crore projects

Shillong, July 24 : Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Friday laid the foundation stones for three major road infrastructure projects in East Jaintia Hills district with a combined investment of nearly Rs 412 crore, reaffirming the state government's focus on improving connectivity and accelerating development. The foundation stone-laying ceremony was held at Latoryke Playground in the district in the presence of local leaders, officials, and residents. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the projects are aimed at strengthening road networks in the region and improving access to remote areas, which would ultimately benefit local communities and boost

economic activities. According to officials, the largest of the three projects involves upgrading the Dkhiah-Sutnga-Saipung-Pala road up to Semmasi at an estimated cost of Rs 355 crore. Another project includes the strengthening of the Dkhiah-Sutnga-Saipung-Moulsei-Haflong road at a cost of Rs 10.3 crore. The third project focuses on improving the Sutnga-Khaddum road and enhancing connectivity to the popular Chympe Waterfalls tourist destination, with an estimated investment of Rs 46.75 crore. Sangma said improved road infrastructure would play a vital role in enhancing transportation facilities and ensuring better access to healthcare, education, and other essential services for people living in the region.



Congress to activate Law, RTI and Human Rights departments at district level

New Delhi, July 24 : The All India Congress Committee (AICC) has decided to activate its Law, Human Rights and RTI Department, which will be expanded at the district level across the country, the party said in a statement on Friday. According to the statement, each administrative district will have a team of at least five prominent lawyers who will coordinate departmental activities and handle litigation on behalf of the party. Announcing the decision, AICC Law, Human Rights and RTI Department Chairman Abhishek Manu Singhvi said the move is part of the party's organisational expansion programme being spearheaded by senior leadership, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. "These lawyers will be our eyes and ears on the ground," Singhvi said at a press conference here. He said the department will also constitute a 'Rapid Response Force' in every state, comprising at least five leading lawyers, to promptly take up legal matters concerning the party in courts within their respective states.



Centre releases commemorative postage stamp on sickle cell eradication by 2047

New Delhi, July 24 : The Sickle Cell Eradication-2047 initiative aims to create a healthier future for tribal communities, according to the Department of Posts, as it launched a special postage stamp. Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel and State Chief Minister Mohan Yadav unveiled the commemorative postage stamp dedicated to the Sickle Cell Eradication-2047 initiative. The commemorative stamp honours Madhya Pradesh's initiative to combat the high prevalence of sickle cell anemia in tribal regions and highlights the commitment to eradicate this hereditary disease by 2047. The Sickle Cell Eradication Mission was launched in phases, initially covering districts like Alirajpur and Jhabua and later expanding to 17 states across India. Essential measures include the setup of AIIMS Bhopal's specialized lab for newborn testing, pre-natal diagnostics in partnership with Sankalp India, and a robust mobile app and National Sickle Cell Portal for effective tracking and reporting.

Sickle cell anemia poses a significant health challenge, especially among tribal populations. Through genetic counselling, community screening, and access to advanced diagnostic tools like HPLC machines, Madhya Pradesh is at the forefront of tackling this disease. "This commemorative stamp by the Department of Posts reflects India's dedication to addressing public health challenges and enhancing the well-being of its citizens," said the Department of Posts. In July last year, PM Modi launched National Sickle Cell Anemia Eradication Mission from Madhya Pradesh.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva criticises AAP for spreading lies on 'Pink Cards'

New Delhi, July 24 : Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and General Secretary and MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat on Friday condemned the "misinformation" being spread by Aam Aadmi Party workers, with

the help of some video journalists, regarding the women's 'Saheli Pink Cards' used in DTC buses. The Delhi BJP chief appealed to women to beware of misinformation and freely use their Pink Cards as per their convenience.



Al Qaeda, Islamic State join hands to expand online radicalisation in South India

New Delhi, July 24 : South India is witnessing a new trend in online radicalisation, with modules linked to both Al Qaeda and the Islamic State increasingly operating in parallel. Though the two terror groups have traditionally been rivals, they share a common ideological objective of establishing an Islamic State. Recent investigations by agencies such as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) indicate that operatives linked to both Al Qaeda and the Islamic

State are increasingly working in tandem to radicalise youth in South India. According to officials, these online radicalisation networks have primarily targeted Karnataka, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh, while also extending their influence to parts of Maharashtra. An Intelligence Bureau official said the two groups appear to have concluded that confronting each other serves little purpose.



Sikkim unveils Rs 18,455-crore budget with focus on infrastructure, tourism and healthcare

Gangtok, July 24 : Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Friday presented a Rs 18,455-crore Budget for the financial year 2026-27, laying out an ambitious roadmap centred on infrastructure creation, healthcare, education, sustainable tourism and fiscal discipline as the Himalayan state seeks to realise its long-term vi-

sion of becoming a high-income economy under the "Viksit Sikkim @2047" initiative. CM Tamang, who also holds the Finance portfolio, tabled the Budget in the Assembly, projecting the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at Rs 62,973 crore.

Mizoram Rural Bank crosses Rs 10,000 crore business milestone

Aizawl, July 24 : Mizoram Rural Bank (MRB) has crossed the Rs 10,000 crore total business milestone for the first time, reaching Rs 10,656.08 crore during the 2025-26 financial year and registering an 11.26 per cent year-on-year growth, the highest among all Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the Northeast, officials said on Friday.

28 RRBs are operating across the country, with MRB emerging as the fastest-growing RRB in the northeastern region during the last financial year. Each of the eight Northeastern states has a Regional Rural Bank. Bank officials said MRB posted a Net Profit of Rs 152.27 crore, the second highest among North East RRBs. It also became one of the first four RRBs in India to achieve Business per Branch (BpB) exceeding Rs 100

crore, recording Rs 100.53 crore. Business per Employee stood at Rs 21.70 crore, ranking second among all RRBs in India and first in the Northeast. Mizoram Governor General Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd) on Monday released the 43rd Annual Report Book of Mizoram Rural Bank (MRB) for the Financial Year 2025-26 at Lok Bhavan. According to the 43rd Annual Report, digital financial transactions accounted for 97.36



per cent of total transactions, the highest among North East RRBs and second among all RRBs in the country. The bank achieved a Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio of 63.29 per cent, the second highest among North East RRBs.



Putin thanks North Korea for its support in military operations

Moscow, July 24 : Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday thanked the North Korean authorities for their decision to send soldiers from the Korean People's Army to participate in the 'liberation of the Kursk region,' local media reported. During a meeting with North Ko-

rean Foreign Minister Choi Son-hui, President Putin expressed gratitude for Russia's support for the Joint Military Operation, Russia's state-owned Tass news agency reported. "I would like to once again express my gratitude for the support of our special military operation and for

the decision to send soldiers from the Korean People's Army to participate in the liberation of the Kursk region," the head of state said. Choe left Pyongyang on her official plane to visit Russia at the invitation of her Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). It did not disclose further details, including the purpose of the visit or her itinerary. Russia's foreign ministry announced Saturday (local time) that Choe had arrived in Moscow for an "official visit," without revealing other details, Yonhap News Agency reported. It marks Choe's first trip to Russia since October, when she visited Moscow on a "working visit" and Belarus to attend a global security forum. Speculation has arisen that Choe is visiting Moscow to coordinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's potential trip to Russia, given the absence of major diplomatic events or anniversaries between the two countries.



S&P revises South Africa's outlook to positive

Cape Town, July 24 : South Africa welcomed the ratings agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global's decision to revise the country's outlook from "stable" to "positive," citing improved reform and growth potential. In a statement released late on Friday night, S&P said: "The positive outlook reflects our view that increased political stability following the general elections and impetus for reform could boost private investment and GDP growth, Xinhua news agency reported.



'China using rare earth dominance for geopolitical gains'

New Delhi, July 24 : China's rare earth weapon has emerged as one of the most sophisticated instruments of modern economic statecraft as it exploits Western dependencies on materials essential for defence systems, renewable energy technologies, and advanced manufacturing processes, according to an article. "The strategic implications extend far beyond mining and metallurgy. These materials represent a fundamental shift in how nations project power, where geological advantages translate directly into geopolitical leverage.

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US insulated from Hormuz shocks: Greer

Washington, July 24 : US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said on Friday that the US is largely shielded from supply chain disruptions stemming from tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, but these disruptions are impacting key Asian economies. "Right now, I think the thing to understand is that the United States is generally insulated from a lot of the supply chain effects when it comes to... direct commodities," Greer told Bloomberg in an interview, noting reliance

on "domestic sourcing" and supply from regional partners. However, he flagged broader global consequences, particularly for Asia. "We're aware that this has an impact in other countries, particularly in Asia. We know that their supplies are tight. And so we're watching that really closely," Greer said. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical artery for oil, liquefied petroleum gas, and fertilisers -- commodities vital for economies such as India. But Greer declined to offer a clear timeline for stabilisation, saying operations were being approached "in terms of weeks" without "arti-



ficial timelines". He added that US objectives in Iran included "destroying ballistic missiles, destroying the Navy, and making progress to make sure that they don't obtain a nuclear weapon". On China, the US Trade Representative struck a cautiously optimistic tone ahead of planned leadership talks in May. "Both sides (US and China) want stability. Both sides wanna see continuity," he said, adding: "I see stability with China over the next year."



Six arrested for drug trafficking in Tunisia

Tunis, July 24 : The Tunisian National Guard announced that it had arrested six people for drug trafficking in the northern province of Ariana. According to a statement posted on the National Guard's Facebook page, 170 drug tablets and a quantity of Indian cannabis, along with some cash, were seized during the operation, Xinhua news agency reported. The statement did not provide further details on the timing of the operation. After consultations with the public prosecutor, appropriate legal actions will be taken against those arrested people, said the statement.

Tibet group urges US action against China

Washington, July 24 : The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) has urged the US Congress to pass legislation strengthening Washington's engagement with Tibet's elected leadership and called on the Trump administration to condemn China's new ethnic unity law. The appeal came as the United States observed Captive Nations Week from July 19 to 25. The group said the occasion should be used to reaffirm bipartisan American support for the Tibetan people. "Captive

Nations Week reminds us that freedom cannot be taken for granted and calls on America to stand consistently with people who are denied their fundamental rights and act in solidarity with those who continue to defend it," ICT President Tencho Gyatso said. The group asked Congress to pass the Assuring the Future of Tibet Act of 2026. The bill, H.R. 8982, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Democratic Congressman James P. McGovern and Republican Congressman Michael McCaul.



Australia, Japan, US reaffirm commitment to support India's maritime surveillance in Indo-Pacific

Darwin (Australia), July 24 : Australia, Japan, and the United States on Friday reaffirmed their commitment to support India's maritime surveillance efforts in the Indo-Pacific region while recognising the importance of closer collaboration in the field. Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles, Japanese Defence Minister Nakatani Gen,

and US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin III convened the fourteenth Trilateral Defence Ministers' Meeting (TDMM) on Sunday in Darwin, Australia. "We commit to enhancing Australia-Japan-India-United States maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific from 2025, acknowledging India's leadership role in conceptualizing the idea of closer collaboration in maritime surveillance," a joint statement issued after the meeting stated.

India's maritime surveillance in the Indo-Pacific region focuses on bolstering its naval and maritime security while developing a comprehensive Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) framework. The trilateral leaders also expressed satisfaction over recent joint initiatives, stating, "We welcome the success of our maritime patrol aircraft collaboration activity with India on the sidelines of Exercise KAKADU in September 2024." Earlier in September, the



Wilmington Declaration -- released following the Quad leaders' meeting involving Prime Minister Narendra Modi, then US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida in Delaware -- highlighted India's leadership in finalising the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (IOIP).

Punjab Governor urges singer Gurdas Maan to support campaign against drug menace

Chandigarh, July 24 : Renowned Punjabi singer and cultural icon Gurdas Maan on Friday paid a courtesy call on Punjab Governor and Administrator, Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, at Lok Bhavan here. During the meeting, both dignitaries held an in-depth discussion on the growing menace of drug abuse, which continues to severely plague

Punjab, having a destructive impact on the youth of the state. Expressing deep concern, the Governor emphasised the collective responsibility of society to safeguard the future of the younger generation and to root out the menace from Punjab. Governor Kataria informed Gurdas Maan that for the past one year, he has been spearheading a sustained mass awareness campaign against drugs in collabora-

tion with educational institutions, social and religious organisations, non-governmental organisations, sportspersons, political organisations, and other stakeholders.



Japan reports flu outbreak, over 4,000 people affected

New Delhi, July 24 : Japan has reported a significant outbreak of flu, with more than 4,030 people being affected nationwide, according to local media reports. The country is experiencing a flu season about a month earlier than last year. It is also the second earliest in 20 years.

TN's Chadivayal elephant camp set to become new eco-tourism attraction

Coimbatore, July 24 : The Tamil Nadu Forest Department is preparing a proposal to open the newly upgraded Chadivayal Elephant Camp near the Siruvani foothills to visitors, offering tourists an opportunity to watch captive elephants being fed and bathed in a regulated environment. If approved, the facility is expected to emerge as a major eco-tourism attraction in Coimbatore district while also promoting awareness about elephant conservation and conflict management. Situated on the route to the popular Kovai Kutralam waterfalls, the camp is strategically located to attract a large number of tourists visiting the scenic destination. Forest officials estimate that nearly 2,000 people visit Kovai Kutralam on weekends, while week-day footfall averages around 500. Authorities believe opening the elephant camp to the public will significantly enhance the area's tourism appeal. Developed at a cost of Rs 8 crore and inaugurated by former Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, the Chadivayal facility has been transformed into a modern captive elephant rehabilitation and conflict-management centre. The camp can accommodate up to 18 elephants and is equipped with elephant shelters, mahout quarters, bathing areas, a natural pond, a kraal for training, and dedicated kitchens for preparing specialised diets.





EAM Jaishankar and Uzbek FM discuss deepening bilateral ties

New Delhi, July 24 : External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Friday stated that he had a good conversation with his Uzbek counterpart, Bakhtiyor Saidov, and discussed deepening India-Uzbekistan bilateral ties.

“A good conversation with Bakhtiyor Saidov of Uzbekistan today. We spoke about deepening our bilateral ties, including in trade, investment and other areas,” EAM Jaishankar wrote on X.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Bakhtiyor Saidov noted that he had a substantive phone conversation with EAM Jaishankar and agreed to continue regular dialogue.

He said bilateral relations between Uzbekistan and India, based on a strategic partnership, continue to develop steadily across all areas of cooperation. He added that both sides also exchanged views on the schedule of upcoming bilateral engagements at the highest and high levels, as well as on further strengthening cooperation within international organisations.

Flash floods kill 20, leave over 100 missing in eastern Afghanistan

Kabul, July 24 : At least 20 people were killed, around 80 others injured and more than 100 remain missing after flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall struck Nuristan province in eastern Afghanistan on Friday, a government official said.

Yousuf Hammad, spokesperson for Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority, said in a post on X that the floods caused heavy casualties in the province.

He said officials from the provincial disaster management department had arrived in the affected areas and launched search-and-rescue operations, including efforts to recover the bodies of victims, rescue the injured and search for those missing, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Preliminary figures on casualties and property losses will be released after investigations and damage assessments are completed, Hammad added.

In a separate statement posted on X, Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesperson for the Afghan government, expressed condolences to the families of those killed and stressed the need to speed up ongoing search-and-rescue operations.



Voluntary recruitment fuels rapid rise of Lashkar-e-Taiba's women wing

New Delhi, July 24 : Taiyabbat, the Lashkar-e-Taiba's all-women wing, was established in 2025. By early 2026, the wing gained traction with several women being recruited. Today, the wing is fully functional, and what has surprised the Indian agencies is that a majority of the recruits have joined the group voluntarily.

In addition to undertaking radicalisation activity, this wing of the dreaded Lashkar-e-Taiba has also taken the lead in undertaking training in Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Lashkar-e-Taiba, which had recently spoken about the importance of AI in future propaganda and attacks, has seen a large number of women undertaking training. Many of those who have been trained in the last few months are

also imparting lessons to the newer recruits, the Indian agencies have found.

An Intelligence Bureau official said that Taiyabbat will soon go on to become more dangerous than its parent outfit, the Lashkar-e-Taiba. Post Operation Sindoor, the Lashkar-e-Taiba has struggled to revive itself. The recruitment slowed down considerably with questions being raised about the effectiveness of the leadership, the official also added.

However, that is not the case when it comes to Taiyabbat. Ever since its formation, nearly 80 per cent of the recruitment has been voluntary in nature. This is a dangerous sign, an official said. This shows the willingness of these women to be part of a terror group. It also shows the hatred that these

women have towards India, the official also added.

Another official said that the women recruits appear to be taking the lead role in almost all departments. They are not yet training to become suicide bombers or undertake terror attacks. However, they have taken the lead when it comes to running radicalisation programmes, recruitment camps, propaganda drives and now AI, the official added.

When the Indian armed forces carried out Operation Sindoor to avenge the Pahalgam attack, the Lashkar-e-Taiba suffered immense losses. India's precision strikes killed over 100 terrorists. These included two top Lashkar-e-Taiba commanders -- Khalid alias Abu Akasha and Mudassar Khadian Khas alias Abu Jindal.

New Zealand sets 2050 farm methane cut at 14-24 per cent below 2017 levels

Wellington, July 24 : New Zealand set a 2050 target to cut farm methane emissions by 14-24 per cent from 2017 levels on Friday, aiming to reduce climate impact without harming agriculture or exports. Approved by the Cabinet and based on the 2024 Methane Science Review, the move follows extensive consultation with the farming sector. "We're delivering a practical, fair pathway that recognises New Zealand agriculture efficiency, protects

jobs and production, and upholds our climate commitments," Agriculture, Trade and Investment Minister Todd McClay said in a statement, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The government reaffirmed its commitment to overall net zero climate goals by 2050, with agriculture continuing to make an important and fair contribution to achieving this reduction, said Climate Change Minister Simon Watts.

Key policy changes include a legislated review of the methane tar-

get in 2040, no tax on agricultural methane emissions, and reliance on processor incentives and sector partnerships rather than taxation, said the government statement. Over NZ\$400 million (\$230 million US) is being invested by the government with industry to develop methane-cutting technologies, with 11 tools expected by 2030 and the first available from 2026, it said.

The government has also launched an on-farm emissions calculator, McClay said.

On October 8, a report said that

the evidence shows rising risks to coasts and communities as New Zealand's marine environment faces escalating pressures from climate change and human activities. According to the latest Our Marine Environment 2025 report released by the Ministry for the Environment and the statistics department Stats NZ, as many as 219,000 homes, valued at NZ\$180 billion NZ dollars (\$103.64 billion), are already in New Zealand's flood-prone areas.

By 2060, about 1,300 coastal homes could face major damage



from extreme weather events, said the three-yearly update on the state of the country's marine environment. Warming seas and ocean acidification are affecting fisheries and aquaculture, sectors contributing NZ\$1.1 billion (\$630 million) directly to Gross Domestic Product and supporting over

14,000 jobs, it said. Furthermore, 428 non-native marine species had entered New Zealand waters by 2022, with 266 establishing populations, compounding ecosystem stress, it added. Wetlands, dunes, and native vegetation that help buffer against flooding and erosion are being degraded or replaced, the report showed.

Kathryn Stokes, senior materials scientist at Building Research Association of New Zealand, said that while many Kiwis value living near the ocean, it is important to consider future risks such as rising insurance costs and maintenance challenges linked to sea-level rise.

Abu Dhabi: MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh honours forest rangers

Abu Dhabi, July 24 : Hailing forest rangers as 'Guardians of the Wild', Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh participated in an event to honour them on the sidelines of the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 here, an official said on Friday.

Taking part in the 'Recognition Ceremony of Forest Rangers', the MoS said, "These are the people who ensure that the country's rich wildlife heritage is preserved for generations to come." Releasing the report 'Guardians of the Wild' on Saturday, he said, "These are the people who ensure that the country's rich wildlife heritage is preserved for generations to come." The Minister assured the frontline forest staff of all the government support they require to fulfil their needs, said an official statement. He informed how the government of India regularly undertakes capacity-building initiatives.



Measles outbreak in Bangladesh claims five more lives; death toll climbs to 565

Dhaka, July 24 : Bangladesh continues to grapple with an escalating measles outbreak with five more children reportedly dying from the disease and similar symptoms on Thursday, taking the total number of confirmed and suspected deaths to 565 since March 15 this year. According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in Dhaka, the deaths were reported in the 24 hours leading up to Friday morning.

Among the latest fatalities, five were confirmed measles cases, with none listed as suspected, Bangladeshi media outlet UNB reported. Reports suggest that the total number of confirmed deaths from measles has surged to 88.

Retaliatory moves reignite trade war worries between US and China

New Delhi, July 24 : After a period of relative calm, with four major rounds of trade negotiations between the United States and China since that saw at least two instances of freezing tariffs at previous rates (30 per cent), a renewed tariff war is brewing between the world's two largest economies.

This follows US President Donald Trump, who unveiled a 100 per cent additional tariff on Chinese imports after Beijing announced new export controls on additional rare earth elements. Alongside, Trump has also rolled out new export controls on critical software.

China already had placed regulations on exports of some rare earths, but on Friday, it added five more, with the commerce ministry announcing that to safeguard national security and interests, the ministry will impose export controls on rare earth-related technologies, including rare earth mining, smelting and separation, magnetic material manufacturing, and rare earth secondary resource recycling.

Six months earlier, the ministry had announced export controls on seven medium and heavy-rare-earth elements.

Exporters were required to obtain licenses for such materials, which are crucial for various high-tech applications, including electric vehicles, defence systems, and renewable energy technologies.

China's dominance in the rare earth market is significant, controlling approximately 90 per



cent of global refining capacity and a substantial portion of mining production. President Trump retaliated by announcing an additional tariff on all Chinese imports, raising the total tariff burden to 130 per cent, effective November 1.

The new export controls on US-made critical software will, meanwhile, further tighten tech flows between the two countries. There is another move turning the trade waters choppy at the respective ports.

New service fees under the Office of the US Trade Representative will take effect beginning October 14. These fees are said to be part of a "Section 301 action" targeting Chinese-owned, operated.



Pakistan: Police arrests man after firing incident near minister's vehicle in Lahore

Islamabad, July 24 : Police in Pakistan's Lahore city have arrested a man after a firing incident was reported near Federal Information Minister Attaullah Tarar's car, local media reported. The incident happened in Lahore's Defence A area while Tarar was travelling with his family on Friday night. Police has identified the suspect as Osama, who was arrested shortly after the incident. Officers also found the firearm used in the firing and seized the vehicle involved. According to police, a case has been lodged against the suspect and further investigation is being conducted, leading Pakistani daily 'The Nation' reported. Police said the investigation is underway but the preliminary investigation.

US-Japan exercises with Typhon missile system deployment threaten our interest : Russian Foreign Ministry



Moscow, July 24 : Moscow on Friday stated that the US-Japan joint exercises, which include the deployment of Typhon missile system, are viewed as a step that threatens Russia's interests. "We have repeatedly drawn the attention of Tokyo to the fact that we view the provision of Japanese territory for the deployment of American medium - and shorter-range missile systems, regardless of whether this is done on an episodic, rotational, or permanent basis, as a step that has a serious negative impact on the stability and security of the Asia-Pacific region and creates a direct threat to our Far Eastern borders," said Russian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova, local media reported. According to the state-owned Tass news agency, Zakharova also recalled Russia's diplomatic statement from August 2025, that it no longer considers itself bound by the moratorium on the deployment of ground-based medium and short-range missiles.

"The strategic risks arising from such provocative actions will be thoroughly analysed to develop the necessary compensatory military-technical measures of the strictest and longest possible nature," she stated. On May 20, Tass cited a report from leading Japanese news agency Kyodo, which stated that the US military plans to deploy the Typhon medium-range missile systems to the Japanese Self-Defence Force (JSDF) Kanoya Air Base in Kagoshima Prefecture during exercises from June to September. High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) multiple launch rocket systems will also be deployed during the exercises. Earlier, Zakharova asked Japan to improve relations with Russia and take steps to reaffirm its rejection of anti-Russian stance. "On May 12, Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi stated that Tokyo, while recognising the importance of building relations with Russia.

Hasina's announcement to return to Bangladesh revives debate on ICT trial, extradition treaty with India

Hong Kong, July 24 : Bangladesh has formally sought the extradition of the country's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India under the 2013 bilateral extradition treaty, which allows New Delhi to reject a request if it considers it politically motivated or not made in good faith, a report has stated.

Hasina's recent announcement that she intends to return to Bangladesh and surrender voluntarily does not resolve the matter. If anything, it raises the stakes, with India potentially having to assess not just the extradition request but also the nature of the judicial process awaiting the former Prime Minister, a report in Hong Kong-based English newspaper 'Asia Times' detailed. In November last year, Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) sentenced Hasina, along with former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, to death following trials in absentia for crimes against humanity related to July – August 2024 demonstrations. "Eight months later, Hasina says she now intends to return to Bangladesh by December, together with senior Awami League colleagues, including a former Home



Minister who faces a death sentence of his own, to surrender voluntarily and put her record before the country in person rather than leave it settled by a trial conducted in her absence," the Asia Times report mentioned. "Whatever one makes of that gambit, it turns what might have been a closed legal chapter back into a live political question, and reopens a harder one underneath it: What happens when the institution built to deliver justice is compromised before the trial even begins," it added. According to the report, Bangladesh's former "unelected" interim government led by Muhammad Yunus amended the tribunal's founding statute four times through executive ordinance while governing without a functioning Parliament, despite the constitution requiring parliamentary ratification – approval that "never came and could not come." "The bench itself was reconstituted with judges who had not attained the rank the law requires,

following the removal of the country's chief justice and other senior judges months earlier. The prosecution's central evidence, leaked surveillance recordings, was admitted without any hearing on how it had been obtained or whether that method was lawful," the report mentioned. "And the trial itself moved from the appointment of defence counsel to a death sentence in under five months, on a casualty record contested enough that the United Nations' own fact-finding mission, examining the same events, said the evidence did not yet support individual criminal conviction," it added. Highlighting Hasina's stated intention to return and its implications for India, the report said New Delhi does not need to weigh in on Bangladesh's internal politics.

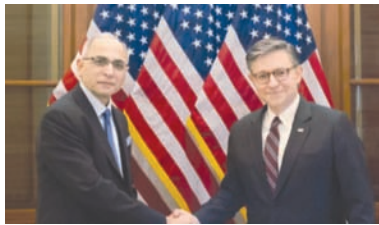


US ICE agent kills woman in Minneapolis, triggers political backlash

Washington, July 24 : A US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent fatally shot a 37-year-old woman in south Minneapolis during a federal immigration operation, an incident that drew sharply conflicting accounts from federal authorities and local officials and ignited a political dispute over the Trump administration's enforcement tactics. President Donald Trump and administration officials said the agent acted in self-defence after the woman used her vehicle to threaten officers. Local leaders, citing video footage and eyewitness accounts, rejected that explanation and called for independent investigations. The shooting occurred around 9:30 a.m. (local time) on Monday near East 34th Street and Portland Avenue. The woman was later identified as Renee Nicole Good. Minneapolis police said she was struck in the head and pronounced dead at a hospital. In a statement to FOX 9, ICE said officers were conducting a targeted operation when protesters blocked them. "One of these violent rioters weaponised her vehicle, attempting to run over our law enforcement officers.

Indian envoy meets US House Speaker, discusses counterterrorism and trade cooperation

Washington, July 24 : India's Ambassador to the United States, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, met US House Speaker Mike Johnson on Capitol Hill to discuss the India-US relationship, counterterrorism cooperation, and key areas of bilateral partnership. Kwatra said he was "honoured to meet Speaker Mike Johnson at Capitol Hill today." He said he expressed "deep appreciation for his support for strengthening the India-US bilateral relationship."



Afghan govt approves 27 developmental projects

Kabul, July 24 : The Afghan caretaker government's national procurement commission has approved 27 developmental projects worth 5 billion Afghani (about \$73 million), according to the office of the acting deputy prime minister for economic affairs. The projects included a water dam, residential apartments, roads and electrical equipment

in the national capital, Kabul, and several provinces of the country. The projects could provide job opportunities to hundreds of thousands of people. The government plans to launch more development and infrastructure projects on its domestic budget across the war-ravaged country to tackle economic challenges and create job opportunities.

US, Mexico and Canada issue trilateral statement on public health travel measures

Ottawa, July 24 : The United States, Mexico and Canada on Friday issued a trilateral statement on public health travel measures in the wake of the Ebola virus outbreak in parts of Africa. "The United States, Mexico and Canada have announced aligned public health travel measures for individuals arriving from African regions considered at greatest risk from the Ebola virus. This coordinated approach aims to

protect our citizens and the millions of visitors, fans, athletes and tourists expected during the FIFA World Cup 2026, while maintaining travel and commerce across our borders," the statement said. "The health and safety of every person in the region remains our highest priority as we welcome the world to North America," it added. Earlier on Wednesday (local time), US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the Trump administration was working ag-



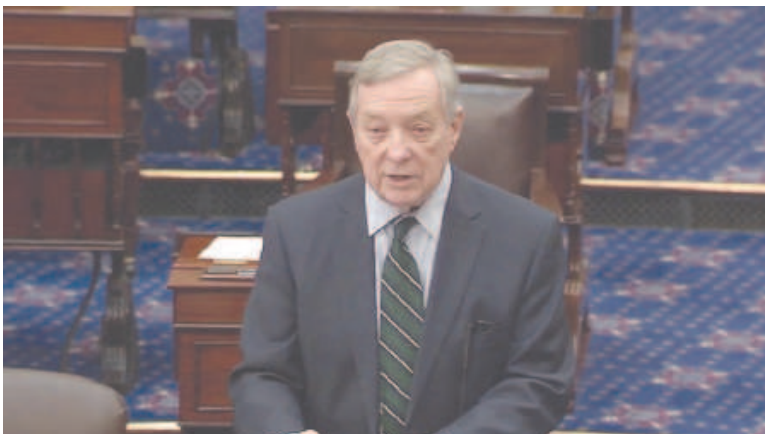
gressively to prevent Ebola cases from entering the country amid growing concern over the outbreak in parts of Africa. Speaking during a Cabinet meeting chaired by President Donald Trump at the White House, Rubio said the administration's top priority was protecting Americans from any potential spread of the virus.

US Congress splits sharply over Trump's overseas power push

Washington, July 24 : The US Congress is sharply divided over President Donald Trump's expanding use of military and economic power abroad, with lawmakers from both parties offering starkly different readings of the administration's actions in Venezuela and its broader foreign policy posture. Top Democratic opposition leaders on Friday (local time) accused the Trump Administration of bypassing Congress, shifting rationales, and risking another prolonged overseas entanglement. Lawmakers from the ruling Republican party have applauded

what they called decisive leadership and a long-overdue enforcement of US law and sanctions. In a military operation, the US removed Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro and has subse-

quently moved to control oil exports, actions that have reignited debates over war powers, constitutional authority and US global credibility.



Uzbekistan continues gas accounting, control to ensure stable supply

Tashkent, July 24 : Uzbekistan will "resolutely" continue gas accounting and control in industries to ensure a stable supply and reduce losses, Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev said. At a meeting on energy supply, Mirziyoyev emphasised the need to reduce and optimise costs, accelerate reforms in the gas sector, and expand exploration efforts by engaging leading foreign companies, according to the president's press service, Xinhua news agency reported.



Trump imposed toughest Russia oil sanctions: Bessent

Washington, July 24 : US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent defended the Trump administration's record on Russia sanctions, arguing that it has imposed tougher measures on Moscow's oil sector than any previous US government despite continuing criticism over Washington's approach to the war in Ukraine. At a White House briefing, Bessent said the administration had taken unprecedented action against Russia's

energy industry, including sanctions targeting two of the country's largest oil companies. "This administration has put the hardest sanctions on Russia of any country," Bessent said. Responding to a question about whether Washington was considering additional sanctions following recent Russian attacks on Kyiv, Bessent used the opportunity to contrast the administration's approach with that of its predecessor.

Modric signs contract extension with AC Milan

Milan, July 24 : Luka Modric will continue his playing career with AC Milan for another year, as the Croatian veteran signed a contract extension with the Rossoneri, the Serie A club said.

Modric, who turns 41 in September, joined AC Milan last year after 13 seasons with Real Madrid. His original contract had expired on June 30. He scored two goals in 37 appearances for Milan in a season when they finished fifth in Serie A and only reached the last-16 stage of the Coppa Italia.

He had previously stated he would make a decision on whether to stay at the club or retire after the 2026 World Cup, where Croatia lost to Portugal and exited in the round of 32. "AC Milan is pleased to announce that Luka Modric has signed a contract for a further season, until June 30, 2027," read a club statement. "A key figure in the Rossoneri midfield since his arrival, Luka has brought his experience and quality to the service of the team, both on and off the pitch, with humility and great passion. One of the finest and most iconic players in world football.



Jurgen Klopp named Germany head coach until 2030

Frankfurt, July 24 : Jurgen Klopp has been named new head coach of the German men's national football team, signing a four-year contract on Friday. He will succeed Julian Nagelsmann, who resigned after Germany's elimination from the FIFA World Cup against Paraguay, on August 15. The 59-year-old will lead the national team to UEFA EURO 2028 and the FIFA World Cup 2030. The German Football Federation stated that "the supervisory board and shareholders' meeting of DFB GmbH & Co. KG had unanimously approved the proposal by DFB President Bernd Neuendorf and First DFB Vice President Hans-Joachim Watzke." "The national team can unite us Germans like almost nothing else. That's precisely what makes this task so special for me. I'm grateful for everything I've experienced and learned at Red Bull over the past year and a half.

My focus will be on ensuring continuity, serving global chess family: Viswanathan Anand

New Delhi, July 24 : Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand has confirmed that he has assumed the responsibilities of interim president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on Friday, following the European Union's sanctions against current president Arkady Dvorkovich and said "FIDE

work will continue," as his focus will be on serving the global chess family.

After Dvorkovich was named in the EU's 21st sanctions package, he voluntarily suspended the exercise of his powers and duties as FIDE President with immediate effect and for as long as he remains subject to sanctions under

the EU and Swiss laws and regulations.

In accordance with article 19.2 of the FIDE Charter, Viswanathan Anand, deputy President of FIDE, named interim president as long as Dvorkovich is subject to the restrictive measures provided by the Swiss and EU laws and regulations in force.

"Following the decision by President Arkady Dvorkovich to suspend the exercise of his duties, and in accordance with the FIDE Charter, I have assumed the responsibilities of Interim President. I want to thank Arkady for his leadership and for putting the interests and stability of FIDE first,"

"Together with the FIDE Council,



the administration and our member federations, my focus will be

on ensuring continuity and serving the global chess family.

Anahat enters World Junior squash semifinal



Ontario, July 24 : Indian top seed Anahat Singh continues her impressive campaign at the 2026 World Junior Individual Championships, earning a well-deserved place in the semi-finals

after beating Egyptian Habiba Rizk. Women's world No. 20 Anahat defeated Habiba 11-7, 11-5, 6-11, 11-9 in the quarter finals. She became the first Indian to reach back-to-back semi-finals in the World Juniors.

India U20 men's football team to play two friendlies against Singapore next month in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, July 24 : As part of their preparations for the AFC U20 Asian Cup China 2027 Qualifiers, the Indian U20 men's team will play two friendly matches against Singapore here at the Centre for Sports Excellence, the AIFF said on Friday. The two matches, scheduled to take place on August 3 and 6 will take place behind closed doors. India and

Singapore have met twice before in official U20 men's competitions, with India winning both encounters in the AFC Youth Championship — a 4-1 victory in 1966, followed by a penalty shootout triumph in the quarter-finals during their title-winning campaign in 1974.

The two sides also played a pair of U19 international friendlies in Goa in 2017, with India winning the first 7-2 before Singapore claimed the second 1-0. In the 2027 quali-



fiers, the Blue Colts, led by head coach Mahesh Gawali, will face Syria (August 31), Uzbekistan (September 3), and Bangladesh (September 6) in Tashkent.

Leaving RR was a huge risk, discovered a new energy in CSK, says Sanju Samson

New Delhi, July 24 : Leaving Rajasthan Royals after 11 seasons was a 'huge risk,' but India wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson believes the move to Chennai Super Kings allowed him to discover "a new energy" and start completely fresh in his IPL career. Samson spent 11 years with RR and captained them for five seasons, before moving to CSK through a high-profile trade ahead of IPL 2026. "Leaving Rajasthan Royals was a huge risk. Once you convey your feelings to the franchise, there is no going back. You could end up in a team you don't want to go to or even in the auction with no certainty. There were two reasons behind this decision. "First, I was sure that 2025 would be my last season with RR. I had long conversations with my family and my wife. They kept asking me if it was an impulsive decision or if I was really sure. We discussed it for two or three weeks, and then we decided it was time. I was convinced it was the right call.

Performing early on boosts confidence for future games: Sooryavanshi

Harare, July 24 : Teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi reflected on his match-winning performance in the opening T20I against Zimbabwe, saying that making an impact early in one's career plays a crucial role in boosting confidence for upcoming assignments. Sooryavanshi became the youngest to score a fifty in international cricket during the first game of the three-match series. The opener scored 50 off 19 balls for his maiden T20I fifty, surpassing Nepal's Kushal Malla, who was 15 years and 340 days old when he made an ODI half-century against the USA in 2020. Sachin Tendulkar, who was 16 years and 213 days old when he scored 59 against Pakistan on his Test debut tour in Faisalabad in 1989, was the previous youngest Indian batter to score an international fifty. Sooryavanshi's record-breaking knock came in just his fourth T20I, having become India's youngest-ever men's international cricketer earlier this month at the age of 15 years and 99 days. "When it's the starting phase of your career and you get these kinds of innings early on and you perform well it builds confidence for the



upcoming matches. And it felt like I was in my zone and I just bagged my strength; that was all. I would dedicate this fifty to my family and to my coaches and to everyone who has supported me along my journey through every good and bad phase," he said in a video shared by BCCI. After reaching his fifty, he seemed to make an 'A' sign with both his hands above his head. Explaining his celebration, the teenager clarified that the celebration was in fact a tribute to his mother 'Aarti'. He also made 'Thumbs up' sign which he said was 'I did that celebration for my mum, and the other one was based on a conversation with Rinku Bahia and I had,' he explained. Harare has proved to be a happy hunting ground for Sooryavanshi. Earlier this year, he struck a sensational 175 off 80 balls against England in the ICC Under-19 World Cup final at the same venue after blasting 68 against Afghanistan in the semi-finals, helping India lift a record sixth title.

