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Attacks on students... PM Modi must apologize : Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, July 27 : Senior Congress leader and MP Rahul Gandhi lashed out at the Central government and BJP-ruled state governments for adopting a repressive approach towards students protesting across the country. He expressed outrage, stating that firing at students, lathi-charges, and the filing of cases against them are contrary to democratic principles. Rahul Gandhi leveled severe criticism against the Central government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a post on X. Rahul Gandhi stated that reports are emerging of AK-47s

being fired at protesting students in Bihar, and of hundreds of students being arrested and booked under FIRs. He questioned what happened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assurance that no FIRs would be filed against the students and that they would be released. He lashed out, noting that brutal attacks are being carried out against them in violation of that promise. Rahul alleged that pellet guns were used against students in Delhi and shots were fired from an AK-47 in Bihar. He expressed outrage, stating that whether it is Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal,



Bihar, or Delhi, a trend of suppressing the voices of students is evident. Rahul criticized the Central Government, stating that he had previously remarked on its lack of sincerity and asserted that it is incapable of implementing genuine reforms. He accused the government of renegeing on its promises and employing every possible method to suppress the voices of students. He demanded that Prime Minister Modi offer a public apology to students across the country.

Remove HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath from his post : High Court



Hyderabad, July 27: Significant developments have unfolded in the Telangana High Court regarding the issue of lands in Lothukunta. During the hearing, the High Court expressed strong displeasure with HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath. It issued a crucial directive to the Telangana Chief Secretary (CS) to remove Ranganath from the post of HYDRA Commissioner. The Bench ob-

served that it was entirely inappropriate for a high-ranking official of Secretary rank to defy court orders. The High Court suggested appointing a qualified officer as the HYDRA Commissioner. Expressing displeasure over 63 contempt-of-court petitions, the Court criticized HYDRA's interference with private lands in Lothukunta. It observed that allowing Ranganath to continue as HYDRA Commissioner would violate the rule of law. The Telangana High Court made it clear that retaining an officer responsible.



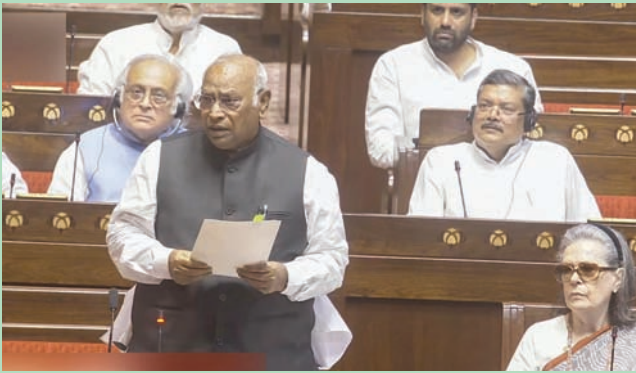
Welfare is an investment, not a freebie : Bhatti

Hyderabad, July 27 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka asserted that welfare schemes are not freebies but investments made by the government in its people. He strongly criticised those who, with half-baked understanding, label welfare initiatives as freebies. Just as governments invest in industries, infrastructure, and development projects, they also invest in the people, especially the poor, Dalits, backward communities, and all sections of society. Such investments, he said, help citizens progress socially and economically, the Deputy Chief Minister said. Bhatti Vikramarka inaugurated the centralised community kitchen in Madhira Assembly constituency on Monday, which will provide nutritious breakfast to students studying in government schools. Addressing a public meeting, he said that the Congress-led people's government is committed to ensuring that no child in Telangana goes to school hungry. "Despite financial constraints, the government has introduced the free breakfast scheme to provide students with hygienic, tasty.

RS adjourned for the day amid pandemonium over lathi-charge on students, National Honour Bill

New Delhi, July 27 : The Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the day on Monday after persistent pandemonium prevented any discussion when the House reassembled at 5.15 pm. Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh announced that he would call upon members to initiate a discussion on the National Honour Bill. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren

Rijiju then intervened, expressing disappointment that Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge had not asked his members to allow discussion on the Bill (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday, despite repeatedly stressing its importance for the future of students. Rijiju said the government had appealed in both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha for



a debate. He noted that the Business Advisory Committee had already allotted time for the legislation for discussion in the Lok Sabha and had now come to the Upper House. Despite his appeal.



Ujjaini Mahankali temple invites Sridhar Babu for Bonalu festivities

Hyderabad, July 27 : Members of the temple governing body of the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple, Secunderabad, invited Telangana IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu to attend the Ashada Masam Bonalu celebrations.

Vivek seeks Centre's support for jobs, mining, SCCL pension

Hyderabad, July 27 : Minister for SHAKTI (Labour, Employment, Training & Factories) and Mines, Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy, along with Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna, met Union Ministers in New Delhi on Monday to seek the Centre's support on a range of issues crucial to Telangana's development. The discussions focused on employment generation, skill development, mining, infrastructure expansion, and labour welfare. The delegation first met Union Minister for Labour & Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and sought enhanced Central support for expanding labour welfare initiatives, creating more employment opportunities, and strengthening the implementation of Central schemes in



Telangana. Later, they met Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary and discussed advanced skill training for youth, the development of Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs).

Quality rice at a low price from August 1st : Pawan Kalyan

Amaravati, July 27 : Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has shared good news with the people of Andhra Pradesh. He announced that high-quality rice would be made available at affordable prices starting August 1st. Pawan stated that the sale of rice at lower rates would be conducted under the aegis of the AP Civil Supplies Department. He noted that the initiative—offering BPT Super Fine rice at 52 per kg and raw rice

at 50 per kg—would provide relief to the common people. It was stated that the coalition government took this decision to stand by the people of Andhra Pradesh. The Deputy CMO's office posted an update regarding this on X. I welcome the decision taken by the AP Civil Supplies Department, which demonstrates the alliance government's commitment to standing by the common man. It is commendable that the department has initiated the sale of rice

at lower prices to provide relief to the public amidst rising rates in the open market. Arrangements have been made to make rice available starting August 1 at 130 Rythu Bazars and through special counters set up by 500 rice millers across Andhra Pradesh. Minister Nadendla Manohar has an-



nounced that BPT Super Fine rice will be made available at 52 per kg and Grade-1 raw rice at 50 per kg. I welcome the special initiative he has taken on behalf of the coalition government to ensure that the burden of prices does not fall on the common people. We reviewed open market prices, held an urgent meeting with millers.

Bhogapuram Airport Gives Wings to North Andhra's Dreams : CM Chandrababu



Amaravati, July 27: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that the Bhogapuram Airport would give wings to the aspirations of the North Andhra region. He expressed confidence that Bhogapuram would serve as a growth engine for the region's economic, industrial, and tourism sectors.



Supreme Court Rejects Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy Plea against Anticipatory Bail in AP Liquor Scam

New Delhi, July 27: YSRCP leader and former MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy has faced a setback in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has rejected his petition seeking cancellation of the anticipatory bail granted to Dodda Venkata Satyaprasad, an accused in the AP liquor scam. The petition was heard by the bench of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Suryakant on Monday. Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy expressed several doubts in this petition. On this occasion, Justice

Suryakant's bench made it clear to the YSRCP leader that if he has any doubts in this context, he can approach the court with his objections at the right time. However, by making Dodda Venkata Satyaprasad an approver, YSRCP leader Chevireddy alleged in the petition that they are trying to implicate former CM YS Jagan in this case. It is known that Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy has filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP).

Collector responds within half an hour of receiving a 'Prajavani' complaint

- Surprise inspection conducted at the Chinna Bonala Social Welfare Residential School.
- Principal of the MJP Boys' School recently suspended. Warning issued to the Principal of the Chinna Bonala Social Welfare Residential School regarding strict action in case of negligence.
- District Collector Garima Agarwal advises students to study diligently.

Rajanna Sircilla, July 27: During the 'Prajavani' (public grievance redressal) program held on Monday at the District Integrated Office Complex, parents of several students complained to District Collector Garima Agarwal about water supply issues and other problems at the Social Welfare Residential School in Chinna Bonala, within the Sircilla municipal limits. Responding within just half an hour of the complaint, the District Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the school. She went directly to the dining hall and spoke with students while they were having

their meal. She inquired whether the food was being served according to the menu and checked on its quality. She inspected the quality and expiry dates of food items such as rice, lentils, eggs, and oil. From there, she visited the students' dormitories and inspected the toilets. She also spoke with the students to understand the issues they were facing. Immediate resolution of issues... The District Collector summoned Sircilla Municipal Commissioner Khadeer Pasha and ordered him to immediately resolve the water supply issues at



the school. The District Collector recently inspected the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Boys' Residential School in Vemulawada and identified lapses in its management; she noted that orders suspending the principal had been issued based on the inquiry report. The Collector warned the principal of the Chinna Bonala Social Welfare Residential School that strict action would be taken if there was any negligence in resolving issues. She directed the authorities to pay special attention to providing quality meals to students in accordance with the prescribed

menu and advised them to ensure the school premises remained clean. District Collector Garima Agarwal advised students to focus intently on their studies, emphasizing that every subject is crucial and should be studied according to a planned schedule. She expressed her hope that they would make the best use of available facilities and excel in their education. She also stressed the importance of every student maintaining personal hygiene and keeping their surroundings clean.

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Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032 Administrative office: 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/ 1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai - 400710. Branch office at # 7-89, 1st, Ambedkar Centre Narsampet , Narsampet, Warangal (Rural)- 506132

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **M/s. Shriram Finance Limited** (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by its 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, and Branch office at **Narsampet** (hereinafter referred as We/ the Company/ Lender). We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors / mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices. The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same. 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.

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S) Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors			
1. Bharath Sampangi S/O. Ailiah, Age :43 Yrs, Occ :Amrutha Steel Furniture, R/O.H.No.7-52, Vaddera Colony, Narsampet, Warangal Dist - 506 132. 2. Sampangi Suresh S/O.Ailiah, Age : 32 Years, Occ: Business, R/O.H.No.7-53, Pakhal Road, Narsampet, Warangal Dist - 506 132. 3. Rapolu Ilaiah S/O. Narsaiah, Age : 54 Yrs, Occ: Business, R/O.H.No.1-12/2/1, Konayamakula, Geesugonda (M), Warangal Dist - 506 330.			

NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT
07.09.2023	06.06.2026	Rs. 35,30,409/-	Rs. 17,00,000/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: Schedule Of Immoveable Property Pertaining To Banda Ram Mohan Against Loan Agreement No: NRSMT1F2207280010 Description Of The Immoveable Property House with Open Place Bearing No.7-53 (New 7-53 SP) to an extent of 260.00 Sq.Yards or 214.83 Sq.mtrs Covered with plinth area of 400.00 Sq.feet of RCC in Ward No.5 Situated at Narsampet Sarwapuram Village, and Narsampet and Mandal of Warangal District within in the limits of Nagarapanchayath Narsampet and within in the sub - Registrar, Narsampet is **Bounded by : East:** Nagarapanchayath Road, **West:** House bearing H.No.7-52 of Sampangi Bharathi, **North :** House of Sampangi Komuriah, **South:** House and open place of Orsu Ilaiah.

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date:27-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Narsampet, Shriram Finance Limited

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 24th July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	
1. Krishna Agarwal S/o. Guru Govind Agarwal, Age: 27 Years, Occ: Business, O/o. M/s. Siddi Vinayaka Traders, R/o. H.No. 10-4-C/130/A, Addagutta, East Marredpally, Secunderabad - 500026 R/o. H.No. 10-3-3/28, Beside Shenoy Nursing Home, East Marredpally, Secunderabad - 500026.	
2. Sangeeta Agarwal Alias Sangeeta Devi Agarwal W/o. Guru Govind Agarwal, Age: 52 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No. 10-3-3/28, Beside Shenoy Nursing Home, East Marredpally, Secunderabad - 500026. 3. Satbir Singh Kukreja S/o. Surender Singh, Age: 51 Years, Occ: Civil Contractor R/o. H.No. 8-2-293/82/247/9/8, 3 rd Floor, MLA Colony, Banjara Hills, Road No. 12, Hyderabad - 500034.	

Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 26,49,639.20/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred thirty nine and Twenty Paise only)

Description of Property

SECUTF2110310003 - Description Of The Immoveable Property (Property holder Name is Sangeeta Agarwal Alias Sangeeta Devi Agarwal W/o. Guru Govind Agarwal, Mortgage deed dated 01.11.2021 Registered as Document No 17720/2021 on the file of the Sub-Registrar at Ibrahimpatnam Property On The Name Of Sangeeta Agarwal Alias Sangeeta Devi Agarwal W/o. Guru Govind Agarwal All that the piece and parcel of Open Unit No. B.D-85, admeasuring 240 Sq Yards or its equivalent to 200.67 Sq.mtrs in Survey Nos. 276, 277 and 278, Dream City-II (Sagar Block), Situated at KHALSA IBRAHIMPATNAM Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Rangareddy District, under Ibrahimpatnam and Bounded as follows: North: Unit No. B.D-86, South: Unit No. B.D-84, East: Unit No. B.D-76, West: 33 feet Wide Road

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

Date: 24-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Ibrahimpatnam, Shriram Finance Limited

Jantar Mantar protest for Women's reservation intensifies, enters second week

New Delhi, July 27 : The National Coalition for Women's Reservation (NCWR) intensified its agitation at Jantar Mantar as its indefinite dharna demanding the immediate implementation of 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies entered its second week. Women, students, youth organisations and representatives of working women's groups from Delhi, Haryana and several other states participated in the protest.

Addressing the protesting women, leaders from AIDWA, NFIW, AIPWA, CITU and other organizations alleged that despite the passage of the Women's Reservation Act, the Union Government continues to delay its implementation by citing the Census and delimitation as preconditions. They described this as a grave injustice to women and an attempt to indefinitely postpone their equal participation in the country's democratic institutions. They demanded that the reservation be implemented immediately without waiting for these processes, arguing that women's equal political representation cannot be postponed further. The speakers also criticised restrictions imposed on the peaceful protest, asserting that democratic rights must be protected. The protesters vowed to continue the agitation and expand the campaign nationwide until the Women's Reservation Act is implemented.

P. K. Sreemathi, National President of the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) and former Member of Parliament; Annie Raja, senior leader of the National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW).

Supreme Court green signal for Akiveedu Ramalayam construction

New Delhi, July 27: The Supreme Court, has given its approval to the construction of a Ram temple in Aakiveedu in West Godavari district. The Supreme Court has issued a key verdict, dismissing the petition filed challenging the construction of the temple. The Supreme Court has clarified that the No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued by the District Collector in the past in connection with this dispute is legal. It has commented that there is nothing wrong in undertaking the construction of the temple on government land in accordance with the rules. With this green signal given by the Supreme Court, the way has been paved for the construction of the Ram temple in Aakiveedu. Local people and devotees are expressing joy over the verdict of the Supreme Court. AP Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishna Raju expressed happiness over the verdict of the Supreme Court.

UP Speaker visits Telangana Assembly

Hyderabad, July 27 : Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana, accompanied by his wife Anita Mahana, visited the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Monday. Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar extended a warm welcome to the visiting dignitaries. He felicitated the Uttar Pradesh Speaker and his wife with

shawls and bouquets, and presented them with a memento. Later, the two Speakers held a meeting in the Assembly Speaker's Chamber, where they discussed the functioning of the Telangana and Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assemblies.

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Applications are invited for admission in to D.El.Ed course from the DEECET-2026
Qualified candidates and seats available category wise as follows:

Category	BCEF	OBCEG
Seats	1	1

Schedule for spot admissions:
1. Applying of the candidates along with all relevant original certificates and prescribed fee
DD in favour of the college for spot admission From 30.07.2026 from 10 AM to 2 PM
2. Allotment of seats under spot admissions on 30.07.2026 from 3PM to 5 PM.
3. Reporting of Spot admitted students in the college on 31.07.2026 at 5 PM.
Note: Spot admissions will made as per the guidelines of the convener DEECET 2026
Sd/- PRINCIPAL

REGIONAL OFFICE
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- Haliya, Haliya Municipality, Anumala Mandal, Nalgonda District Pin:508377, admeasuring 1700 sqt carpet area.

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Date : 27.07.2026 Sd/-Regional Head
Place: Mahabubnagar Union Bank of India

Bank of Baroda
Secunderabad Branch, Door No.1-2-73/2, Opp. CTC, Park Lane, Secunderabad. Hyderabad.

DEMAND NOTICE

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

Whereas at their request the below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors have been granted credit facilities by the Bank from time to time by way of financial assistance against various assets creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The particulars of properties mortgaged /charged by you by way of deposit of title deeds / hypothecation of furniture, stocks, equipments etc., creating security interest in favour of the Bank are mentioned hereunder. As you have failed to discharge the debt due to the Bank your account has been classified as Non-Performing Assets as per the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India. As the demand notice sent to you and Guarantors by Registered post calling upon to discharge the debt due to the Bank were returned by the postal department, hence this notice is issued.

1 Name of the Borrower(s): M/s Pervika Infracore Private Limited, D.No.6-2/10, Plot No.205, Temple View Residency, Lakdikapool, Hyderabad-500004. **M/s Pervika Infracore Private Limited**, 8-2-684/111/5, Bhavani Nagar, Beside Vello Showroom Lane, Rd. No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad-500034. **Director 1: Mr. Harish Reddy G**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mr. Harish Reddy G**, S/o Golamari Venkat Reddy, Flat No.301, Sri Sai Towers, Chandramouli Nagar, 5/3 Lane, Guntur, AP-522007. **Director 2: Mrs. G.Suseela**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mrs. G.Suseela**, Flat No.301, Sri Sai Towers, Chandramouli Nagar, 5/3 Lane, Guntur, AP-522007. **Guarantors: Mr. Harish Reddy G**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mr. Krishna Reddy G**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas Opp Angara Food Court Lane Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mr. Dinesh Reddy G**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mr. Paramesh Reddy G**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084. **Mrs. G.Suseela**, 4B, Pearl Village Villas, Opp. Angara Food Court Lane, Majid Banda, Hyderabad-500084.

Outstanding Due: Rs.2,39,03,256.84 + Interest (Rupees Two Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Eighty Four Only) + interest plus applicable interest and other charges till date of realization. **NPA Date on: 16-06-2026**

Description of the Property: 1. Plot No.17, Sy.No.550/A, House Site property, measuring 365 Sq.Yds. Nallipadu Village & Gram Panchayat, Guntur City, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh standing in the name of **Mrs. Gollamari Suseela** and **bounded by:** North: Boundary 30' Wide Road of 62 ft., South: Land sold by Dr. Ibrahim to others 62 ft., East: Boundary 30' wide road of 50 ft. West: Land sold by Dr. Ibrahim to others of 56 ft. **MODT DT 27-10-2014 DOC No:10069/2014**

2. H.No.4-21-40, S.No.61/B, House Site property within Guntur Municipal Area, 3rd line, Vijayapuri Colony, JKC College Road, Koratipadu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh standing in the name of **Mrs. Gollamari Suseela** and **bounded by:** North: others property South: 30' Wide Road. East: Boundary of Satyanarayana & others property 61 ft, West: Boundary of 60.6 ft. **MODT DT 27-10-2014 DOC No:10069/2014**

If you, the above mentioned borrowers/guarantors fail to repay the above mentioned amount due by you with future interest, incidental expenses, costs as stated above in terms of this notice under section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act. within 60 days from the date of this notice the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under section 13(4) of SARFAESI Act and other applicable provisions of the said Act. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's right to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other Provisions of Law.

Date: 24-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Hyderabad Bank of Baroda

PNB Housing Finance
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Branch Offices: 1st Floor, 3-1-820/1 old, 3-1-820/1A/1 New, Christian colony, Karim nagar, PIN: 505001, Telangana

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

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

Loan Account Number(s)	Name of Borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantor(s) Legal Heirs	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as on Date in Demand Notice	Date of Possession Taken/ Type of Possession	Description of the Property/ies mortgaged
HOU/RKAR/0725/6221 779 & NHL/ RKAR/ 0725/7025846 B.O.: Karimnagar	Mr./Ms. Tallapally Ramu (Borrower) & Mr./Ms. Tallapally Kavitha (Co-Borrower)	07th July 2026	Rs.21,80,761.39 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty one and Thirty nine Paise Only) HOU/RKAR/0725/6221779 and Rs.16,00,052/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Fifty Two Only)HLR/KAR/0725/7025846 and payable as on 07th July 2026	24-07-2026 Symbolic	All That Part And Parcel of Open Land in Sy No.260/B/4 Is Situated at Near By H.No.7-3-10/2 Jangana Within MC Limits of Ramnagar, Peddapalli District, Karimnagar, Telangana, India, 505209.

Date: 28-07-2026 | Place: Karimnagar Sd/- Authorized Officer, PNB Housing Finance Limited



Ghazipur murder: Victim's father alleges police in 'nexus' with extortion gang, demands bulldozer action

Ghazipur, July 27 : After the son of a hotelier was shot dead by four masked men in Kotwali police station area of Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur two days ago, the victim's father on Monday blamed the police inaction against an alleged extortion racket for the incident, alleging that members of the police force are in "nexus" with the gang members. He demanded encounter and bulldozer action against the accused.

According to the investigators, the prime suspect is associated with the alleged "Katra Gang". Alok Rai, father of the 29-year-old victim identified as Vineet Rai, said that the family does not have any personal enmity with anyone. "He (the accused) is a criminal type of a person and operates a gang named 'Katra gang'. His house is located 100 metres north to our hotel and right behind the hotel is the house of the village Head (Pradhan).



Shujaat Ali Quadri denies AIMIM link, flags misreporting over remarks on Jamiat

New Delhi, July 27 : Muslim Students' Organisation of India chairman Shujaat Ali Quadri has issued a clarification denying any association with the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), after sections of the media described him as a party leader while reporting his recent remarks on Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind. Quadri said the reference was incorrect and urged media platforms to verify facts before attributing political affiliations to individuals. In a post on X, he stated: "It has come to my notice that certain sections of the media have incorrectly mentioned my name in connection with AIMIM. I would like to categorically clarify that I have never been a part of AIMIM, nor do I have any present association with the party." He added that while he respects democratic institutions and secular political organisations, his work has remained independent and issue-based without any formal political affiliation. He also cautioned that inaccurate reporting can create unnecessary confusion among the public.

BJP claims strong showing in Himachal civic polls with 59 per cent success rate

Shimla, July 27 : Elated over the party's massive sweep in the Municipal Corporation elections, BJP National Vice-President Saudan Singh on Monday extended his greetings to the people of the state, the party leadership and party workers. He said that in the elections held across four Municipal Corporations, the BJP achieved a success rate of 59 per cent by securing victory in 37 of the total 63 wards. Besides the Municipal Corporations, the BJP claimed that in the elections to 3,759 panchayats, considered the backbone of grassroots democracy in the state, BJP-backed candidates achieved a historic victory. "The BJP registered a spectacular victory by securing an absolute majority in the Municipal Corporations of Mandi, Dharamsala and Solan. In the Mandi Municipal Corporation, the BJP achieved an 86 per cent success rate by winning 12 of the 14 seats, while in Dharamsala it secured a

clear majority by winning 11 of the 17 seats. In Solan, the party won the trust of the people by securing victory in 10 of the 17 seats," he said. He remarked that the results reflected the voice of the people of Himachal Pradesh. "By extending their support to the politics of development, good governance and public service, the people have delivered a clear mandate in favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party. This victory is a triumph of the public welfare programmes, pro-poor schemes and decisions taken in the national interest that are being implemented by the Central government



under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Saudan Singh said the people of the state had endorsed the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. "The public has conveyed the message that they stand firmly with the politics of development and trust. The results of the Municipal Corporation elections also demonstrate that the BJP's organisational structure has strengthened down to the booth level.

Class 10 student, who shared dais with Andhra CM at school event, commits suicide

Amaravati, July 27 : A Class 10 student, who had shared the dais with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu during a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting at a government school in Polavaram district just three days ago, has died by suicide on Monday.

Murram Shivani, who sat next to the Chief Minister and spoke during the MPTM 4.0 at Zilla Parishad High School in Rampachodavaram, hanged herself at her grandmother's house in Irlapalli village. The girl left behind a handwritten suicide note, apologising to her parents for failing to fulfil their dreams. The reason for her extreme step was not known.

The girl's parents work at a hotel in Korukonda while she was staying with her grandmother and was studying at Government High School, Rampachodavaram. Police registered a case and took up investigation. Shivani, who was said to be active in studies, had attracted the attention of all with her speech at

MPTM 4.0 in the presence of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. She had expressed her wish to work hard and win the Shining Star Award next year. After her speech, the Chief Minister had called her and made her sit next to her. He also had a chat with her.

Chief Minister Naidu said he was deeply saddened by the passing away of Murram Shivani. He ordered officials to conduct a thorough in-



vestigation into Shivani's death. "It is distressing that Shivani, who had spoken so enthusiastically on stage during the mega parent-teacher meeting in Rampachodavaram, has taken her own life. I recall the words she shared with me that day about her studies and her high aspirations," the Chief Minister said in a post on 'X'. "It is heartbreaking to see a tribal girl with such a promising future lose her life in this manner. Regardless of the underlying reasons, the fact that she is gone before realizing her dreams deeply troubles me," he said. "Students and the youth must stand strong in the face of challenges and hardships. I urge everyone not to succumb to pressure, despair, or hopelessness.

AP signs NCCF Mou to launch 1000 Mee Marts across the state

Amaravati, July 27 : The AP government has taken another step forward to provide quality essential commodities to the people at affordable prices. The AP Civil Supplies Department

has signed a key Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Cooperative Consumer Federation (NCCF) of the central government. Civil Supplies Commissioner Kanna babu IAS and NCCF Managing Director Anees Joseph signed the agreement in Delhi.

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Lingampally Pavan Kalyan, S/O Ramulu Aged About 34 Years, Occ: Business, R/O. Hno: 1-46, Gandhi Nagar, Suryapet Town And District. Pincode: 508213. 2) Lingampalli Vijaya Laxmi, W/O, Lingampalli Ramulu Aged About 54 Years, Occ: Business, R/O. Hno: 1-46, Gandhi Nagar, Suryapet Town And District pincode: 508213. 3) Lingampalli Ramulu, S/O. Lingampalli Narsaiah Aged About 58 Years, Occ: Business, R/O. Hno: 1-46, Gandhi Nagar, Suryapet Town And District. Pincode: 508213.
Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.32,93,471/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy One Only)
Description of Property
SRYPPTTF2103240004- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Lingampalli Vijaya Laxmi With Document No: 5871/2021 Open Plot No. 30 To An Extent Of 273 .Sq.Yards In Sy.No.419 And 422 Of Suryapet Revenue Village Situated At Surya Enclave Area, With In The Limits Of Suryapet Municipality Suryapet District. Vide Doc.No.6064 Of 2021. North : Place Of Chiluakala Anasuraya, South : Plot No.29, East : 25 Feet Road, West : Place Of Chiluakala Anasuraya
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the Symbolic 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, Place: Miryalguda.
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Borrower Name and Address
1) Krupakar Ganduri S/O.Satyanarayana, Aged About: 49 Years, Occ: Business-G Shopping Mall, R/O.H.No:1-6-141/5, Ward No.2, Suryapet Town And District. Pincode: 508213. 2) Ganduri Pavani W/O. Krupakar Ganduri Aged About: 38 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O.Hno:1-6-141/5, Ward No.2, Vidya Nagar, Suryapet Town And District. Pincode: 508213. 3) Ganduri Sudheer S/O.Ganduri Satyanarayana Aged About: 37 Years, Occ: Business- R/O.Hno:1-6-141/5/5/2/2, Ward No.2, Vidya Nagar, Suryapet Town And District. Pincode: 508213.
Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs.25,37,435/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five Only)
Description of Property
SRYPPTTF2103170002 - Description Of The Immovable Property Ganduri Krupakar S/O Ganduri Sathyanarayana, Residential House Bearing Door No.3-7-143 [Presently House is Dismantled] To An Extent Of 510 Square Yards Or 426.42 Sq.Mtrs Situated At Rajeev Nagar, Within The Limits Of Suryapet Municipality, Suryapet District. Under Sro.Suryapet, Document No.5248 Of 2021. Bounded On The North: 19 Feet Road, South: 19 Feet Road, East: House Of Tangella Laxman Raju [Presently Property Of P Babu] , West: Houses Of Yelguri Somulu And B.Peda Gyanamma. [Presently Property Of V Sowjanya]
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the Symbolic 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, Place: Miryalguda.
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Nimmalagoti Sandhya Rani, W/O.Venkataiah Aged About 48yrs Occ: Kirana Shop R/O.H.No.4-5-155/25 Rajampet Police Quaters Sanga Reddy Medak Dist - 502 001. 2) Nimmalagoti Venkataiah, S/O.Somaiah Aged About 53yrs R/O.H.No.4-5-155/25 Rajampet Police Quaters Sanga Reddy Medak Dist - 502 001. 3) Gangadhari Venkanna, S/O.Lingaiah, Aged About 31yrs, R/O.H.No.5-12, Near Shivalayam, Pillamarri, Suryapet, Nalgonda Dist - 508 213.
Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 33,24,838/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Only)
Description of Property
SRYPPTTF1903270002- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Nimmalagoti Venkataiah S/O.Nimmalagoti Somaiah With Document No: 4640 Of 2019 All That House Bearing Door No.7-29 To An Extent Of 335 Square Yards In Sy.No.455 Of Thummalapahad Revenue Village At Thummalapanpahad Grampanchayath And Village Athmakur(S) Mandal Suryapet District.. North : Plot Of Kanuga Avilaiah, South : Place Of Puligujju Narsaiah, East : Plot Of Kanuga Srinu, West : 10 Feet Road
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the Symbolic 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.
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Borrower Name and Address
1) Nagaraju Thaduru, S/O Saidulu Age: 37years Occ: Business R/O H.No: 1-9-61/70/E2 Shanthi Nagar Dasaigudem Suryapet-508213 B/O* Sri Pallavi Jewellery Works At Suryapet), 2) Thaduru Uma, W/O Nagaraju Age:35years Occ: Business R/O H.No: 1-9-61/70/E2 Shanthi Nagar Dasaigudem Suryapet Dist-508213. 3) Narsing Venkanna, S/O Ramulu, Age:54years, Occ: Kiranam Shop, R/O H.No: 5-268 Ratna Nagar Main Road, Choutuppal, Nalgonda Dist-508252.
Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 42,35,384/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four Only)
Description of Property
SRYPPTTF1902280019- Description Of The Immovable Property Property Holder Name: Thaduru Uma W/O.Thaduru Naga Raju With Document No: 3151 Of 2019 Kathug House Site To An Extent Of 181 Sq.Yards In Sy.No.19 Of Suryapet At Ward No.3 Block No.6 Vothagudem Area Within The Limits Of Suryapet Municipality Suryapet District.. North : 30 Feet Road, South : Place Of Daruri Ramaiah & Veeraliah, East : Place Of Dantihala Ramalingam, West : Place Of Dantihala Narsimha & Ramulu
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the Symbolic 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.
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Branch Office Address: Shriram Finance Ltd., H.No.7-1-615, FLAT NO.204, 205(2nd Floor) & 118 (1st Floor), Rahmat Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad - 500016

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

To:

S.No	Particulars of Borrowers /Guarantors
1.	Ungarala Vinod Kumar, S/O Hemachandra, Aged About 47 Years , Occ: Constructions & Interior Works Business, R/O.Flat No : 503, Nri Residency,Bhagyanagar Colony, Kphb, Kukatpally,Hyderabad.Pin : 500072.Ph : 9700333599. Borrower
2.	Ungarala Muni Laxmi, W/O Hemachandra, Aged About 79 Years , Occ: House Wife, R/O. Flat No : 503, Nri Residency, Bhagyanagar Colony, KPHB, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Pin : 500072.Ph : 9966236369. Co Borrower /Guarantor
3.	D.Venkata Ramana Reddy, S/O Krishna Reddy, Aged About 48 Years , Occ: Agrotech Business, R/O.Plot No : 181, Hno : 2-22-155/1,Vivekananda Nagar,Kukatpally, Hyderabad.Pin : 500072.Ph : 9032285555. Guarantor

Sub: Sale of property belonging to **Ungarala Vinod Kumar (BORROWER)** in the account of **AMRPTTF2101300001** 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, Ameerpet - Branch**, the secured creditor caused a demand notice dated **06.11.2025** under section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to pay **Rs. 33,92,659/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine 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 **21.04.2026**. Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt to this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the e-auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately. Therefore, if you pay the amount due to Shriram Finance Limited along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by Shriram Finance Limited before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec.13(8) of the Act.

Schedule of Property: (Property holder Name is Ungarala Vinod Kumar Mortgage deed dated 30.01.2021 Registered as Document No.393/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at (Ghanpur))

All that the Open Plot bearing Plot No.970,admeasuring an area of 216 Sq.Yds., in Sy.No. 615/A, 6 15/B, 615/C, 615/D, 616, 617/A, 618/A, 609/B, 612,617/B,618/B,619,621,622,623,624,614/A & B,598/B,603/A/1, 603/A/2,603/B/3, 603/B/4, 600B/1, 600B/1, 603/C, 603/B/1, 604/D, 613/B/4, 614/B, 614/C/1,614/C/2,614/C/3,614/C/4,614/D/1,614/D/2,598 and 613/B, 603 & 614 of 'SMART CITY JAN- GAON' Situated at Nidigonda Village, Raghunathapally Mandal, Jangaon District and **bounded by** : NORTH: Plot No.971, SOUTH: Plot No.969, EAST: 33'-0" Wide Road, WEST: Plot No.939.

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

Date: 25.07.2026 Place: Ameerpet

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

OPINIONmail



Philippines envoy hails PM Modi's leadership, highlights growing bilateral ties

Ambassador of the Philippines to India, Josel F Ignacio on Wednesday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, saying that India is far different from what it was several decades ago and now heading to becoming a 'Viksit Bharat'. In an interview with IANS, Ignacio appreciated PM Modi's efforts in strengthening ties between both countries and stated that India-Philippines relations are at an "all-time high" with room to elevate them further. "Prime Minister Modi, I think, is very much admired around the world and that's certainly shared by the Philippines. We are happy that our leaders Prime Minister Modi Ji and President Marcos met in August last year here in Delhi and built good friendship and rapport. But, beyond that also, we saw a meeting of the minds when it comes to global priorities, advancing economic prosperity, rule of law, connectivity, energy security, food security, digital public infrastructure, all these priorities," said Ambassador Ignacio. "I think as a leader, Prime Minister Modi has done much for India and India now is far different from the India of several decades ago. We see how India is well on its way to Viksit Bharat, and, of course, the Philippines supports India in that respect. I think that when it comes to developmental aspirations, both countries have much room to work together in order to meet our respective desires and hopes and aspirations for our respective people. So, we're glad that the Philippines and India under our current leaders are cultivating such a good relationship and we give credit to Prime Minister Modi for helping bring our relations to such heights," he added. The diplomat highlighted the growing trade ties between both countries and stated that both nations crossed the USD 3 billion mark while fast approaching to USD 4 billion.

"I would say that Philippines-India relations are at an all-time high and there is always room to elevate them even further. We are very satisfied that over the past few years, our relationship has expanded and intensified significantly. We are now strategic partners and under this we are cultivating broad-based cooperation from defence to even military cooperation," Ignacio told IANS.

"In the economy, we are boosting our trade. In 2023, we crossed the US\$3 billion mark, and we are now approaching USD 4 billion...We have direct flights between our countries after more than a decade. Tourism is increasing significantly in both directions, aided by our more relaxed visa policy. For the Philippines, we relaxed visa access to Indians. Indians are visa-free for 14 days for tourism or short-term business. So, all these things, I think, sum up to a very good relationship, that is the basis for further growth," he added.

Ignacio also spoke about External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar's ongoing visit to Manila where he participated in the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference with India 2026, Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting and also held a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from several nations.

US watchdog faults Biden-era labour practices



Washington, July 27 : The Inspector General of the US Department of Labour on Monday told lawmakers that the Biden-Harris administration failed to establish basic safeguards governing the sharing of confidential investigative information with outside lawyers, saying weak oversight created the potential for sensitive government

information to be used in private litigation. Appearing before the House Education and Workforce Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito said his office found that the department lacked department-wide controls over so-called common interest agreements, which allow parties with shared legal interests to exchange confidential information under limited circumstances. "I repeat with a shared interest," D'Esposito said.

Pakistan: Police personnel shot dead in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Islamabad, July 27 : A police personnel was killed after unidentified assailants opened fire on him in Sarvekai area of Upper South Waziristan district in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, local media reported on Monday, citing officials. The officials said police constable, deployed at Sarvekai police station, was heading to perform his official duty when unidentified assailants opened fire on him near a stream in the Moley Khan Sarai area,

Pakistan-based daily Dawn reported. He succumbed to his injuries at the site of the incident before medical assistance could reach him. After the incident, police and law enforcement personnel rushed to the site of the incident and collected evidence. A search operation was initiated to find and arrest the perpetrators. Police officials said that probe was being conducted from multiple angles, Dawn reported. The incidents occurred amid a rise in attacks targeting law enforcement personnel in Pakistan, especially in the border provinces of



Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. On July 15, at least two policemen were killed and 26 people, including 22 police personnel, were injured after armed assailants carried out attacks in Bannu and Lower Dir districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, local media reported. Six police personnel and four people were injured after armed assailants attacked the Miryab police station using an explosives-

laden vehicle. Following the blast, a heavy exchange of fire between the attackers and police for several hours, as reported by Pakistan's another daily The Express Tribune. District Police Officer Captain (ret'd) Muhammad Furqan Bilal said that the armed assailants tried to ram the explosives-laden vehicle into the police station, triggering an explosion before engaging in a gun battle with security personnel. According to the sources, the armed assailants, before the attack, blew up a previously damaged bridge on the road leading to the police station in an attempt to stop the arrival of police personnel and rescue teams.



Mexico files 20 complaints in US over deaths linked to ICE

Mexico City, July 27 : Mexico has filed 20 complaints with prosecutors in the United States over the deaths of 17 Mexican citizens during operations or while in custody of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) since May 2025, Mexico's Foreign Ministry has said. In a statement issued on Monday (local time), the ministry said Mexican Ambassador to the United States Roberto Lazzeri

filed eight complaints with state prosecutors and 12 with county prosecutors on July 13 in jurisdictions where the deaths occurred, including Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas. The ministry said the complaints were part of legal actions aimed at clarifying the cases. It said the Mexican Embassy also submitted a complaint prepared by Mexico's Attorney General's Of-

fice to the US Department of Justice on July 14, formally requesting investigations and updates on their progress, according to Xinhua news agency.

Lazzeri also met with officials from the US Department of Homeland Security and ICE to express Mexico's concern over conditions in detention centres, including those operated by private companies, and to request clarification of each case. Mexican Foreign Minister Roberto Velasco also sent a letter to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, asking his office to gather information, assess the cases under international human rights instruments and issue technical recommendations. The Foreign Ministry said that Mexico's consular network continues to provide legal support and assistance to the families of the deceased, including help with the repatriation of remains and other requested procedures.

Trump uses tariffs as trade weapon: Greer

Washington, July 27 : The Trump administration is using tariffs as leverage to force trading partners to open their markets, strengthen enforcement and rebuild American manufacturing, US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told lawmakers on Monday, laying out what he described as a new US trade doctrine built on reciprocal

agreements backed by tariff pressure. Tariffs are not simply punitive measures but also negotiating tools designed to secure better market access for businesses and workers, Greer told members of the Senate Finance Committee. "We are committed to continuing to use tariffs and to negotiate deals to support the reindustrialisation of our economy.



Indian-descent US soldier feared killed in attack on Jordan base



New York, July 27 : An Indian-descent US soldier, Angela Rampersad, is feared killed during an Iranian attack on a base in Jordan, according to the Pentagon. The 25-year-old Army sergeant "is believed to have been killed in action on July 17, 2026, during an enemy attack at Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, Jordan", the Department of War said. "The incident is under investigation", it said. She was previously listed as missing and her "status was updated to a Duty Status - Whereabouts Unknown and is believed to be deceased".

Tanker on fire after being struck off Saudi coast at Red Sea, confirms UK



London, July 27 : A tanker caught fire off the coast of Saudi Arabia after being struck by an unknown projectile, leaving the crew fighting the blaze, according to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO). According to a UKMTO advisory, the attack occurred about 70 nautical miles (130 km) southwest of Al Shuqaiq, Saudi Arabia, in the southern Red Sea. The UKMTO said there

were no reported casualties or environmental impact, and an investigation was underway. The attack was reported around the same time on Monday (local time) as Yemen's Houthi group said it had carried out a military operation targeting two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea. The group had announced a maritime ban on Saudi-linked vessels two days earlier, citing what it described as Saudi Arabia's long-running blockade on areas under its control.

The latest attack underscores growing security concerns along the Red Sea shipping route leading to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, raising fears that disruptions already affecting the Strait of Hormuz could spread to another vital maritime chokepoint, reports Xinhua news agency. Shipping analytics firm Kpler said on Wednesday that vessel traffic through both the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait fell sharply on Tuesday as security conditions deteriorated. The firm also reported several confirmed vessel U-turns near the Gulf of Aden following Houthi threats against Saudi-linked shipping, suggesting that operators were becoming increasingly cautious. Kpler warned that continued attacks around the two regional maritime chokepoints could reshape shipping routes, raise freight costs and keep geopolitical risk premiums in global energy markets elevated.

Egypt uncovers Late to Graeco-Roman burial complex in Nile Delta



Cairo, July 27 : Egypt has uncovered a new burial complex at the Tel El-Qweisna necropolis in the Nile Delta, shedding new light on funerary practices and trade links during the Late and Graeco-Roman periods, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities said Monday. The discovery was made by an archaeological mission from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities during ongoing excavations at the site in Menoufia Governorate, the ministry said in a statement.

The complex has a well-planned architectural layout, featuring a central hall connected to several vaulted burial chambers, providing researchers with fresh insights into the original design of burial structures from these eras, the ministry said.



Not enough anti-ballistic missile production in the US: Zelensky

Kyiv, July 27 : Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has said that there is not enough anti-ballistic missile production in the US. "There is not enough anti-ballistic missile production in the United States, and this could lead to a crisis in different parts of the world. Russia is ramping up its internal production of ballistic missiles," Zelensky wrote on Monday on social media platform X. He mentioned that he also sent a letter to the White House and to the US Congress. "As many as 60–65 anti-ballistic missiles per month, compared to current challenges, is nothing. It is no secret, and Russia knows this. We need to expand the production. I asked the previous US administration, and I am asking today's administration to give Ukraine licenses to produce Patriot missiles," Zelensky added. "We can increase the production of Patriot missiles. This will help us. This will help the Middle East and any other country that the United States decides to help. Until we produce a European anti-ballistic system.



200 killed in cholera outbreak in Nigeria

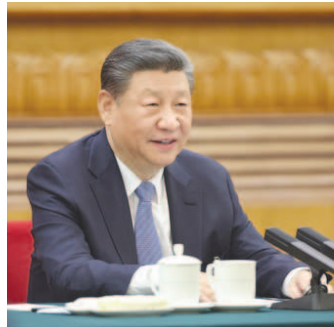
Washington, July 27 : About 200 people have died in a worsening cholera outbreak in Nigeria's northeastern state of Borno over the past two months, the global medical charity Doctors Without Borders (MSF) has said. In a statement issued on Monday (local time), the MSF expressed concern over the worsening outbreak, warning that the disease could overwhelm local health facilities despite ongoing response efforts.

China's growing UN clout alarms US lawmakers

Washington, July 27 : China's expanding influence within the United Nations emerged as a major concern during a Congressional hearing, with senior Trump administration officials and lawmakers warning that Beijing is using the international organisation to advance its strategic, military and technological interests. During a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on United Nations reform on Monday (local time), US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz said Washington was actively working to counter China's growing presence in key UN agencies and standard-setting bodies, arguing that the United States could not afford to disengage from institutions that shape global rules. "We have to get in there and fight and win," Waltz told lawmakers. He said the battle for influence extended well beyond diplomacy and into specialised UN agencies that establish international standards

governing intellectual property, telecommunications, aviation and maritime affairs.

"There are these global standard-setting bodies, these little baby UN agencies that many people have never heard of, that set the rules of the road for our industries around the world," Waltz said. As an example, he cited the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), where the United States backed a Singaporean candidate instead of a Chinese nominee to lead the agency responsible for global intellectual property standards. He also pointed to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), describing it as criti-



cal because it sets standards for "cables, spectrum, radio" and other technologies central to the global economy. "We're running now an American for re-election to set those rules of the road," Waltz said. Republican lawmakers repeatedly raised concerns that Beijing was leveraging both financial contributions and peacekeeping operations to expand its geopolitical reach.



Egypt works to help facilitate deal between US, Iran: President

Cairo, July 27 : Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi said that the country was helping to facilitate a peace deal between the United States and Iran, as he spoke with his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron over regional developments. During a phone conversation on Monday, Sisi said Egypt was engaged in intensive contacts with various parties concerned.



South Korean, African FM's hold meeting to discuss cooperation amid global challenges

Seoul, July 27 : Foreign ministers from South Korea and dozens of African countries gathered in Seoul on Monday to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation for shared growth and jointly address supply chain disruptions and other global challenges, Seoul's foreign ministry said. The Korea-Africa Foreign Ministers' Meeting, held under the theme of "Partnership for Joint Responses to Global Challenges," brought together representatives from 50 African countries, out of the 54 invited, and four regional organisations -- the African Union, the African Development Bank, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. It marks the first gathering of African foreign ministers for a meeting hosted independently by the South Korean government. "We gather today at a critical juncture where the global order is rapidly shifting. The world is facing multi-faceted challenges across

various sectors, such as supply chains, energy and food security," Foreign Minister Cho Hyun said in an opening address.

"Amid continued instability in the Middle East and uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, African countries are gaining increasing geopolitical and economic significance on the global stage ... Closer cooperation between Korea and Africa is more important than ever," he added.

In his opening remarks, Ghanaian Foreign Minister Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, whose country serves as the vice chair of the African Union this year.

German FM expresses 'great concern' over Israeli advance in southern Lebanon

Berlin, July 27 : German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul expressed "great concern" over the further advance of the Israeli army in southern Lebanon, urging all conflict parties to immediately cease hostilities and return to an agreed ceasefire. In a statement, Wadephul noted that while the Israeli military action is a reaction to ongoing attacks by Hezbollah on northern Israel, any further escalation will aggravate an already tense situation and trigger new waves of dis-

placement within Lebanon. If civilians are the ones who pay the price of a military escalation and parts of Lebanon become permanently uninhabitable, it will not make Israel's neighborhood safer in the long term, he said. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on Monday said it had captured Beaufort Castle after entering the Beaufort Ridge and Wadi al-Saluki areas in southern Lebanon. According to the IDF, the operation is focused on establishing operational control over the Beaufort Ridge.



Child abuse, neglect cases on rise in Fiji

Suva, July 27 : Fiji's Ministry of Women, Children, and Social Protection has raised the alarm at the rising number of child abuse and child neglect cases recorded by the Child Welfare Act National Database. A total of 1,477 child abuse

and child neglect cases were reported in the country last year, according to statistics from the database. Speaking at a World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse event on Monday, Acting Permanent Secretary Salaseini Daunabuna said among the cases, 68 percent were of child neglect,

physical abuse, and sexual abuse, and 73 percent of the perpetrators are known to the victims. The statistics also revealed that child abuse and neglect often occur within a child's safe space, she added. "In most cases, the perpetrator is someone within a child's immedi-

ate family, and this is evident in 50 per cent of the cases reported in 2023," Daunabuna said. She said that the statistics have been rising steadily over the years, making urgent intervention and prevention essential, Xinhua news agency reported. The Fijian government is working in collabora-



tion with key child protection stakeholders to effectively and inclusively address child welfare concerns, according to Daunabuna.

Israel holds national cyber defence drill simulating widespread attack against country

Jerusalem, July 27 : Israel held a national defence drill simulating a possible widespread cyber attack against the country, the Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD) said in a statement on Monday. The exercise, which took place on Wednesday, was led by the INCD and the Defence Ministry's National Emergency Management Authority (NEMA), with the participation of 26 government ministries and emergency bodies. The drill's scenario involved a cyber attack that simultaneously hit key transportation, health, finance, government, supply, and energy organisations.

India seeing 'exceptionally high growth' in challenging global environment: UN economist

United Nations, July 27 : India is seeing "an exceptionally high growth" in a "relatively challenging global environment", according to Senior Economist Ingo Pitterle. He made the observation at the release of the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026 (WESP) report on Monday, which said that India was keeping its rank as the world's fastest-growing major economy with 6.6 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth. Pitterle, who heads the UN's Global Economic Monitoring Branch, said that the estimate for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for last year was "significantly upgraded" by 1.1 per cent to 7.4 per cent from the projection made in the mid-term WESP last May. Similarly, the projection for this year was raised by 0.2 per cent to 6.6 per cent. The upgrade, he said, "reflects an exceptional combination of factors which have all worked in the direction of stronger growth in India, of a very dynamic economy".



One of the factors was consumer demand, and another was investment, with public investment being strong, he said. Inflation falling significantly, "partly due to a very abundant harvest", enabled the central bank to lower interest

rate and provide a monetary impulse, was another contributory factor, he said. "We had a positive fiscal impulse to investment, and we had a positive impact on GDP from the agricultural sector.

New York homeless man kills two, injures one in stabbing spree

New York, July 27 : A homeless man killed two people and critically wounded another one in a series of random stabbing in Manhattan, said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. The 51-year-old man, who had been arrested eight times before, was arrested shortly after his attack on the third victim, Xinhua news agency reported. Investigation is going on and law enforcement departments in New York City are not looking for any additional suspects at this time, according to Adams. "It is a clear, clear example of the criminal justice system, mental health system that continues to fail New Yorkers," Adams said.



Global CSR & Sustainability Summit: K'taka govt calls for more focus on education, CM announces monitoring team

Bengaluru, July 27 : Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar, on Monday called on industries to channel Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives towards strengthening primary education and announced that the Karnataka government would set up a dedicated team to monitor CSR projects across the state. Addressing the Global CSR and Sustainability Summit 2026 organised by the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), CM Shivakumar lauded the organisation for its contribution to Karnataka's growth.

Congratulating FKCCI, he said, "Joining together is the beginning, discussing together is progress and working together is success." He noted that FKCCI had played a significant role in the development of Karnataka even before the advent of the IT and AI sectors, adding that the state's success had begun with the industry's contribution. Speaking on CSR, the Chief Minister recalled former Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, crediting him with introducing the CSR framework. "CSR is not charity; it is an investment in sustainable development," he said, adding that responsible corporate leaders had taken the concept seriously.



Reflecting on urbanisation, CM Shivakumar said he came from a village in pursuit of education and never returned, describing it as a story shared by many. He pointed out that Karnataka's urban population had reached 43 per cent and said Bengaluru's population had doubled from around 70 lakh during his earlier tenure as a minister under

late S.M. Krishna to nearly 1.4 crore today, with about 1.30 lakh vehicles on its roads. Highlighting Bengaluru's global standing, he said world leaders now looked to the city because of the strong foundation laid by visionary leaders and its high-quality education ecosystem. He noted that Karnataka has around 38 of the country's 140 international schools. Recalling the foundation of Kempegowda International Airport, CM Shivakumar said Narayana Murthy had been appointed chairman during the project and remembered former Prime Minister, late Atal Bihari Vajpayee's observation that Bengaluru would become a preferred destination for global leaders.



Pawan Khera appears before Assam Police Crime Branch in defamation case

Guwahati, July 27 : Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha member Pawan Khera on Monday appeared before the Assam Police Crime Branch here in connection with an ongoing defamation case filed by Riniki Bhuyan Sharma, wife of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. Khera arrived in Guwahati from New Delhi and reached the Crime Branch headquarters after being summoned by the investigating agency. His appearance came after he had sought exemption from earlier scheduled dates, citing health issues and prior political commitments. Speaking to reporters before en-

tering the Crime Branch office, Khera said he was complying with the summons and cooperating with the investigation. "I have appeared before the Crime Branch in response to the notice issued to me. Earlier, I had informed the investigating agency that I was unwell and also had pre-scheduled party programmes. They accepted my request," he said. The Crime Branch had most recently directed Khera to appear on July 17 after he failed to attend earlier scheduled hearings. According to the Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC), the Congress leader was then attending the party's 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme in Bengaluru.

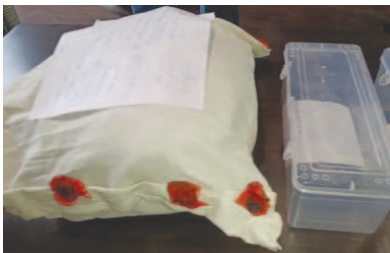


Two held in Mumbai for Rs 4 lakh extortion bid using letter with PM's fake signature

Mumbai, July 27 : The Anti-Extortion Cell of the Mumbai Police has arrested two individuals for allegedly attempting to extort Rs 4 lakh from a complainant by using a letter purportedly carrying the forged signature of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, officials said on Monday. The accused were produced before the Esplanade Court, which remanded them to three days of police custody for further investigation. The arrested individuals have been identified as Tausif Hussain Ismail Patel (44), an advertising professional associated with Target Media, and Siddhinath Dinanath Pandey, alias Sunil (43), also linked to the same firm.

NCB crackdown forces Myanmar drug cartels into forests and river routes

New Delhi, July 27 : The Guwahati and Imphal zonal units of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) have stepped up operations against narcotics cartels operating out of Myanmar. India is battling narcotics smuggling on multiple fronts, with drug cartels operating out of Myanmar emerging as a major security concern. While the Guwahati and Imphal zonal units of the NCB have made several major seizures in 2025 and 2026, enforcement agencies have observed a shift in the smuggling methods and operational patterns adopted by these networks. As law enforcement agencies tighten the noose around drug cartels operating between Myanmar and India, the traditional routes used to smuggle narcotics have be-



gun to change. An official said the cartels primarily smuggle heroin and methamphetamine into India. "Earlier, when surveillance and scrutiny were less stringent, traffickers used conventional routes and operated with relative ease. However, they have now shifted to dense forests and riverine stretches to evade detection," the official said. While enforcement agencies are working to dismantle these smuggling routes, the task remains challenging because of the difficult terrain along the India-Myanmar border. According to officials, traffickers typically move consignments under the cover of dark-

ness, making detection far more difficult. They also exploit adverse weather conditions, including heavy rain, knowing that surveillance and movement by security personnel are often affected during such periods, an official said. An Intelligence Bureau official said that the supply chain is a complex one. Multiple layers are involved, which makes detection and investigation tricky. These Myanmar-based cartels have their supply chains leading to Assam and Manipur. After the drugs originate from Myanmar, they get passed on to the cross-border couriers. "These traffickers are assisted by the transport coordinators, following which it reaches the local facilitators, who then get in touch with the receivers of the consignment.

Madras HC agrees to urgently hear DMK MLA Markandayan's plea against remand

Chennai, July 27 : The Madras High Court on Monday agreed to urgently hear a petition filed by Vilathikulam DMK MLA G.V. Markandayan challenging the legality of his judicial remand following his arrest over alleged remarks threatening Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay. Justice G.K. Ilanthiraiyan permitted the matter to be taken up through a lunch-motion hearing after the legislator's counsel sought urgent intervention. The petition seeks to quash the remand order passed by a judicial magistrate in Thoothukudi on July 20 and



secure the MLA's release on bail. Markandayan was arrested by the Thoothukudi District Crime Branch (DCB) after a complaint alleging that he had declared during a public meeting that DMK legislators would "break the bones" of the Chief Minister inside the Legislative Assembly.

95 pc of ADB-funded power distribution strengthening work completed in Tripura: Minister

Agartala, July 27 : Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Monday said that 95 per cent of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded power distribution strengthening work in the state has been completed, while the remaining work is expected to be finished by June. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power Manohar Lal Khattar on Sunday reviewed power and urban

development projects with Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath. After the meeting, Minister Nath also said that the installation of smart meters across the state would be completed by October this year. He informed that works under the PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan) scheme have already been completed, while projects under DA-JGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram

Utkarsh) are about 90 per cent complete and are expected to be finished by June. Nath, who also holds the Agriculture portfolio, said that Tripura's current peak electricity demand stands at 542 MW. Of this, the state has an availability of 365 MW, while the remaining 177 MW is procured from the power market, he noted and said that the availability of power in the state is primarily affected by inadequate natural gas supply.

"The financial assistance provided by the Central Government has been highly beneficial for the state. As a result, the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) loss, which stood at around 40 per cent in 2018, has been reduced significantly to 18.23 per cent at present," the Minister said. He said that, in line with the Centre's directives, smart meter installation is progressing rapidly across the state. Smart meters have



already been installed on all 11 KV feeders and distribution transformers. "So far, 3,55,158 consumers have been connected to smart meters, while the remaining 2,16,144 consumers will be brought under the system by October this year," the Minister said. Nath further informed that prepaid meters have been installed in

5,894 government offices across the state. Besides this, there are 5,347 stand-alone prepaid meters, while a total of 1,59,013 stand-alone prepaid meters have been installed in Tripura. "Tripura is the first state in the country to introduce prepaid meters on such a scale," he said.

AIADMK MP flags 'conflict of interest', questions TN Minister Aadhav Arjuna holding dual roles

Chennai, July 27 : AIADMK Rajya Sabha MP I.S. Inbadurai on Monday raised concerns over Tamil Nadu Sports Development Minister Aadhav Arjuna simultaneously holding positions as both a government regulator and a sports administrator, alleging that the arrangement could lead to a conflict of interest. In a post on social media, Inbadurai pointed out that Aadhav Arjuna continues to serve as the President of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) even after assuming office as Tamil Nadu's Minister for Sports Development. The AIADMK leader argued that

occupying both roles at the same time raises questions about transparency and impartiality in sports governance. According to him, a minister responsible for formulating policies, overseeing sports development initiatives, and regulating sports-related activities should not simultaneously hold a leadership position in a national sports federation that may come under the purview of government decisions. "This raises serious concerns about a potential conflict of interest and undermines public confidence in impartial sports



governance," Inbadurai said. He further stressed that the credibility of sports administration depends not only on the absence of actual bias but also on ensuring that there is no perception of bias among stakeholders. "For governance to be fair, it is not enough that there is no bias;

there must also be no appearance of bias," he added. The remarks have sparked a fresh debate over governance standards in sports administration and the extent to which public office-bearers should remain associated with sporting bodies after assuming executive responsibilities in government. Questions surrounding conflicts of interest in sports governance have frequently surfaced across India, particularly in cases where political leaders or government officials simultaneously hold influential positions in sports federations.

Nine Indian fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy; trawler seized

Chennai, July 27 : The Sri Lankan Navy has arrested nine Indian fishermen and seized their fishing trawler for allegedly crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) and engaging in illegal fishing in Sri Lankan territorial waters, adding another chapter to the long-running dispute over fishing rights between the two neighbouring countries.

According to the Sri Lankan Navy, the arrests were made during a maritime surveillance and enforcement operation after naval personnel detected a large group of Indian fishing boats operating in Sri Lankan waters.



Samsung Biologics
inks 2 new deals
worth \$668 mn with
European pharma



Mumbai, July 27 : The Indian stock markets appear to be transitioning into a consolidation phase with high volatility and low visibility, according to analysts. Global developments continued to dictate market direction, particularly the evolving US-Iran conflict, which kept crude oil prices volatile and elevated. This, in turn, raised concerns over inflation and fiscal stability for import-dependent economies like India. “While domestic flows and technical supports are providing stability, global factors such as crude oil prices and geopolitical developments will continue to dictate direction.

Uber trims 10 pc of customer
service staff amid AI efficiency push

New Delhi, July 27 : Uber Technologies has reduced nearly 10 per cent of its customer service workforce as the ride-hailing company reshapes its operations around artificial intelligence (AI) and a leaner organisational structure, according to multiple reports. The latest job cuts affect employees in Uber's community operations division, which handles customer support, they added. Reports suggest the company is also requiring remote employees in the unit to relocate to designated hub offices as

part of its broader return-to-office strategy. The restructuring comes as Uber looks to streamline internal processes and expand the use of AI across its operations. In an internal communication -- cited by the reports -- the existing organisational structure had become fragmented, making it difficult to fully leverage next-generation AI technologies. The development is significant as it marks the first instance of Uber directly associating workforce reductions with its AI strategy.



Mercedes-Benz India launches
AMG E 53 Hybrid 4MATIC+ at Rs 1.45 crore

New Delhi, July 27 : Mercedes-Benz India on Monday launched the Mercedes-AMG E 53 HYBRID 4MATIC+, marking the debut of the first electrified AMG E-Class sedan in the country as the luxury carmaker strengthens its plug-in hybrid (PHEV) portfolio under its "powertrain agnostic" strategy. Priced at Rs 1.45 crore for the Performance Edition and Rs 1.48 crore for the Racing Edition (both ex-showroom), the new AMG E 53 combines the perfor-

mance credentials of the AMG brand with the efficiency and practicality of a plug-in hybrid powertrain. The launch comes as Mercedes-Benz continues to offer customers multiple powertrain choices, including internal combustion engine, electric and plug-in hybrid models, allowing buyers to choose the technology that best suits their requirements. Speaking on the launch, Santosh Iyer, Managing Director and CEO of Mercedes-Benz India,

said the E-Class has been one of the longest-running nameplates in the Indian automotive industry and the AMG E 53 HYBRID 4MATIC+ brings together performance, practicality and electric efficiency. “The E-Class has been the longest running nameplates in the Indian automotive industry and the AMG E 53 HYBRID 4MATIC+ underlines performance, practical usability and electric efficiency, making the E-Class portfolio truly unmatched,” Iyer stated.



Pakistan hikes price
of petrol by PKR 6.39, diesel by PKR 7.83

Islamabad, July 27 : The Pakistan government has raised the price of petrol by Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 6.39 while high-speed diesel (HSD) has been hiked by PKR 7.83 litre. After the latest decision, the petrol price in Pakistan now rises to PKR 327.12 per litre while HSD price stood at PKR 375.04. The new prices will be

applicable on Monday (July 27), according to the Pakistan Petroleum Division's notification, leading Pakistani daily Dawn reported. On July 17, Pakistan's government announced the plans to revise fuel prices on a daily basis instead of the weekly system that remained in effect in the recent months.

PVR INOX Q1 profit
drops nearly 70 pc sequentially to Rs 56.5 crore

Mumbai, July 27 : India's largest multiplex operator, PVR INOX, on Monday reported a nearly 70 per cent sequential decline in consolidated net profit to Rs 56.5 crore for the quarter ended June 2026. The multiplex operator clocked Rs 186.7 crore profit posted in the March quarter (Q4 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. On a year-on-year basis, however, the company returned to profitability after reporting a consolidated net loss of Rs 54.5 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. Commenting on the result, Ajay Bijli, Managing Direc-

tor, PVR INOX Limited, said that the Q1 FY'27 reflects the structural strength we have built over the last three years. “The industry delivered broadbased growth, our operating metrics improved across the board, and the Company is now Net Cash positive,” Bijli stated. “With a diverse content slate ahead and a capital-light expansion model, our focus remains on delighting consumers, driving footfalls and creating enduring value for our shareholders,” Bijli mentioned. The company's consolidated revenue from operations rose 11.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 1,622 crore from Rs 1,450 crore in the same quarter last year, driven by improved box office performance



and higher occupancy across its cinema network. Total income increased 11.2 per cent to Rs 1,648.3 crore during the quarter from Rs 1,481.7 crore a year earlier. Compared with Rs 1,623.9 crore in the March quarter, total income was up 1.5 per cent, as per its regulatory filing. Total expenses stood at Rs 1,572.7 crore, up 1.8 per cent from Rs

1,544.8 crore in the year-ago period. On a sequential basis, expenses declined 1.6 per cent from Rs 1,599 crore. At the operating level, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) surged 31 per cent year-on-year to Rs 529 crore, compared with Rs 404 crore in the corresponding quarter last fiscal.

Samsung unveils Galaxy Z Fold8,
Fold8 Ultra and Flip8 with advanced Galaxy AI

New Delhi, July 27: Samsung Electronics on Monday unveiled its next-generation Galaxy Z foldable smartphone lineup, introducing the Galaxy Z Fold8, Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra and Galaxy Z Flip8 with enhanced Galaxy AI capabilities, slimmer designs and new form factors aimed at bringing foldable devices to a wider audience. The South Korean technology

giant said the new Galaxy Z series is its most comprehensive foldable lineup to date, offering three distinct devices designed to cater to different user needs, ranging from productivity and content creation to entertainment and self-expression. The Galaxy Z Fold8 introduces a redesigned foldable form factor aimed at delivering a more immersive experience for users who frequently switch between quick interactions and ex-



tended content consumption. The company said the device has been engineered to offer seamless transitions between the cover display and the larger inner screen for activities such as reading, gaming and video streaming.

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Instagram faces widespread outage as
thousands of users report app, messaging issues

New Delhi, July 27 : Meta-owned Instagram suffered a widespread service disruption on Monday evening, leaving thousands of users unable to access key features of the social media platform, including messaging, profile loading and content updates. According to outage tracking platform Downdetector, reports of issues rose sharply during the evening. Complaints increased to 1,993 at around 7:13 p.m., up from 436 reports recorded roughly an hour earlier. By 7:44 p.m., the number of reported incidents had climbed to nearly 3,706, indicating that the disruption had become more widespread. Most affected users reported problems with the Instagram mobile application, with about 61 per cent of complaints relating to app malfunctions. Another 19 per cent reported server-related issues, while 11 per cent experienced problems accessing the website. Users said they were unable to send or receive direct messages, while others reported blank screens.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. GOTTALA MERIBHARATHI W/o JAGANNADHARAO Resident of D.no. 3-53/1, Vastrevipalle Village, P. Ganavaram Mandal, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District, A.P. Have changed my name from GOGU MERY BHARATHI (Old name) to GOTTALA MERIBHARATHI (New name). And my Husband name was changed GUTTALA JAGANNADHAM (old name) to GOTTALA JAGANNADHARAO (new name) Hence after all my documents (passport...etc) and correspondence will continue with my new name GOTTALA MERIBHARATHI W/o GOTTALA JAGANNADHARAO.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. MEDIDI SUVARTHAMMA, Resident of Door no. 9/18 -A, Baba Nagar, Razole village, Razole Mandal, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District, A.P. Have changed my name from PILLI SUVARTHAMMA (Old name) to MEDIDI SUVARTHAMMA. (New name) hence forth iam being called MEDIDI SUVARTHAMMA.

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TikTok fined \$7 million
for unlawful collection of user data for ads

Seoul, July 27 : South Korea's privacy watchdog said on Monday it has fined TikTok 10.3 billion won (\$7 million) for unlawfully collecting and using users' behavioural data from third-party services to personalize advertisements. The Personal Information Protection Commission said it levied the fine on Singapore-based TikTok Pte. Ltd., which operates

the social media giant's services in South Korea, for violating the personal information law, reports Yonhap news agency. The watchdog said TikTok collected behavioural data from 9.45 million users in South Korea through tools distributed to third-party websites and applications.

SIT detains former TDB chief Prasanth in Sabarimala gold case

Thiruvananthapuram, July 27 : With the Kerala High Court directing the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to expedite the Sabarimala gold misappropriation probe, former Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) president P.S. Prasanth was taken into custody from his residence in the state capital on Monday. Two former TDB presidents, both CPI(M) leaders, after being arrested and in jail, are now out on bail. Prasanth's arrest comes barely days after the SIT informed the High Court that it would file the final report in one of the two cases within 30 days, stat-

ing that scientific examination of the temple artefacts had helped establish how the alleged offence was committed. The court has posted the matter for September 3 while the SIT is also considering registering a third case. Prasanth, a former Congress leader who joined the CPI(M) after his defeat in the 2021 Assembly elections, was later appointed president of the Travancore Devaswom Board, the statutory body administering temples in south Kerala, including the famed Sabarimala shrine. The SIT has registered two separate cases relating to the alleged disappearance and misappropriation of gold from temple artefacts.

Several accused were arrested but later secured statutory bail after the agency failed to file charge sheets within the prescribed period. One of the accused has since died. Investigators are also expected to take into custody two more members of the administrative team that functioned under Prasanth. The controversy surfaced during Prasanth's tenure after questions were raised over the restoration of the temple's Dwarapalaka (guardian) sculptures, following which he was questioned by the SIT on multiple occasions. Hours before his arrest, Prasanth issued a lengthy Facebook post claiming he was being made an ac-



cused not for wrongdoing but for exposing the alleged 2019 gold theft. "What was our mistake in 2025?" he asked, alleging that his Board had acted honestly and transparently and had become instrumental in bringing the 2019 Sabarimala gold theft case to light. He described the move against him as politically motivated and said he had anticipated his arrest. Prasanth maintained that the decision to send the Dwarapalaka sculptures to Chennai for restoration was taken solely to remove ritual impurity caused by damaged sculptures which had allegedly injured temple staff during cleaning.

In MP's Damoh, anganwadi workers raise awareness among pregnant women under PMMVY scheme



Bhopal, July 27 : An awareness session was organised by the Anganwadi workers in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh on Monday, to enlighten the pregnant women about various aspects of precautionary and safety measures, centering around motherhood. Many pregnant women, who attended the session, were counselled about the need for healthy nutrition, regular health check-ups during the pregnancy period and were also informed about monetary assistance available under government scheme. The awareness session was organised at the Tendukheda government hospital under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY). The PMMVY is a centrally sponsored flagship scheme by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, designed to support pregnant women and lactating mothers and providing maternity benefits to particularly those belonging to socially and economically disadvantaged sections. The main objective is to encourage pregnant women to receive financial support, better nutrition, timely health check-ups.



Five arrested for running loan fraud syndicate in Kolkata

Kolkata, July 27 : Kolkata Police have arrested five persons from different states for allegedly running a fraudulent scheme under the guise of facilitating loans through the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, officials said on Monday. According to police, the arrests were made following a raid conducted by officers from the Purbajadavpur police station on Friday night. The accused were arrested from a residential building in Nitai Nagar on the outskirts of Kolkata. The Police are investigating who others are involved in this syndicate. According to police, the arrested individuals have been identified as Amit Khan, Rathin Siddi, Mohammad Nazimuddin Siddiqui, Vishal Shinde.

Punjab Police has no authority in matter related to Delhi Assembly: Virendra Sachdeva on FIR against Kapil Mishra

New Delhi, July 27 : As an FIR was registered against Delhi Minister Kapil Mishra by the Punjab Police, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva on Monday said that since the incident occurred inside the Delhi Assembly, the Punjab Police has no authority to act in the matter. Speaking to IANS, Virendra Sachdeva said, "What surprises me is that the incident took place inside the Vidhan Sabha, where the Leader of Opposition, Atishi Marlena, made an objectionable remark against Sikh Gurus. In this matter, neither the Punjab government nor the Punjab Police has any authority." He further said that the Aam Aadmi Party's concern became evident after the remark, as Atishi was not present in the Delhi Assembly. "Whatever happens inside the Assembly falls under the authority of the Speaker. The AAP leaders are demanding a forensic investigation, which raises suspicion. This is why everyone.



Eastern Railway embarks on mission to eliminate non-interlocked Level Crossing gates

Kolkata, July 27 : The recent train accident at a Level Crossing (LC) gate in Berhampore, West Bengal, that resulted in the death of five persons, including three schoolchildren, has worked as an eye-opener for Eastern Railway (ER) officials. The railway zone has now undertaken to convert most of the remaining 99 non-interlocked LC gates under its jurisdiction to interlocked ones. The remaining non-interlocked LC Gates will be replaced by subways. "ER general manager Milind Deouskar has given this project top priority. He is spearheading a massive infrastructure modernisation drive across all four divisions — Sealdah, Howrah, Asansol, and Malda. Through meticulous planning and relentless execution, all LC gates will be transformed to ensure smooth, secure, and accident-free movement for all," a senior official said. At a traditional non-interlocked LC Gate, safety relies manually on telephonic

communication between station staff and gatekeepers to lower the barrier. While gatekeepers perform their duties with dedication, relying purely on manual communication leaves room for human error or delay. "To eliminate this risk, ER is aggressively replacing them with high-tech Interlocked LC gates.



PM KISAN beneficiaries in Bihar's Nalanda draw benefits of scheme, thank Modi govt

Nalanda, July 27 : The Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) scheme, since its launch in 2019, has helped umpteen farmers overcome their monetary crisis besides propping them to live a life of dignity.

177 ITI upgrade projects underway in Gujarat, 114 more planned for 2026-27



Gandhinagar, July 27 : Gujarat is set to expand its network of upgraded Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), with the state government preparing to launch 114 additional infrastructure projects during the 2026-27 financial year while work continues on 177 construction, renovation and modernisation projects already underway across the state. The plans were outlined during a high-level review meeting of the Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department in Gandhinagar on Monday, where Cabinet Minister Kunvarji Bavaliya said the initiatives are part of a

broader effort to strengthen the state's skill development ecosystem and equip young people with 'New Age' skills aligned with changing industry requirements. According to the minister, of the 177 ongoing infrastructure projects, 128 are in the active implementation stage, while 48 are in the pre-execution stage. The works include the construction of new ITI buildings, workshops and repair and renovation projects. Among the major projects planned for the coming year are a multi-storey building at Amreli ITI, new workshops at Tarsali ITI and a hostel at Khedbrahma ITI. Bavaliya instructed officials to ensure that all infrastructure projects are completed within the stipulated timelines while maintaining quality standards.

Maharashtra among top performers in Ayushman Bharat implementation : BJP leader

New Delhi, July 27 : Maharashtra BJP leader and State Coordinator of the Ayushman Bharat Mission, Satish Talekar on Monday explained how the Central government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat scheme is being effectively imple-

mented in the state. He also explained how the BJP is actively working to connect beneficiaries with the programme. Speaking to IANS, Talekar said the scheme has proved to be nothing short of a lifeline for poor and middle-class families. The scheme is bringing a significant transfor-

mation to the lives of millions, he added. Under the Ayushman Bharat Mission, eligible families are provided with health insurance coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh, which has been extremely helpful during serious illnesses or medical emergencies. He further said that the scheme has



addressed one of the biggest concerns of economically weaker families—access to affordable healthcare.



Bengal Cabinet clears NIA police station proposal

Kolkata, July 27 : A police station for the National Investigation Agency (NIA) will be set up in West Bengal soon. A proposal on this count was cleared at a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari on Monday. The work for setting

up the police station will commence shortly, the State Municipal Affairs and Urban Development Minister Agnimitra Paul, a fashion designer-turned-politician, informed media persons at the end of the cabinet meeting.



India, US discuss defence cooperation and advancing strategic interests in Indo-Pacific

Singapore, July 27 : Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held a meeting with House Armed Services Committee Member Pat Harrigan, who led a bipartisan US Congressional Delegation (CODEL), in Singapore on Monday, with discussions held on regional security, expanding defence cooperation, and advancing shared strategic interests in the Indo-Pacific. In a post on social media platform X, the Ministry of Defence's Directorate of Public Relations, said, "Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held productive discussions with Member, House Armed Services Committee Pat Harrigan, who led a bipartisan US Congressional Delegation (CODEL)." "The interaction reaffirmed the strength of the India-US defence partnership, with exchanges on regional security, expanding defence cooperation.

Namibia plans state-coordinated fuel import system to curb costs

Windhoek, July 27 : Namibia plans to introduce a state-coordinated petroleum import system by the end of September as part of efforts to lower fuel costs and improve efficiency in the country's fuel supply chain, according to the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy. In a statement, Namibia's Industries, Mines and Energy Minister Modestus Amutse said the government is at an advanced stage of finalising Bulk Petroleum Import Coordination Regulations that will allow the state to coordinate the importation of all petroleum products into the country, Xinhua News Agency reported. According to Amutse, the re-

forms are expected to reduce fuel import costs by consolidating national demand, capturing economies of scale and eliminating premiums charged above the basic fuel price. Amutse said Namibia has been under pressure from rising global oil prices following geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, prompting the government to commit more than one billion Namibian dollars (about 62 million US dollars) to cushion consumers against higher fuel prices. "The emergency we face is not one of supply but one of cost," he said, adding that without intervention, fuel prices would have risen sharply from July.



UNIFIL to lodge formal protest after Israeli troops destroy surveillance cameras at HQ

Beirut, July 27 : The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has said that it will file a formal protest after Israeli soldiers destroyed surveillance cameras installed at its headquarters in Naqoura. UNIFIL spokesperson Candice Ardell said in a statement on Monday (local time) that Israeli troops had, since Friday, destroyed all cameras facing the Menghi road at the mission's general headquarters in Naqoura. The cameras were positioned solely to monitor the UNIFIL compound's immediate area, ensuring the security of its peacekeepers, Ardell said.



China tightens grip on civil society amid escalating crackdowns: Report

Naypyidaw, July 27 : Despite repeated warnings from international organisations, the space for civil society in China is shrinking rapidly, while opportunities for resistance or redress are disappearing. The latest crackdowns by Chinese authorities depict a state increasingly intolerant of autonomy in any form, with society living under growing fear, silence, and coerced conformity, a report said on Monday. "Fresh crackdowns sweeping across China are reigniting global alarm, as human rights groups warn that civil liberties inside the country are shrinking to levels unseen in years. From labour activists and student protesters to lawyers, religious believers, and online

commentators, an ever-widening range of citizens is finding itself caught in a tightening web of surveillance, arbitrary detention, and opaque legal punishment under the Chinese Communist Party (CCP)," a report in Myanmar media outlet 'Mizzima News' detailed. "What is emerging is not a series of isolated incidents, but a systemic pattern of repression that has become increasingly normalised—and increasingly hidden—from public view," it added. Citing rights advocates, the report said that the human rights situation in China has worsened significantly, marked by the frequent denial of due process and the use of ambiguous criminal charges to suppress dissent.



Nepal govt in damage-control mode as PM Balendra Shah's remarks draw controversy

Kathmandu, July 27 : Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has clarified that Prime Minister Balendra Shah's remarks regarding the South Asian country also encroaching on Indian territory were related to "cross-border occupation" and encroachment in the

no-man's land along the border with India. Prime Minister Shah on Monday triggered a political storm after claiming, during his first-ever appearance to answer lawmakers' questions in Parliament, that Nepal had also encroached on Indian territory despite Nepal's consistent complaints about Indian encroachment. Opposition political parties, foreign affairs experts.



South Korean Vice Defence Minister to visit Laos for ASEAN-led regional security talks

Seoul, July 27 : Vice Defence Minister of South Korea, Kim Seon-ho will visit Laos this week to attend an annual ministerial meeting of defence chiefs led by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the defence ministry said on Monday. Kim will leave for Vientiane on Wednesday to join the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus, which will bring together defence chiefs of 10 ASEAN countries and eight others, including the US, China and Japan, Yonhap news agency reported.

Pledging to be bridge-builder, India elected unopposed to UN Human Rights Council

United Nations, July 27 : India has been elected unopposed to the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the seventh time to a three-year term starting next year with a pledge to be a bridge-builder. After India's election by the General Assembly was announced on Monday, Permanent Representative P Harish said, "This election reflects India's unwavering commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms". He added in his X post "We look forward to serve this objective during our tenure".



Five killed in gold mine collapse in southwest Kenya

Narok (Kenya), July 27 : At least five miners were killed after a gold mine collapsed in Narok County in southwestern Kenya, local authorities confirmed on Monday. Narok County Police Commander Patrick Lobolia said rescue operations were continuing to save additional miners believed to be trapped underground after the tunnel collapsed following heavy

rains. "Rescue teams are at the scene to assist in the rescue of more people believed to be trapped," Lobolia told Xinhua news agency by phone. Lobolia said search and rescue efforts remained underway in the Kilimapesa area, but progress had been hampered by a shortage of specialized mining equipment. "The operation is moving slowly due to a lack of specialised underground search equipment and cameras," he said. Lobolia added that several survivors had been rescued from the site and taken to nearby health facilities for medical treatment.



Pakistan charging fee for visit to Kartarpur Sahib leads to politicisation of religion: Report

New Delhi, July 27 : The Pakistani government and the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) charging Indian pilgrims a fee of \$20 and Non-Resident Indian (NRI) pilgrims \$5 for visiting the Kartarpur Sahib, has remained a subject of continuous controversy, wrote Sudeep Singh in an editorial in 'Khalsa Vox'. Significantly, no major Gurdwara in the world imposes a mandatory charge for just paying obeisance. He asserted: "Pakistan's policy reflects a mindset that views religious sites not as places of devotion but as instruments of control and revenue generation." Protests have erupted among the Sikh organisations and devotees who argued that the imposition of such a fee is contrary to the Sikh ideals. Many have reportedly compared it to the Mughal-era 'Jizya' tax, under which non-Muslims were compelled to pay a levy solely because of their faith. "In the 21st century, imposing a tax on pilgrims simply because they come from another country.

Slovak PM opposes Ukraine's use of long-range missiles inside Russia

Bratislava, July 27 : Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico on Monday voiced opposition to Ukraine's use of US long-range missiles to strike inside Russia, the News Agency of the Slovak Republic (TASR)

reported. In a major shift of his administration's policy on the Ukraine crisis, US President Joe Biden has authorised Kyiv to use US-supplied long-range missiles to strike targets inside Russia.



Indonesia to study Brazil's free meal program for schoolchildren

Jakarta, July 27 : Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto plans to send a team to Brazil to study the implementation of free meal programs for students. "I have asked my team to arrange a meeting with Brazilian representatives. We will send a team to learn about the lunch program for children in Brazilian schools," the president said during the Indonesia-Brazil Business Forum held at the Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro on Monday local time, Xinhua news agency reported. During the forum, Prabowo emphasised that the free lunch program for schoolchildren is a strategic initiative of his administration.



South Korea calls for North Korea's return to dialogue at ARF security forum

Manila, July 27 : South Korea's Foreign Minister Cho Hyun on Monday called on North Korea to respond to Seoul's offers for dialogue and join efforts to promote peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula at a regional security forum in Manila, South Korea's foreign ministry said.

Cho made the remarks during the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), a 27-member multilateral security forum attended by the 11 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states and major regional powers, including the United States, China.

BJP govt acting too late, seems like giving scapegoat route to Ankita's killers : Cong

Lucknow, July 27 : As Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has approved a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the high-profile murder case of 19-year-old Ankita Bhandari, the Congress on Monday said that the BJP government is acting far too late, and appears to be giving a 'scapegoat' route to Ankita's killers.

The reaction comes amid renewed public outrage and widespread protests across Uttarakhand, triggered by recent controversies, including leaked audio clips and allegations of the involvement of a 'VIP' in the case.

Ankita Bhandari, who worked as a receptionist at a resort near Rishikesh, went missing in September 2022. Her body was later recovered, leading to the arrest of the resort owner Pulkit Arya, the son of a former BJP leader, along with two of his associates.

Following the incident, the state government

constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by a woman IPS officer, which carried out a swift and detailed probe. Throughout the process, all the accused were denied bail, and a chargesheet was filed in the case.

In May 2025, a lower court convicted all three accused and sentenced them to life imprisonment. Reacting to the decision to hand over the case to the CBI, Congress spokesperson Surendra Rajput said, "The BJP government is acting too late. This seems like giving a scapegoat route to Ankita's killers. We have been demanding a comprehensive investigation for a long time."

He further alleged that the delay

was aimed at protecting influential individuals.

"Whether it is to save 'Gattu' or 'Pattu', the way the BJP has delayed action is sinful and deserving of a curse. The rapist and murderer of Ankita Bhandari should be hanged immediately. We hope the CBI will conduct a fair investigation without coming under pressure from any political party. The CBI should also fear the sin and curse that come with injustice. The Congress will not remain silent until justice is delivered in the hills of Uttarakhand," he told IANS.

Rajput also reacted to the recent ban on the delivery of non-vegetarian food in Ayodhya.



He said, "If such rules are being imposed, it should be clarified how many years they are valid legally, religiously, and scripturally. Does Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government intend to prevent Shaivites, the followers of Lord Shiva, from eating non-vegetarian food?"

He questioned whether followers of Lord Shiva would be allowed to live in Ayodhya and demanded answers from the BJP. On Friday, the Ayodhya administration banned the delivery of non-vegetarian food items within a 15-km radius of the Ram temple.

2400 youths get jobs with big firms under NSDC scheme

New Delhi, July 27 : National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on Monday announced the successful conclusion of Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav, where more than 2,400 youth were given appointment letters for jobs with leading corporate employers across multiple sectors.

Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Education, presided over the event in Rajasthan's Bharatpur, where he personally handed over the job letters to the successful candidates. "The mega recruit-

ment drive witnessed an overwhelming response from the corporate sector, with more than 70 industry leaders participating actively in the initiative. Major employers including e-commerce giants Flipkart and Zepto, global food chain Burger King, and premium dining brand Barbeque Nation, along with other prominent companies, collectively brought over 20,000 job opportunities to Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav," said an official statement.

The diverse range of positions offered competitive salary packages ranging from 19,000 to 35,000 per month, marking a significant boost to local employ-



ment prospects. The recruitment drive included corporations from sectors such as tourism, hospitality, logistics, food processing, IT-ITES, automotive, BFSI, and electronics. The minister stressed the significance of community involvement in effectively implementing skill development plans in Bharatpur, which is ready for launch. He highlighted NSDC and MSDE's collaborative efforts to attract pro-industry policies through state investment summits, opening opportunities for youth in remote areas.

'Golden Age of America is upon us': Trump sharpens midterm campaign pitch

Washington, July 27 : President Donald Trump used a rally in the battleground state of Georgia to sharpen his political message ahead of next year's midterm elections, mixing policy achievements with attacks on Democrats, renewed allegations about the US election system and endorsements for Republican candidates in what amounted to one of his clearest campaign-style speeches since returning to the White House.

Trump opened his address on Monday (local time) with a joke that drew loud cheers from supporters, briefly pretending to announce another White House bid before quickly clarifying that he was joking. "Well, thank you very much, everybody. It's a special place, and I am here to announce my candidacy," Trump said, pausing as the crowd erupted in applause before adding, "I'm only kidding. I'm only kidding."

In his speech, Trump repeatedly urged Republicans to expand their congressional majorities while portraying the 2026 midterms as critical to preserving his administration's agenda. "We have some great candidates running. They got to win by a lot. Otherwise we're going communist," he told supporters.

Throughout the speech, Trump repeatedly described Democrats as "communists" and accused them of opposing virtually every major policy initiative pursued by his administration, including tax cuts, border security and immigration enforcement.

"Jon Ossoff and the Democrat communists want to let the Marxists into power, bankrupt your families, and leave you totally undefended with wide open borders, but we will not let that happen to our country," he said. Election integrity remained a central theme of Trump's address, with the President reviving many of the arguments that have become staples of his political messaging. "Make it too big to rig," he told sup-



porters, before urging them to "watch those machines." Trump also renewed his call for nationwide election reforms.

"We're fighting so that all voters must show voter ID." "We're fighting so that all voters must provide proof of citizenship." "And also the no mail-in ballots, very important."

He argued that exceptions should be made only for military personnel, illness, disability and travel. The President also turned his attention to Capitol Hill, publicly pressuring Senate Republicans to advance more of his legislative priorities. Referring to Senate Majority Leader John Thune, Trump urged supporters to lobby Republican senators directly. "Everybody call John Thune at the Senate. He's the leader of the Republican Party, and tell him to get this stuff approved," he said.

Trump also argued Republicans should "terminate the filibuster" to move legislation more quickly, warning that Democrats would do the same if they regained power. The speech blended campaign rhetoric with promotion of administration policies, including tax cuts, immigration enforcement, prescription drug pricing reforms, healthcare proposals and his newly launched "Trump Accounts" investment programme for children.

Ebola patient in Italy hospital awaits test results

Rome, July 27 : Italy's Ministry of Health has said that in a suspected case of Ebola in Cagliari, investigations are underway on a patient who returned from Congo and is now in the Sardinian capital, local media reported.

The patient, symptomatic, has undergone the Ebola test, which will be analysed by Spallanzani in Rome on Monday evening. The patient is currently in isolation at a hospital facility.

The Ministry of Health stated in a note, is in contact with the local health authorities of Sardinia and with Spallanzani (Italy's National Institute for Infectious Diseases) to monitor the evolution of the situation, Adnkronos news agency reported. The patient is hospitalised in the Infectious Diseases department of the Santissima Trinita hospital in the city. Test samples to ascertain the presence of the virus were sent to Rome by air ambulance. All protective procedures foreseen in these cases have been activated in the Is Mirrionis hospital.

Italy's government also urged Europe to step up surveillance coordination at its borders to combat the spread of Ebola, Italy's Prime Minister, Georgia Meloni's office said in a statement on Tuesday. Italy is send-



ing a team of experts from Rome's Spallanzani infectious diseases hospital to Congo to help combat the outbreak and strengthen monitoring and control of the virus, PM Meloni's office added. "Italy believes that the epidemiological situation in Central Africa linked to the recent outbreak of the Bundibugyo Ebola virus (BVD strain) in Congo and (neighbouring) Uganda requires the utmost attention," the statement said. "For this reason, Meloni has written to the European Union Council President Nikos Christodoulides, European Council President Antonio Costa, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen," the statement added. "The aim is to urge -- while respecting national prerogatives on health protection -- enhanced coordination of border surveillance through common rules for managing direct and indirect arrivals from the affected areas," the statement said.



French farmers stage protests over EU-Mercosur trade deal

Paris, July 27 : Farmers took to the streets across France to protest against the trade agreement that the European Union (EU) plans to sign by the end of the year with the South American trade bloc Mercosur. France's largest farmer union, the National Federation of Agricultural Holders' Unions (FNSEA), announced on Monday evening that 85 demonstrations have been organized across the country, but without blockades on motorways, Xinhua news agency reported.

The goal of the demonstrations was not to annoy the public, but to remind them of the urgent and dramatic situation facing the country's agriculture, the FNSEA said.

The EU and Mercosur states - Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay - reached a comprehensive trade agreement in 2019.

Speaking Monday evening to the French public television channel France 5, Arnaud Rousseau, president of the FNSEA.



Weapon cache discovered in northern Afghan province

Kabul, July 27 : Police have discovered a weapon cache containing a variety of arms and ammunition in Baghlan province in northern Afghanistan, provincial police chief Mawlawi Abdul Haq Haqqani said Monday. The weaponry was recovered from Deh Salah district on Monday, the official added. Without providing further details, the official stressed that no one has the right to keep or carry arms illegally, and police would spare no effort to collect weaponry from unauthorized persons to ensure law and or-

der in the province, Xinhua News Agency reported. Previously, police reported the collection of 21 firearms and the arrest of 18 individuals in eastern Parwan province on Wednesday. As part of efforts to ensure law and order in post-war Afghanistan, the Afghan government has vowed to collect arms and ammunition from anyone living outside the security organs of the administration. In November last year, a significant weapons cache was uncovered in Afghanistan's Uruzgan province.



Mamdani threatens to arrest Netanyahu, but quickly admits he lacks authority

New York, July 27 : While New York faces several burning issues, Mayor Zohran Mamdani raked up his campaign promise to arrest Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he visits the city, only to backtrack and admit he could not do that.

He issued a vituperative video message with fake bravado calling Netanyahu a "war criminal" but confessing he did not have the authority to carry out the threat that he had used to rile up his base of Muslims and the leftist Democratic Socialists base during last year's election.

After having pretended he had national and international superpowers, he finally said, "It is clear we do not have the independent legal authority.



US defends sweeping UN overhaul under 'America First'

Washington, July 27 : The Trump administration has defended its sweeping overhaul of the United Nations, saying it had secured the largest budget cuts in the organisation's history while pushing it back towards its original mission of maintaining international peace and security. Appearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Monday (local time), US Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz and Ambassador for UN Management and Reform Jeffrey Bartos said the administration had cut more than \$1 billion from UN budgets, reduced peacekeeping operations and eliminated thousands of civilian positions as part of an "America First" reform agenda. "We are getting the United Nations back to basics, back to maintaining the peace and maintaining security around the world," Waltz told lawmakers. He

argued that the organisation had expanded far beyond its original purpose during its 80-year history. "The UN has tried to become all things to all people and has literally done nothing but grow," Waltz said. According to Waltz, the administration worked with member states to reduce the UN budget by \$1 billion over the past six months -- the first overall budget reduction in the organisation's history. He said the reform effort had also eliminated 4,000 headquarters positions, reduced global peacekeeping deployments by 25 per cent and ended missions that had failed to achieve their mandates. "We've also eliminated 4,000 headquarters bureaucrats, cut peacekeepers by 25 per cent around the world and, importantly, we've ended peacekeeping missions that have not lived up to their mandate," Waltz said.

Zimbabwe records 70 suspected cholera cases, one death amid new outbreak

Harare, July 27 : A total of 70 suspected cholera cases and one death have been recorded in the Kariba District of Zimbabwe's Mashonaland West Province since a new outbreak began in early November, the Ministry of Health and Child Care said. As part of the response, 1,007 out of a targeted 2,553 people in the district which borders Zambia have received an oral cholera vaccine dose, said the ministry in a statement, Xinhua news agency reported.

The new outbreak came a few months after the Zimbabwean government declared in August an end to a previous nationwide outbreak that began in February last year and claimed hundreds of lives.

According to the ministry, infection prevention and control measures alongside cholera awareness campaigns have been implemented in the town to contain the outbreak. Zimbabwe has experienced recurring cholera outbreaks over the past years due to inadequate water and sanitation infrastructure.



Bushfire claims one life in Australia's Victoria, state of disaster declared

Victoria, July 27 : A man has died, and a state of disaster has been declared amid the ongoing bushfire crisis in the southeast Australian state of Victoria.

Premier of Victoria Jacinta Allan said at a press conference that a man aged in his 60s was found deceased in his car near the town of Harcourt, 110 km northwest of Melbourne, on Monday afternoon.

His death was not directly related to the fires, Allan said, but occurred in close proximity to a fire ground, reports Xinhua news agency.

Three other people who were reported missing on Friday after their home near the town of Longwood, 120 km north of Melbourne, was destroyed by one of the most severe fires in the state have been found safe.

Local fire authorities said three firefighters have been injured while battling fires.

Allan said that 10 major fires were burning across Victoria as of Saturday morning, and another 20 were being closely monitored by authorities.

A total of 200 fires were burning across Victoria on Friday as temperatures exceeded 40 degrees Celsius, and Allan said on Saturday that authorities believe over 300,000 hectares of land have been burnt and 38,000 homes and businesses are without power.

Temperatures dropped on Saturday, but authorities have warned that strong winds will continue to cause fires to spread unpredictably. Emergency management authorities said on Saturday that at least 120 structures across the state of Victoria have been destroyed by fires, and there have been significant livestock losses.



Bangladesh measles outbreak death toll reaches 585 as two more children die

Dhaka, July 27 : Two more children have died from measles-like symptoms in Bangladesh in 24 hours till 8 a.m. on Monday, raising the death toll to 585 since March 15, local media reported. Both the deaths have been classified as suspected, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

With the latest casualties, the total number of suspected measles death in Bangladesh has reached 495 while the confirmed deaths stood at 90, United News of Bangladesh reported.

As many as 1,324 suspected measles cases were recorded in Bangladesh in the past 24 hours, raising the suspected cases to 70,936. During the same period, 53 confirmed measles cases were reported in Bangladesh, increasing the total number of confirmed infections to 9,049.

As many as 56,886 suspected measles patients have been hospitalised in Bangladesh since March 15, of whom 52,841 have recovered, according to the DGHS.



Israel captures strategic Beaufort Castle in southern Lebanon

Jerusalem, July 27 : The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on Monday said it had captured Beaufort Castle after entering the Beaufort Ridge and Wadi al-Saluki areas in southern Lebanon. According to the IDF, the operation is focused on establishing operational control over the Beaufort Ridge and the Wadi al-Saluki area, as well as degrading Hezbollah's capabilities in the region. "Last night, our heroic fighters captured the Beaufort Castle. They proudly raised the flag of the State of Israel and the flag of the Golani Brigade there," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday. "I remind you that 44 years ago, this place was a symbol of a heroic battle by our fighters, but it was also a symbol of deep division among us. Today, we returned to Beaufort differently. We returned united, determined and stronger than ever," he added. According to the IDF, Hezbollah directed military and combat activities.

Gujarati-speaking US doctor wins key Arizona primary

Washington, July 27 : Emergency physician and former Arizona state legislator Dr Amish Shah has won the Democratic nomination for Arizona's First Congressional District, setting up a closely watched November contest in one of the most competitive

US House races. In a statement after his primary victory, Shah described the result as "a grassroots victory" and pledged to reach beyond his party as he begins the general election campaign. "I have always prided myself on being a hardworking, grassroots candidate. Our victory

in this primary was a grassroots victory where Arizona voters made their voices heard," Shah said. "Now, it's my job to earn the support of every voter in this district -- including Democrats who voted for another candidate, Independents frustrated with our political system, and Republicans



disappointed with the state of the country."

Shah sharply criticised Washington's political establishment, saying Congress had failed ordinary Americans. "The status quo in Washington, DC is not working for Arizonans. From rising costs to a reckless war in Iran to the largest cuts to our nation's healthcare system in American history, corrupt and self-interested politicians in Congress are making life harder for people.

Insecurity continues to impact Ebola outbreak response in DR Congo: UN

United Nations, July 27 : Insecurity continues to impact humanitarian operations in North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), including UN efforts to respond to the ongoing Ebola outbreak, a UN spokesperson said. Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, said at a daily briefing on Monday (local time) that according to local civil society organisations, at least 30 people were killed and a dozen others injured in a series of attacks in the

province's Beni territory between July 13 and 19, and the violence has displaced civilians and restricted humanitarian access in affected areas, reports Xinhua news agency. At least six humanitarian organisations, including partners supporting the Ebola response, have suspended movements to several localities in Beni territory due to the deteriorating security situation, Dujarric said, quoting the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. As of July 20, national health authorities in the DRC had reported 2,473 confirmed Ebola cases across the provinces of Ituri,



North Kivu, South Kivu, Haut-Uele and Tshopo, he said. The United Nations, along with its humanitarian partners, continues to support the authorities in scaling up surveillance, laboratory testing, treatment and community engagement activities in all areas

that have reported the Ebola virus, the spokesperson said. "The UN reiterates its call on all parties to protect civilians and ensure safe and unhindered humanitarian access," he said, adding that the safety of all health workers.

IAEA chief voices concern over reported drone strike at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant

Vienna, July 27 : International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Grossi expressed serious concern over a reported drone strike on a turbine building at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), warning that attacks on nuclear facilities are "like playing with fire." The IAEA said it had been in-

formed by the ZNPP that a drone struck a turbine building at the facility earlier in the day, reportedly causing a hole in one of the building's walls. The agency disclosed the incident in a post on social media platform X. "There should be no attacks of any kind from or against a nuclear facility," Grossi said, reiterating his call for restraint to avoid jeopardizing nuclear safety and security.

He added that the IAEA team stationed at the plant had requested access to the affected turbine building to conduct a first-hand assessment of the reported damage, Xinhua news agency reported. According to the IAEA, the incident would mark the first drone attack within the perimeter of the ZNPP since April 2024.

The Zaporizhzhia plant, one of Europe's largest nuclear power facilities, has been under Russian control since March 2022. Since the outbreak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the IAEA has repeatedly warned of the risks posed by military activities around the site and called for the protection of nuclear infrastructure. Russia's Rosatom said on Satur-



day that a Ukrainian drone had struck the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, but no damage to key equipment was reported.



Violence in Balochistan escalates as rights groups report extrajudicial killings by Pakistani forces

Quetta, July 27 : As violence against civilians continues to escalate across Balochistan, leading human rights organisations on Monday brought to light the extrajudicial killing of two Baloch civilians by Pakistani forces.

Paank, the Baloch National Movement's Human Rights Department, mentioned that Balach Baloch, a resident of Tasp area of Panjgur district, was killed on January 8 after individuals allegedly linked to a Pakistan-backed death squad attempted to detain him and fatally shot him as he tried to flee.

"This killing highlights a broader pattern in Balochistan, where security forces are using proxy armed groups for enforced disappearances and targeted killings.



Slavko Vincic, who officiated FIFA WC final, announces retirement

New Delhi, July 27 : Slovenian referee Slavko Vincic, who officiated the FIFA World Cup 2026 final between Spain and Argentina, has announced his retirement from refereeing.

As the crowning glory of his farewell season, the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS) declared him the best referee of the World Cup, and in Italy he received the prestigious Giulio Campanati Award. Vincic, 46, made his World Cup

debut in Qatar, where he was assigned to two matches, and has added another three assignments to his tally during the 2026 tournament. FIFA 2026 final marked his sixth career World Cup match, and his fourth of this edition. Among the highlights of his career is the 2024 UEFA Champions League final between Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund at Wembley Stadium, one of the most prestigious appointments a European referee can receive.

'Sanju will decide for Sanju': Samson recalls vow to play on his own terms before T20 WC

New Delhi, July 27 : Senior India wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has revealed that he took a vow to continue to play cricket entirely on his own terms without paying attention to outside noise even before the T20 World Cup happened and added that he has stepped away from the rat race and will continue to back his own instincts. Samson etched his name into Indian cricket folklore when he smashed three consecutive fifties to help the side retain the Men's T20 World Cup title on home soil earlier this year.

But a brief drop in form during the games against Ireland and England meant that Samson was left out of the recently-concluded trip to Zimbabwe.

"I realised that there is a constant rat race in our country, and I decided before the 2026 T20 World Cup that I would not be part of it. I just want to enjoy the game. By God's grace, I have achieved a lot. I am 31 now, and I have a few years left. So, I have decided to play on my own terms. No one will tell me how to bat or what to do. Sanju will decide for Sanju."



ETPL in a region with rich tradition is a great opportunity for local talent : Dravid

New Delhi, July 27 : Former India captain and head coach Rahul Dravid, who is the co-owner of Dublin Guardians in the upcoming European T20 Premier League (ETPL), believes the competition will provide a vital platform for local talent to shine on the world stage, citing Europe's strong club culture and rich tradition of playing the sport.

The inaugural edition of the ETPL is set to kick off on August 26 and backed by prominent international figures including Dravid and former South Africa skipper Faf du Plessis, who has taken on a dual role as co-owner and player for

the Rotterdam Dockers. "I think one of the things about the ETPL is that it's in a region which already has a rich tradition and history of the game. There's a really vibrant club culture here, including so many of the local population who play the sport. I think there's a tremendous passion and a love for the game in the continent."

"It's a really good opportunity, I believe, to create opportunities for a lot of the talent to be able to flourish and come onto the world stage. One of the things we really want to do is ensure everyone enjoys their cricket here and has a lot of fun playing the sport, and we want to entertain the fans."

"We want them to have a great experience, both on and off the field. We want them to watch some great, exciting cricket, and I think if the players are enjoying themselves, if the players are happy, then we'll see that on the field," Dravid said in a statement by the league on Monday. Meanwhile, du Plessis opened up about his decision to step into team ownership as



the Rotterdam Dockers co-owner, while continuing as an active franchise cricketer. "When this opportunity came around, I was like, 'It sounds great.' Why would you not want to play cricket in Europe? There are some great cities there and, for a circuit player like myself, you want to go to cool places for the game you love. "So, first of all, I would love to go and play cricket there. The opportunity for the growth that can happen in Europe and for cricket there was the first thing. Then the second thing was, 'Would you actually be interested in being a co-owner?' I was like, 'That's actually very intriguing,' because now you're playing all these leagues around the world, but how do you get players to commit to the longevity of the tournament, to be all in?"



Esha wins gold, Manu bags bronze in women's 25m pistol at ISSF WC in Hangzhou

Hangzhou, July 27 : Indian shooters Esha Singh and Manu Bhaker delivered a memorable double podium finish in the women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Hangzhou, China, with Esha clinching gold and Manu securing bronze to continue India's impressive medal haul at the competition. Esha produced a composed and commanding performance in the eight-woman final, registering 40 hits to finish atop the podium. Paris 2024 double Olympic medallist Manu, meanwhile, battled through a fiercely contested final, surviving a crucial shoot-off before ending with 28 hits to claim the bronze medal. The Indian duo had laid the foundation with outstanding performances in qualification. Manu topped the standings with 586-20x, while Esha followed closely with 585-18x as both comfortably progressed to the medal round. Former Asian Games gold medallist Rahi Sarnobat narrowly missed out on the final after shooting 582-16x, while Simranpreet Kaur Brar (576-20x) and Abhidnya Ashok Patil (573-16x) competed under Ranking Points Only (RPO) status.



'Playing in Australia, NZ, England will hone our skills', says Bangladesh skipper Nigar

New Delhi, July 27 : Bangladesh women's cricket team captain Nigar Sultana Joty has termed the upcoming marquee overseas assignments against Australia, New Zealand, and England as a very big opportunity for her side, adding that competing in such conditions will significantly hone their skill sets. Bangladesh is scheduled

to embark on a white-ball series to Australia (three ODIs in Brisbane from October 9-14) and New Zealand later this year and is followed by a six-match tour of England in mid-2027. Before hitting foreign shores, Bangladesh will shift focus to the upcoming Asian Games in Japan starting on September 17, where Nigar has set a firm target of reaching the final despite rain disrupting their home preparations. "This is a very big opportunity for our team. We have always wanted to play in places like Australia."

Sooryavanshi hails Laxman, Kanitkar's guidance for Player of the Series honour in Zimbabwe T20Is

Harare, July 27 (IANS) After clinching the Player of the Series following India's 3-0 T20I series triumph over Zimbabwe, teenaged batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has credited interim head coach VVS Laxman and batting coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar for giving him complete tactical freedom and sound guidance.

At the Harare Sports Club on Sunday, Sooryavanshi top-scored with a 49-ball 81 as India posted 192/5 on a slow pitch, after hitting a 19-ball fifty in the first game. In all, Sooryavanshi scored 151 runs in three innings, which is in

stark contrast to his lean run in England, where he amassed just 42 runs in three innings.

"Being a Player of the Match, playing for the senior Indian team, and being a Player of the Series is a dream come true for me. I am very happy and I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my journey. I am thankful to the seniors and coaching staff."

"The way our head coaches, VVS sir and Hrishikesh sir spoke to me before the match, they discussed a lot with me about how I was feeling at that time. Before the series started, what I was feeling, what mindset I was in. They gave me a free hand and told me to just play



and not think about anything," said Sooryavanshi in a video posted on BCCI's social media accounts on Monday.

He also highlighted his bond with wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan, who hails from Patna, his home state, adding that it has made his transition into the national setup seamless. "I don't feel that I am alone or that I am in a senior team. It feels like I play all the matches at all places. Ishan bhaiya is also from Bihar, so the vibe matches."



Indian men advance to pre-quarters in World Junior squash team competition

Ontario, July 27 : Indian men advanced to the pre-quarterfinals of the World Squash Junior Team Championships as group toppers, while the women also made a winning start. The fifth-seed Indian

men's team of Gurveer Singh, Yusha Nafees and Aryaveer Dewan swept the Netherlands (Freek Bonnema, Jesper Hempenius and Quinten van Es) by 3-0 margin in Group 5.