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Nation wants answers on who approved use of pellet guns on protesters: Priyanka Gandhi

New Delhi, July 28 : Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday said the entire nation and parents of injured students want answers on who approved the use of pellet guns and AK-47s on protesters during the agitation against exam irregularities. Participating in the debate on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026,

in the Lok Sabha, Priyanka Gandhi called for accountability of those in government. "The students are disillusioned. Money is overshadowing merit. They want the system that is endangering their future to be improved," she said. The students only demanded accountability and removal of those who were responsible for irregularities, but they were met with the use of force, she said, re-



ferring to the alleged NEET paper leak. "The examination system has itself failed. Over 750 crore students have been hit by 152 paper leaks in the last decade but not a single mafia was punished."



Revanth urges Centre to allocate 11.56 lakh houses to Telangana

Hyderabad, July 28 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urged Union Minister for Rural Development and Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan to allocate 11,56,915 houses to Telangana under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G). The Chief Minister informed the Union Minister that the People's Government in Telangana has been giving priority to the construction of houses

for the poor since assuming power in the state. Revanth Reddy met Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Krishi Bhavan in New Delhi on Tuesday. During the meeting, he briefed the details of the construction of the 'Indiramma Houses' for poorer sections.



Tummala hails Rythu Nestam as scientific farming platform

Hyderabad, July 28 : The 100th episode of the 'Rythu Nestam' programme was celebrated on a grand scale at the Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The event was attended by Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Agriculture Special Chief Secretary K. Surendra Mohan, Agriculture Director B. Gopi, Horticulture Managing Director Yasmin Basha.



KTR urges Centre to set up Kazipet Railway Division

Hyderabad, July 28 : BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao met Union Minister for Railways, Information Technology and Electronics

Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi on Tuesday and submitted detailed representations seeking the establishment of the Kazipet Railway Division, expeditious completion of key railway projects in Telangana, and enhanced central

government support for reviving the State's Tier-2 IT ecosystem. Speaking to the media after the meeting.

Heavy rain lashed Hyderabad

Hyderabad, July 28 : Heavy rain lashed Greater Hyderabad. Traffic was severely disrupted as the downpour coincided with the time people were returning home from work. HYDRA, DRF, and GHMC monsoon teams have undertaken relief operations. Major roads across the city were inundated due to the torrential rain. Heavy rain lashed areas including Jubilee



Hills, Banjara Hills, Film Nagar, Khairatabad, Lakdikapul, Nampally, Koti, Malakpet, Dilsukhnagar, Chaitanyapuri, Kothapet.



Nara Bhuvaneshwari calls on youth to make decisions with wise thoughts and Make the most of opportunities

Chittoor, July 28: AP CM Chandrababu Naidu's wife Nara Bhuvaneshwari has made it clear to the youth that they should make the most of the opportunities provided. She advised them to take decisions with wise thoughts. Nara Bhuvaneshwari met with the students at the local PES Medical College auditorium on Tuesday, the second day of her visit to Kuppam. She said that friendship with good people contributes to our progress. She recalled that her grandson Devansh reads books well and stays away from TV and mobile. She explained that government schools in the state provide the best education to students. She said that our government is providing financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 to each child in the name of "Talaiki Vandanam" to help students' education. She explained that with the efforts of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, 1.06 lakh students from private schools have rejoined government schools.

Centre Praises Nadendla Manohars Plan To Ap Civil Supplies Reforms Strengthen 29000 Ration Shops

New Delhi, July 28: Minister Nadendla Manohar said that the central government has appreciated the reforms being undertaken in the Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Department. The minister said that a pilot project of steam rice has been started in the Public Distribution System (PDS) in Kakinada. The center has given permission to procure an additional 20 thousand metric tons of parboiled rice. He said that the 'Me Mart' concept will be implemented through ration shops. He explained that programs are being taken up to sell quality rice at low prices in farmers' markets. The minister said that the government's goal is to provide golden variety rice at Rs. 40 per kg across AP. He also revealed that a proposal to provide 500 grams of kandipappu to ration card holders is being considered.



Minister Lokesh slams YCP poisonous propaganda for Anganwadis

Amaravati, July 28: Minister Nara Lokesh criticized the YSRCP for spreading false propaganda on the issue of Anganwadis. He alleged that Anganwadis did not receive the Amma Vodi scheme during the previous government's tenure. He said that the coalition government implemented the salute to the mother after coming to power. He was angry that the gratitude rally organized by the Anganwadis in support of him in Penamalur constituency was being shown as a protest event by the YSRCP leaders. Responding to this issue on the social media platform 'X', Minister Lokesh released a video titled 'Fake vs. Real'. He accused them of spreading poison in the name of Anganwadis. The minister said that the coalition government is fulfilling the promises made to



Anganwadis. The minister was angry that the Goddali party did injustice by not providing Amma Vodi to Anganwadi workers during the YSRCP regime. 'They were happy that the coalition government implemented the Matliki Vandanam scheme for Anganwadis and thanked them during my visit to Penamalur constituency. The Axe Party, which promoted the axe attack as a heart attack, is spreading malicious propaganda by calling this gratitude rally of Anganwadis a protest rally.

YSRCP holds protests across Andhra Pradesh over 'irregularities' in teachers' recruitment

Amaravati, July 28 : The YSR Congress Party on Tuesday held protests across Andhra Pradesh against the irregularities in the Mega DSC-2025 for recruitment of teachers. Large-scale protests were organised simultaneously across the state under the

party's student and youth wings. Demonstrations were held in Vijayawada, Nellore, Tirupati, Nandyal, and several other districts, while police prevented a proposed rally in Narasannapeta, leading to a tense situation. The opposition party is demanding the resignation of Education



Minister Nara Lokesh, holding him morally responsible.

Probe into Hydraa's excesses needed: BRS MLA Vivekananda

Hyderabad, July 28 : BRS legislature party whip and MLA K.P Vivekananda welcomed the Telangana High Court's remarks on HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, calling them a victory for the poor and justice. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry into HYDRAA's alleged high-handed actions, accusing the agency of functioning in an arbitrary and oppressive manner. Addressing the media here on Tuesday, Vivekananda alleged that the High Court's observations exposed the government's misuse of HYDRAA and termed the verdict a setback to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's style of governance.



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

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 it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai- 600032 and branch office at **Karimnagar I**, (hereinafter referred as 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. Ashok Kumar Jakkula S/O. Thiru Pathi, Age: 39 Years, Occ: Business (M/S.Sri Saifala Fertilizers, Pesti Cides & Seeds), H.No:2-36/12, Kapu Wada, Cheekurai, Boja Nnapet, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Pincode: 505174. And Also At Ashok Kumar Jakkula S/O.Thirupathi , Age: 39 Years, Occ: Busi Ness (M/S.Sri Saifala Ferti Lizers, Pesticides & Seeds), Open Land In Sy. No. 346/B, Admeasuring To An Extent Of 847.00 Sq. Yards Or 708.17 Sq. Meters, Situated At Cheekurai Village, Peddapalli Mandal, Karim Nagar District, Registration District Karimnagar & Sub- District Peddapalli. 2. Gaddi Swamyath S/O.Narsaiah, Age:42 Years, Occ: Business(Photo Studio), H.No:8-6-266/1, Krishna Nagar, Godavarikhani, Ramagundam, Karimnagar, Pincode:505208.								
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31.07.2017	09.07.2026	Rs. 26,98,519/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-					

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KMNGRTF1503270001-Description of the Immovable Property (Property holder Name is Ashok Kumar Jakkula Mortgage deed dated 27.03.2015 Registered as Document No 1500/2015 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Peddapalli. Open land in Sy. No. 346/B, admeasuring to an extent of 847.00 Sq. Yards or 708.17 Sq. Meters, situated at Cheekurai Village, Peddapalli Mandal, Karimnagar District, Registration District Karimnagar & Sub- District Peddapalli, bounded on: East: 30 feet Road, West: Land of Kolla Narsaiah, North: Land of Vendor, South: House of Vendor

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:28-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Peddapally, Shriram Finance Limited

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized 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.30-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office, Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aaurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 25th day of July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1. Vallepup.Venkanna, S/O Vallepup.Bixam, Aged About 41 Years, Occ: Civil Constructions Business, R/O Hno : 5-16-3,Sri Ram Colony, Jalpally, Balapur, Ranga Reddy Dist, Pin : 500005, Ph : 9849926773. 2. Vallepup. Saritha, W/O Vallepup. Venkanna, Aged About 37 Years, Occ: House Wife,R/O Hno : 5-16-3,Sri Ram Colony, Jalpally, Balapur, Ranga Reddy Dist, Pin : 500005, Ph : 8008587901. 3. Kodidela.Ganesh,S/O Kodidela.Uppalaiah, Aged About 24 Years, Occ: Business, R/O Hno-4-97/3,Maddirala(Vi), Suryapet(Md),Nalgonda(Dt),Pin: 508221, Ph : 8886144166.Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs. 42,68,211/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Eleven only)

Description of Property: KUTPLTF2406140009- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY All That The Plot No.2,admeasuring 199.72 Sq.Yards., Or 166.98 Sq.Mtrs.,in Sy.No.459 & 475.Situated at Bollikunta Village,Khila Warangal Mandal,Warangal Dist., and bounded by : NORTH: Plot No.3, SOUTH: Plot No. : 1, EAST: Land of Musukla Raghava Reddy, WEST: 30 Ft Wide Passage.

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

Date: 25.07.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bollikunta (VI) &(Md), Warangal (Dt) Shriram Finance Limited

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NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors								
1) Anjaneyulu Anumoju S/O. Chand Rasena, Age:43 Years, Occ: Business (Thiru Mala Saw Mill), H.No:11-52/1/1, Akkannapet Road, Husna Bad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505467. 2) Anumoju Chandrasena S/O. Rama Swamy, Age:67 Years, Occ:Business, Open Land To An Extent Of 847 Sq. Yards Or 708.9 Sq. Meters Out Of Sy. No. 242/A, Situated At Nagara Panchayath: Husnabad, Village: Husnabad, Mandal: Husnabad, Revenue District: Siddipet & Sub-Registrar: Husnabad. 3) Kyasa Ramesh S/O, Rajashekaram, Age:56 Years, Occ:Business, H.No:14-12/1, Shivaji Nagar, Husnabad, Karimnagar, lInd Ad H.No:11-17, Main Road, Husnabad, Karimnagar, Pincode:505467.								
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PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS: KMNG2TF1708290015-Description of the Immovable Property (Property holder Name is Anumoju Chandrasena Mortgage deed dated 05.09.2017 Registered as Document No 1346/2017 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Husnabad. Open land to an extent of 847 Sq. Yards or 708.9 Sq. Meters out of Sy. No. 242/A, Situated at Nagara Panchayath: Husnabad, Village: Husnabad, Mandal: Husnabad, Revenue District: Siddipet & Sub-Registrar: Husnabad. Boundaries:- East : Land of Anumoju Chandrasena, West: Land of Anumoju Chandrasena, North: Land of Vadloori Venkatanarayana, South: 15 feet Road.

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:28-07-2026, Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Place: Husnabad, Shriram Finance Limited

Hydra Drive Will Continue Against Land Encroachments : CM Revanth Reddy



New Delhi, July 28: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has made it clear that the Hydra works will continue. He said that the occupation cores are not being used by Hydra. CM Revanth Reddy, who is touring Delhi on Tuesday, spoke to reporters. He made it clear that if encroachments are done, big boys and poor people should be quiet. He questioned the opposition whether the poor or the elders have occupied the Bathukamma kuntals in Gandipet. He questioned them saying that the N Convention is for the poor or the elders. The CM described Hydra as the biggest reform they have brought. He slammed the government for having the discretion to appoint anyone as the top officer of Hydra. On this occasion, CM Revanth Reddy reminded that there are more than

400 contempt of court cases against retired IAS officer Somesh Kumar. He lashed out at the BRS leaders, saying that they had filed cases with malicious intent and misled the court. He said that they would examine the court verdict and then formulate further action. They said that they have complete clarity on the activities of Hydra. They advised the media not to cooperate with the squatters. They expressed anger that they are spreading false propaganda against Hydra on social media by spending money. In the context of the investigation into the Lotkunta land case, the Telangana High Court on Monday expressed deep dissatisfaction with Hydra Commissioner A.V. Ranganath. It ordered the Chief Secretary to the government to remove Ranganath from the post of Hydra Commissioner. On this occasion, the Telangana High Court bench commented that it is not reasonable for a high-ranking officer in the rank of Secretary.. to defy the court orders. On this occasion, it suggested to the government to appoint a qualified officer as Hydra Commissioner. It was of the opinion that if Ranganath continues as Hydra Commissioner, the rule of law will be violated. The Telangana High Court said that there is no other alternative but to remove him. In this context, CM Revanth, who is on a visit to Delhi, responded as follows.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu congratulates weightlifter Ajay Babu for winning silver medal in Commonwealth Games

Amaravati, July 28: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu congratulated weightlifter Ajay Babu for winning a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games being held in Glasgow. Responding on social media, he said that Valluri Ajay Babu won a silver medal.

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Galaxy, Wing B, 16th Floor, Plot No.1, Sy.No.83/1, Hyderabad Knowledge City, TS/IC, Raidurg, Panmaktha, Hyderabad, Telangana-500081. Telephone No.: 040-45474750, e-Mail: contact@crissfin.com, Website: www.crissfin.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF SARFAESI ACT-2002)
The Authorised Officer under the Provisions of Sec 13(2) of SARFAESI Act - 2002 issued demand notice dated 21-03-2025 calling up on the Applicant & Co-applicant **BALIJA RAMADEVI**, W/o. Rajashekar, co-borrower **BALIJA RAJASHEKAR**, S/o. Chen Basappa as on 11-03-2025 to pay an amount of Rs.1,47,76,591/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety One Only) + Further interest and costs, under the provisions of section 13(4) issued possession notice dated 19-06-2025 and took possession under SARFAESI Act. The Authorised officer by way of this public Auction intends to sell secured assets on "as is where is basis" and "as is what is basis" at The Criss Financial Limited, Vikarabad Branch, Vikarabad District, On 14-08-2026 at 02:00 p.m. to 03:00 p.m. (with auto extension of 5 mins).
E-Auction Date: 14-08-2026 (Friday) at 02-00 p.m. to 03-00 p.m. (with auto extension of 5 mins) E-Auction through: https://bankeauctions.com/

Description of Scheduled property	Total Due as on 11-03-2025 Rs.	Reserve price Rs.	EMD (10% Rs.)
All that land admeasuring Ac.1.3100 Gts. comprised in survey number 72/A, situated at Shahpur Village, Tandur Mandal, Vikarabad District having TD-cum-passbook number T07160350360, is being bounded by North: Others Land (Land of Sadiq Ali) South: R&B Road to Kokat Village East: Others Land (Land of B. Rama Devi, W/o. Raja Shekhar) West: Others Land (Land of V. Rama Devi W/o Ramchander Rao & Vijaya Devi)	1,47,76,591/-	1,53,00,000/-	15,30,000/-

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: From 30-07-2026 to 13-08-2026 at 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in The Criss Financial Limited, website https://crissfin.com/ or may contact Authorized Officer, Ph No: 8009486666 during office hours on any working day, EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve price is to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of The Criss Financial Limited, Hi-Tech City Branch, A/c No. 2446978042, IFSC Code: KKBK0007494 on or before 13-08-2026 at 06.00 p.m. Dues/taxes, if any, known/not known to the Bank are to be borne by the auction purchaser and the same is exclusive of the final bid amount. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.50,000/- for reserve price. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder.
E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider: C-1 India Web portal: https://bankeauctions.com (Contact No. 9948182222), Email: dharani.p@c1india.com
Date: 29-07-2026 Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Place: Tandur, Criss Financial Limited

Indian Overseas Bank
M.G.Road - Secunderabad Branch (0200), 1-7-79/A&B, 1-7-95 to 111, Legend Crystal, Mandalay Lane, P.G.Road Secunderabad, Telangana-500003. Ph: 040-23468829, 3 & 892550200, e-mail: iob0200@iob.bank.in

"APPENDIX- IV-A" (See Provision to Rule 8(6) & 9 (1)) SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by Authorized officer of Indian Overseas Bank, Secured creditor will be sold on "as is where is" and "as it is what is" "Whatever there is and is without Recourse basis" on 19.08.2026 for Recovery of Rs.1,13,90,892.20 (One Crore Thirteen Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Two Rupees and Twenty paise only) + interest at contractual rate from 04.07.2026 is due to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from Mr. Dendi Madhukar Reddy, Mrs. Deendi Kalpana & Dendi Sai Deekshith Reddy.
Schedule of Secured Asset
All that the piece and parcel of the premises bearing House No.6-3 (Assessment Number 603) constructed on Plot No. 2 [North Part] admeasuring 66 Sq.Yards & Plot No.3 [South Part] admeasuring 234 Sq. Yards Totally admeasuring 300 Sq. Yards or 250.83 Sq. Mtrs. having plinth area of Ground Floor: 1320 Sq.ft., First Floor: 1510 Sq.ft. and Second Floor: 140 Sq.ft. Total plinth area: 2970 Sq.Ft. with RCC Roof in Survey No. 621, 622 & 623 of JBS Serene City (Phase II) (HMDA) Situated at Khalsa Ibrahimpattam Village, Ibrahimpattam Mandal, Chertla Pateliguda Gram Panchayat, Rangla Reddy District and bounded by: North: Plot No.3 (North Part), East: JBS Serene City Club House, South: Plot No.2(South Part), West: 60'-0" Wide Road.
Auction Date: 19.08.2026 & Last date of submission of bid with EMD: 18.08.2026 till 5.00 p.m. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://www.iob.in/Auctions.aspx and also https://banknet.com
Please use below URL for direct access to platform for easy access to the Buyers for ID creation and participating in auctions. URL: https://banknet.com
This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

Date: 27-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Hyderabad Indian Overseas Bank

MAHINDRA RURAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Corporate Office: Unit No. 203, Amit Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Opposite fire Brigade Station Kamani Junction, L.B.S. Main Road, Kurla (west) Mumbai - 400 070.

DEMAND NOTICE
(Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule (3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)
A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s, Co-borrower & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from **Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd.** and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). Notices were issued to all of them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and rules there under upon their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

S. No.	Agreement No. / Fin No.	Name And Address Borrower/ Co-Borrowers & Guarantor	Demand Amount / D.NPA Date	Description Of The Immoveable Properties
1	XRES- JAN01199930 /1646859	Mr.& Mrs. Macha Rameshchander S/o.Yakala, [Borrower] Mr.& Mrs.machha Rani W/o.Rameshchande [Co-Borrower] H.No.1-21 Narsingapuram [V] Kodakandla[M] Jangaon, [D] Telangana -506222. Matte Ravi S/o.Venkataiah [Guarantor] H.No-2-51 Narsingapuram Kodakandla Jangaon, Warangal-Jangaon, Telangana -506222	Rs.1,92,598/- 16-07-2026 04-Dec-2023	H.No.1-21 Narsingapuram [V] Kodakandla[M] Jangaon, [D] , Telangana -506222 Within The Following Boundaries North: House Of Gopaladas Ramachandrar, South: C.C. Road , East: Bt Road, West: House Of Gopaladas Renuka.
2	XRES- PAC01161630 /1565785	Mr.& Mrs.Mulkanooru Kumaraswamy S/o.Komuraiah, [Borrower] Mr.& Mrs.Mulkanooru Swarupa W/o. Kumaraswamy [Co-Borrower] H No 2-58/1 Sulthanpur, [V] Regonda, [M] Warangal-[D] Parkala,Telangana -506348 And Kanugula Mogili S/o.Malliah [Guarantor] H No 2-64 Sulthanpur,[V] Regonda, [M] Warangal-[D] Parkala,Telangana -506348	Rs.1,79,822 /- 09-07-2026 04-Aug-23	Measuring 201, Area Of Land (Sq.Ft.): H No 2-58/1 Sulthanpur,[V] Regonda, [M] Warangal-[D] Parkala,Telangana-506348 Within The Following Boundaries North: House Of Kanugula Rajakomariah East: Road, South: Open Place Of Bikula Venkataiah West: Open Place Of Kanugula Mogili
3	XRES- PAC01201373 /1659369	Mr.& Mrs.Nookala Malliah S/o.Komraiah, [Borrower] Mr.& Nookala Raju S/o.Malliah, Nookala Saritha W.o.Malliah, Nookala Komraiah S/o.Malliah [Co-Borrower] Old Hno 12-19, New Hno 11-46, V.Narayanpur,[V] Bhagirthipet Regonda[M] , Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana -506348 And Appam Ilaiah S/o.Peddakomuria [Guarantor] Hno 11-3/1, V.Narayanpur, [M] Bhagirthipet, Regonda Regonda[M], Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana -506348.	Rs.2,48,699 /- 09-07-2026 04-Dec-2024	Measuring 251, Area Of Land (Sq.Ft.): Old Hno 12-19, New Hno 11-46, V.Narayanpur,[V] Bhagirthipet Regonda[M] , Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana -506348 Within The Following Boundaries North: House Of Kyatham Rajashekhar, East: CC Road, South: House Of Gkykoti Ravinder, West: Open Place Of Kyatham Rajashekhar
4	XRES- PAC01027469 /1326130	Mr.& Mrs.Samala Mahendher S/o.Rajaiah [Borrower] Mr.& Mr Samala Neela W/o.Mehender [Co-Borrower] Sy No 42/B H No 3-197/1 Regonda[M] , Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana -506348 And Narra Sanjeeviah S/o. Bhumaiah [Guarantor] Sy No 42/B H No 3-187/2 Regonda Regonda[M], Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana -506348.	Rs.2,22,848 /- 09-07-2026 04-Dec-2024	Measuring 201, Area Of Land (Sq.Ft.): Sy No 42/B H No 3-197/1 Regonda[M] , Warangal[D] -Parkala, Telangana-506348 Within The Following Boundaries North: House Of Narra Jalepappi South: G P CC Road, West : G P Road
5	XRES- PAC01155533 /1555516	Mr.& Mrs.Gundla Thirupathi S/o.Poshaiah [, Borrower] Mr.& Mrs.Gundla Poshamma W/o.Poshaiah [Co-Borrower] H No 1-59/1 Pidlisilla, [V] Pidlisilla, Mogullapalle, [M] Warangal [D] -Parkala,[M] Telangana-506366 And Arigamala Odaiah S/o. Rajaiah [Guarantor] HNo.1-59 Pidlisilla, [V] Pidlisilla, Mogullapalle, [M] Warangal [D] -Parkala,[M] Telangana-506366.	Rs.1,87,166.12/- 09-07-2026 04-Dec-24	Measuring 209, Area Of Land (Sq.Ft.): H No 1-59/1 Pidlisilla, [V] Pidlisilla, Mogullapalle, [M] Warangal [D] -Parkala,[M] Telangana-506366 Within The Following Boundaries, North: House of Saripommula Ramaswamy, East: House Of Katla Poshamma, South: Road, West: House Of Saripommula Saraiah
6	XRES- PAC00999522 /1282365	Mr.& Mrs.Allakonda Rajaiah S/o.Komuraiah [, Borrower]Mr.& Mr Allakonda Radhika W/o.Rajaiah [Co-Borrower] Sy No 504/C H No 4-54 Ramakistapur, [V] Chityal, [M] Warangal-[D] Parkala[M] Telangana -506356 And Rathna Shankar S/o.Rajaiah [Guarantor] Sy No 504/C H No 2-65/B/2 Ramakistapur, [V] Chityal, [M] Warangal-[D] Parkala,[M] Telangana -506356 .	Rs.2,52,582/- 09-07-2026 04-Aug-2023	Measuring 201, Area Of Land (Sq.Ft.): Sy No 504/C H No 4-54 Ramakistapur,[V] Chityal, [M] Warangal-[D]Parkala[M] Telangana-506356 Within The Following Boundaries North: Road East: House Of Akunuri Veeralah, South: House Of Kunnuri Saraiah, West: House of Allakonda Chinnrajiah.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.
Date: 28-07-2026, Place: Warangal Sd/- Authorized Officer, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited

Heavy rain forces school closures across Gujarat; Valsad orders factories to suspend ops

Ahmedabad, July 28 : Authorities across Gujarat expanded precautionary measures on Tuesday as forecasts of continued heavy to very heavy rainfall prompted the closure of schools, colleges and anganwadis in several districts for Tuesday, while Valsad district ordered factories and industrial units to suspend operations amid flood-like conditions. The latest decisions come as the state continues to battle widespread flooding and intense monsoon rainfall that has already forced the evacuation of more than 22,000 people from the worst-affected districts of Valsad and Navsari and triggered large-scale rescue operations. In Ahmedabad, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) announced that all schools and colleges in the city would remain closed on Friday, July 24, after the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall. The civic body said the decision had been taken as a precaution, giving the highest priority to the safety of students. It appealed to citizens to remain cautious during the rainy conditions, avoid rumours and rely only on official information. The AMC also announced that all civic-run anganwadis would remain closed until Monday, July 27, due to the forecast of continued heavy rainfall over the coming days. "The decision was intended to ensure the safety of children and avoid risks during travel, adding that reopening would be reviewed after assessing the rainfall situation and updated IMD forecasts," officials said. Similar precautionary closures were announced across several districts. Surat district declared a holiday for students and staff of all primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, as well as anganwadis, under the Surat Municipal Corporation, municipalities and rural areas, citing persistent heavy rainfall and the need to ensure student safety. In Bharuch district, schools and colleges will also remain closed



because of the heavy rain forecast, with authorities urging residents to remain cautious. Tapi district declared a holiday for all schools, colleges and anganwadis for a second consecutive day, citing continuous rainfall and the possibility of further heavy showers. The district administration appealed to residents to avoid unnecessary travel, stay away from rivers, streams, causeways and low-lying areas, and keep clear of electric poles and trees. Vadodara city and district also announced the closure of all schools, colleges and anganwadis as a precaution against heavy rainfall. In Gandhinagar district, the administration ordered the closure of all anganwadis, primary and secondary government, grant-in-aid and self-financed schools, colleges and other educational institutions after the IMD forecast moderate to heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and strong winds. Residents were advised not to venture out unnecessarily during adverse weather, avoid standing under trees or near electric poles, and contact the District Disaster Management Centre in case of emergencies.

PM Modi turned calamity into opportunity: Gujarat BJP chief

Bhuj, July 28 : Gujarat BJP President Jagdish Vishwakarma on Tuesday hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership. He said, "If anyone has turned disaster into opportunity, it is our Prime Minister Narendra Modi." Speaking at a grand felicitation ceremony in Kutch, Vishwakarma praised the PM's role in rebuilding Kutch after the 2001 earthquake and transforming it into a thriving hub of industry, culture, and tourism. Addressing a massive gathering of party workers, Vishwakarma recalled that when Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister, he vowed to rebuild Kutch, a promise that, he said, has been fulfilled. "The credit for Kutch's revival goes to Narendra Modi," he asserted, adding that the region, once devastated by the earthquake, now stands as a model of resilience and progress. He noted that Kutch has attracted over Rs 1.4 lakh crore in investments, with its handicrafts, tourism, and industries flourishing globally.



Maha CM calls for outcome-based SDG planning

Mumbai, July 28: NITI Aayog has initiated a competitive developmental benchmark among states across key indicators directly impacting human life. To ensure Maharashtra achieves the top position nationwide across all Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) parameters, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday directed all government departments to formulate structured, outcome-driven plans for the next four years. Addressing a review meeting on NITI Aayog's SDG parameters, CM Fadnavis called for intensive development efforts across 10 designated aspirational districts and 177 aspirational talukas to maintain Maharashtra's lead in governance and progress.

Odisha: Naveen Patnaik slams BJP govt over fiscal management

Bhubaneswar, July 28 : Former Odisha Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday expressed satisfaction over Odisha securing the fifth rank in NITI Aayog's latest In-

vestment Friendliness Index (IFI) Report, attributing the achievement to reforms and governance initiatives undertaken during his tenure while accusing the present Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government of taking credit for the

BJD's accomplishments. In a post on his X handle, Patnaik said he was "glad to share" that Odisha had secured the fifth position in attracting investments, as per the IFI report prepared based on states' performance during 2023-24. He noted

that Odisha secured an overall score of 52.4 per cent, compared to 56.6 per cent scored by Gujarat. "From bankruptcy in 2000 to standing tall among top states in attracting investment across India is immensely satisfactory for me.



CHANGE OF NAME
1. NAKKA LAKSHMI KUMARI (NEW NAME), w/o Nakka apparao previously called NAKKA KUMARI (Old Name), Resident of Door No.7-7-12 , Balusula Peta, Samalkot, Kakinada District. Now Changed My Name from NAKKA KUMARI (Old Name) To NAKKA LAKSHMI KUMARI (New Name). Hence forth I will be called as NAKKA LAKSHMI KUMARI (New Name) for all purpose.

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly Known as Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited)
Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032. Branch Office: Near Post Office, Palvoncha, Bhadradi- Kothagudem, Zonal Office/ Authorised Officer Address: Zonal Office, SBI Building, Wyra Road, Khammam

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Note: "It is informed that "SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 13.11.2022 vide Certificate of incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 09-11-2022."Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SFL has been handed over the physical possession of the mortgaged Properties described herein below in pursuance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Civil Judicial Magistrate, at Kothagudem in Cr.Mp No: 09/2026, under Section 14 of the said Act and Rules, on this 28th Day of July '2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1) Ashok Aavula, S/O Aavula Chandraiah, Age: 31yrs, R/O Hno: 30-2-63, Prasanth Colony, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507115. 2) Aavula Bondamma, W/O Aavula Chandraiah, Age: 42yrs, R/O Hno: 30-2-63, Prasanth Colony, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507115. 3) Kondapalli Ram Prasad, C/O Kondapalli Chandram, Age: 51yrs, Occu: P.A, T.S.Genco, R/O Qno: H-166, I M Colony, K T P S, Palvancha, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist, Pin: 507115. Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 22,44,575/- (Twenty two lakhs forty four thousand five Hundred seventy five only) as on 08.01.2026with further interest if any under reference of Loan A/c No:- PLVCHTF2208290004.

Description of Property
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY Property Holder Name:Aavula Ashok With Document No:5645/2022 RCC Building With A Plinth Area Of 186 Sq.Feet Along With Its House Site Of An Extent Of 266.66 Sq.Yards, Bearing H.No.30-2-74, Situated At Prasanthi Colony, Palvancha Town And Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem District Bounded By: East: Vacant Land Of Others, West: Municipal Road, North: House Of Gugulu Balu, South: House Of Athuluri Radha
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable 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: 28-07-2026, Place: Khammam.
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 27th day of July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1. Mohd Arif, S/O Sharif, Aged About 41 Years , Occ: Hotel Business, R/O.Hno : 2-5-287, Bandelli Nagar, Zaheerabad (Vi)&(Md),Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 502220. 2. Mustafa Bee, W/O Sharif, Aged About 63 Years , Occ: House Wife, R/O. Hno : 2-5-287, Bandelli Nagar, Zaheerabad (Vi)&(Md), Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 502220. 3. Abdul Rafeeq,S/O Abdul Hafeez, Aged About 61 Years.Occ: Govt Employee (TSPDCL Line Inspector), R/O.Hno : 13-43, Driver Colony, Zaheerabad(Vi) &(Md), Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 501158. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 38,43,312.50/- (Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Twelve Rupees and Fifty Paise only)

Description of Property
ZHRBDTF1703310004- Description Of The Immovable Property All that the Residential Open Plot in Sy.No.192/A,Admg Area North to South 36'-0" and East to West 90'-0" equivalent to 3240.00 Sq.Fts., or 360.00 Sq.Yards Situated at Zaheerabad Town & Mandal,Sangareddy District, T.S. Registration District at Sangareddy Sub -District at Zaheerabad , bounded as : North: 15'-0" Wide Road, South : Sy.No.192/A, East: House of Md.Khaja Sab, West: House of Md.Zamin Sab
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable 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: 27-07-2026, Place: Zaheerabad(Md),Sangareddy(Dt).
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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

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The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 27th day of July 2026.

Borrower Name and Address
1. Mohammed Ahmed, S/O Md.Musthafa, Aged About 35 Years , Occ: Readymade Garments Business, R/O.Hno : 16-24, Srirammagar Colony, Zaheerabad (Vi)&(Md),Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 502220. 2. Mohammed Musthafa, S/O Shaik Ahmed, Aged About 76 Years , Occ: Readymade Garments Business, R/O.Hno : 16-24, Srirammagar Colony,Zaheerabad(Vi)&(Md),Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 502220. 3. Mohd.Gulam Hussain,S/O Mohd Sulthan Ahmed, Aged About 42 Years.Occ: Mobiles Shop Business,R/O.Hno : 3-2-49,Gadi(Vi), Zaheerabad(Md),Sangareddy Dist.Pin : 502220. (Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 24,02,264.42/- (Twenty Four Lakh Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Four Rupees and Forty Two Paise only)

Description of Property
ZHRBDTF17063100028- Description Of The Immovable Property All that the Residential Open Plot No.45,in Sy.No.60/1/2,admeasuring 166.66 Square Yards, Out of 266.66 square Yards Situated at Madhura Nagar, Allipur Village and Gram Panchayath,Zaheerabad Mandal, Sangareddy District and bounded as follows: North: Plot No.45/Part, South: 25'ft Wide Road, East: Plot No.51, West: 25'ft Wide Road
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the Lawfull 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: 27-07-2026, Place: Zaheerabad(Md),Sangareddy(Dt).
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited

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Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Torupunoori Janaki, W/O: Thorupunoori Shankar Goud, Age : 51 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 5-135, Yacharam V & M, Opp Udipi Hotel (Bangle Store), Rangareddy Dist-501509, B/O: Proprietor Of "Ravichandra Sates Center& Digital Studio", # 5-135, Yacharam, Ibrahimpatnam, Rangareddy Dist-501509, 9441854431 & 9985674492. 2) Thorupunoori Ravi Kiran Goud, S/O: Thorupunoori Shankar Goud, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Pvt Employee, R/O: H No: 5-135, Yacharam V&M, Opp Udipi Hotel (Bangle Store), Rangareddy Dist-501509, O/O:"Air India Sats Airport Services Pvt Ltd/ Rajivgandhi International Airport", Working As A Junior Officer, At # Shamsabad, Hyderabad- 501218, 9000897321. 3) Thorupunoori Sandeep, S/O: Thorupunoori Shankar Goud, Age: 34years, Occ: Pvt Employee, R/O: H No: 5-135, Yacharam V&M, Opp Udipi Hotel/ Bangle Store), Rangareddy Dist-501509, O/O: " Camp System Private Limited" At # 7th Floor, Capella Block, The V Asender I Park, Hitchcity, Hyderabad-500081, 8187072612. 4) Vodhulu Divya, D/O: Vodhulu Somaiah, Age: 35 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 1-3-360, Kotha Bazar, Kavagiduga, Hyderabad- 500080, O/O:"Air India Sats Airport Services Pvt Ltd", Rajivgandhi International Airport, Working As A "Junior Officer", At # Shamsabad, Hyderabad- 501218, 9553961140. .Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.3279764/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred And Sixty Four only)

Description of Property: HBSGDTF1604300010 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is T.JANAKI, T. RAVI KIRAN & T. SANDEEP, Mortgage deeded dated 28.04.2016 Registered as Document No 4204/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at IBRAHIMPATNAM All That The House Bearing D No. 5-13 Admeasuring 80 Sq Yards Or 66.89 Sq Mts Situated At Yacharam Gram Panchayat And Village Accounts, Yacharam Mandal, Rangareddy District, Ibrahimpatnam Sub District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Hyderabad To Nagarjuna Sagar Road. Towards West: Road. Towards North: Plot Of N. Yadagiri Reddy. Towards South: House Of G. Sathyanarayana.

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Place: Ranga reddy Date: 23.07.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer Shriram Finance Limited

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

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1) Rachakonda Vijaya Kumar, S/O: Rachakonda Pandu, Age: 32 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Plot No. 132, Siria Hills, Meerpet, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad, R R Dist, Pincode: 500059, B/O Propriort Of "New Look Hair Saloon And Spa Mudi Colour" At # Plot No. 40, Trl Township, Meerpet, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad, Pincode: 500059, 9948123892. 2) Rachakonda Pandu, S/O: Pantiaiah, Age: 56 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-69, Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Colony, Marchal(V), Kalwakurthy Mandal, Nagarkarnool, Pincode: 509320, B/O: "Hair Saloon", 8185880081. 3) Rachakonda Mahesh, S/O: Rachakonda Pandu, Age: 31 Years, Occ: Self Employee, Address-I/R/O: Plot No. 132, Siria Hills, Meerpet, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad, Pincode: 500059, Address-II: R/O:H.No.2-69, Laxmi Narasimha Swamy Colony, Marchal(V), Kalwakurthy(M), Nagarkarnool(C)-509320, B/O Propriort Of "New Look Hair Saloon And Spa Mudi Colour" At # Plot No. 40, Trl Township, Meerpet, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad, Pincode: 500059, Phone No. 9704403532. 4) Middala Chennaiah, S/O: Anjaiah M, Age: 41 Years, Occ:Self Employee, R/O/H No- 17-70, Plot No 125, Siria Hills, Meerpet, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad, R R Dist, Pincode: 500059, Phone No. 9885002588. .Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.2993236/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lacs Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six only)

Description of Property: HBSGDTF1904270001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is RACHAKONDA PANDU, Mortgage deeded dated 26.04.2019 Registered as Document No 4593/2019 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at KALWAKURTHY) All That The House Bearing No. 2-69, On Plot No. 30, In Survey No. 308, Admeasuring 163 Sq. Yards Or Equivalent To 136.92 Sq. Mtrs, Situated At Marchal Village And Gram Panchayath, Kalwakurthy Mandal, Nagakurnool District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No 5, (Present: Panugula Padmamma. Towards West: 24 Feet Road. Towards North: 20 Feet Wide Road, Towards South: Plot No. 29 (Present : House Of Simula Srinivas Reddy).

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1) Vijay Babu Goud Aneguni @ Alias A V Babu, S/O: Bala Sivudu Aneguni @ Alias Balashivudu, Age: 53 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: F No: 302, Ii Rd Floor, Kala Sanmiddi Apartment, Vasavi Colony, Rd No: 10, Kothapet, Near Ashta Lakshmi Temple, Hyderabad-500035, Address-II # 2-11, Kandukur, Gudoor, Rangareddy-501359, B/O: Proprietor Of "Vijaya Systems Electronic Weighing Scales Authorised Sales And Service Station", At # 5-4-183, Shop No.42, Twin City Marketcomplex, M J Marks, Hyderabad-500001, 9849040569, 933886666. 2) Saritha Aneguni, W/O:Vijay Babu Goud Aneguni, Age: 49 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: Address-I: F No: 302, Iii Rd Floor, Kala Sanmiddi Apartment, Vasavi Clny, Rd No: 10, Kothapet, Near Ashta Lakshmi Temple, Hyderabad-500035, Address-II # 2-11, Kandukur, Gudoor, Rangareddy-501359, 2707867527. 3) Venkanna Chamala @ Alias Venkanna, S/O: Chamala Satyanarayana @Alias Satyanarayan, Age: 45 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: Address-I: F No 307, 3rd Floor, Kailasniddi Apts, Vasavi Colony, Kothapet, Hyderabad-500035, Address-II # 2-56/B, Netaji Nagar, Opp Kotha Pet Fruit Market Lane, Kotha Pet, Saroor Nagar, Rangareddy-500035, B/O: Partner Of "Indus Hospital Medical Pharmacy", At # Opp Kothapet Fruit Market, Near Gaddannaram Municipality Office, Beside Salien Theater, Hyderabad, 7893997997.Barrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs.9011046/- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Eleven Thousand And Forty Six only)

Description of Property: LBNRTRF1609220003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is A VIJAY BABU GUD, Mortgage deeded dated 27.09.2016 Registered as Document No 5908/2016 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at MAHESHWARAM) All That The Piece And Parcel Of Agricultural Dry Land Bearing Survey No.179 Admeasuring Ac.0.20 Gunas, Situated At Kothur Village And Gram Panchayath, Kandukur Mandal, Maheshwarum Sub-District, Ranga Reddy District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Land Of Gowrejje, Towards West: Land Of Yadaiah, Towards North: Land Of Narasimha, Towards South: Land Of Ramiah.

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President Murmu discusses bilateral partnership with Romanian counterpart

President Droupadi Murmu and her Romanian counterpart Nicusor Dan on Thursday discussed major dimensions of India-Romania partnership as the former is on a state visit to the European state. "President Droupadi Murmu was warmly received by President Nicusor Dan of Romania at Cotroceni Palace in Bucharest. She was accorded a ceremonial welcome and guard of honour. The two leaders held productive and forward-looking discussions covering the major dimensions of our bilateral partnership. They also exchanged perspectives on regional and global developments, and on multilateral cooperation," the President's Secretariat wrote on social media platform X. Three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) for bilateral cooperation in the field of science and technology, sports and the establishment of a Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Bucharest were signed on the occasion. President Murmu arrived in Romania's capital Bucharest earlier in the day as part of her three-nation visit. This is the first State Visit by an Indian President to Romania in nearly three decades. Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, and Members of Parliament Dinesh Sharma and Vijay Baghel are accompanying the President in this visit. The President visited Cotroceni Palace, the official residence and office of the President of Romania. During one-to-one meeting and delegation-level talks, the two leaders held productive and forward-looking discussions covering all major dimensions of India-Romania bilateral partnership. They agreed to further deepen cooperation across areas of priority for the two countries. "The President said that India and Romania have shared a warm and enduring friendship for over seven decades, founded on mutual trust, respect and strong people-to-people ties. Over the years, our partnership has steadily grown stronger and is now entering a new phase marked by greater ambition, stronger co-operation and a shared vision for the future," stated the President's Secretariat. She also said that economic cooperation remains an important pillar of the India-Romania partnership. The two leaders agreed to promote trade and investment, strengthen resilient supply chains, and encourage closer collaboration between the business communities of our two countries. They also agreed to work towards doubling our bilateral trade over the next three years.

Bihar: Dead baby snake found in midday meal at Khagaria school

Patna, July 28 : Panic spread at Kanya Madhya Vidyalaya in Dhutauli Malpa village under Chautham block of Bihar's Khagaria district on Tuesday after a dead baby snake was allegedly found in the food served under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme. The incident triggered fear among students, with several children complaining of illness, while anxious parents and villagers rushed to the school after learning about it. As a precautionary measure, the affected students were immediately shifted to the Chautham Community Health Centre (CHC) for medical examination and treatment. The news spread rapidly, leading to a sudden influx of students at the hospital and creating a brief rush at the 30-40-bed facility. Although a female sterilisation camp was underway at the CHC, medical per-



sonnel prioritised the treatment of the schoolchildren. Additional doctors were called in to assist, and some students experiencing severe anxiety and weakness were administered intravenous (IV) fluids. Chautham CHC In-charge Anil Kumar said that, based on preliminary medical assessment, the incident did not appear to be a case of food poisoning. He explained that the discovery of the snake created panic among the children, leading many to experience dizziness, restlessness, headaches and weakness.

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Efforts on to place Andamans on global diving map

Sri Vijaya Puram, July 28 : The Andaman and Nicobar Administration is making concerted efforts to develop the archipelago into a global scuba diving destination. With this objective, a presentation was made before Admiral D.K. Joshi (Retd), Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, on exploring new dive sites and underwater attractions across the islands. "There were discussions on the development of artificial reefs, shipwreck dives and marine-themed installations at different locations such as North Bay, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep, Long Island and Aves Island. This will boost sustainable tourism, conservation of natural reefs and restoration of coral reefs,

while positioning the Andaman and Nicobar Islands prominently on the global diving map," an official said. Apart from administrative officials, representatives of local diving institutes were also present at the meeting. Crystal-clear turquoise waters, healthy coral reefs, diverse marine life and shipwrecks make the Andamans a dream destination for scuba diving enthusiasts. The diving institutes on the islands offer everything from relaxed reef dives to dramatic volcanic-wall dives. Divers can encounter manta rays, reef sharks, turtles and schools of colourful fish. The best part is that people need not be expert divers to experience underwater life in the Andamans. Even first-time divers can venture underwater under the guidance of experts after basic training. "Elephant Beach and The Wall at Havelock, the coral gardens of Neil Island and the remote underwater volcano at Barren Island are among the most sought-after diving destinations. With excellent visibility, warm waters and rich biodiversity.

At terrorism trial of assailant, Rushdie recalls being in 'expansive pool of blood'

New York, July 28 : Author Salman Rushdie has given a chilling account of the attack that felled him on a stage at a literary meeting and cost him his right eye. "It was an enormous and expansive lake of blood," he said while testifying on Tuesday at the federal terrorism trial of the assailant Hadi Matar. Rushdie narrated the chilling account of the blind fury he faced as stabbings rained on him. Knocked to the floor, he said, "I was on the stage, lying down, with an enormous pool of blood all around me". "I tried to get away, but he

was on top of me, stabbing away," he said. Matar, who was convicted in a New York State court of attempting to murder Rushdie in 2022, is now on trial at the federal court in Buffalo, charged with transnational terrorism. In the US legal system, there are separate state and federal laws, and a person can be tried separately under the two sets of laws for the same incident. Matar is serving a 25-year sentence that was handed him by the state court last year, and if he is convicted of the federal terrorism charges, he could face life in prison. A US citizen of Lebanese descent, Matar, 28, attacked Rushdie in an



attempt to carry out the fatwa issued by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989 demanding Rushdie's death because his novel, "Satanic Verses", was considered blasphemous, assistant federal prosecutor Timothy Lynch told the court on Wednesday when the trial began. After the fatwa was issued, Rushdie, a Booker Prize winner,

went underground with British government protection. A decade later, he emerged in public and lives in New York City, where he is a professor at a university. Rushdie, 79, was participating in a literary programme at the Chautauqua Institution, a literary and arts centre about 600 kilometres from the city.



India and UAE reaffirm commitment in ensuring safety, dignity of citizens

New Delhi, July 28 : India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring the safety, dignity and well-being of their citizens living in each other's countries during the 7th Meeting of the India-UAE Joint Committee on Consular Affairs (JCCA). The meeting was held in New

Delhi and was co-chaired by Sripriya Ranganathan, Secretary (CPV & OIA) and Omar Obaid Mohammed Alhesan Alshamsi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Thursday. The JCCA meeting was preceded by technical-level discussions be-

tween the two sides on consular issues, labour and mobility-related issues and extradition and mutual legal assistance. According to the MEA, a separate meeting took place between the two sides to work towards integrating India's DigiLocker with the UAE platforms for seamless authentication of Indian academic degrees/documents, which will benefit Indian professionals working in the UAE and facilitate greater economic and educational opportunities. "India and the UAE enjoy warm and cordial relations that cover all facets of bilateral cooperation, including in the economic, political, defence, technology, cultural, and energy domains, and are anchored in the strong people-to-people ties underpinned by the 4.5 million-strong Indian community in the UAE.

Ghazipur POCSO case: Man sentenced to 12 years for raping minor, fined Rs 25,000



Ghazipur, July 28 : A district court in Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur on Tuesday sentenced a man convicted under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act to 12 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 25,000. The judgment was delivered by POCSO Court Judge Ram Avtar Prasad, who found the accused, Sikandar Rajbhar, guilty of sexually assaulting a minor. Assistant Government Advocate Ram Kumar Rai said that Sikandar Rajbhar, a resident of a village in the Kasimabad police station area.

'Words have consequences': Israeli FM blames NYC Mayor Mamdani after stabbing attack

Jerusalem/New York, July 28 : Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar on Tuesday strongly condemned the stabbing of two men in New York City, describing it as a "horrific antisemitic" attack and accusing New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani of contributing to an environment in which Jews are being targeted. In a post on X, Saar expressed outrage over the incident and linked the attack to what he described as months of incitement against Israel. "I am appalled by the horrific antisemitic stabbing attack in New York. Appalled but sadly not surprised. This violence did not happen in a vacuum. Months of incitement against the Jewish state from Mamdani have helped create a climate in which Jews are targeted," Saar wrote. The Israeli Foreign Minister further said, "Words have consequences." Calling for immediate action from the New York City mayor, Saar added, "Mamdani must end the incitement, confront antisemitism with resolve, and act now to protect the city's Jewish community."





Australia imposes sanctions on Israeli settlers in West Bank

Canberra, July 28 : The Australian government on Tuesday imposed sanctions on three Israeli individuals and four entities in response to escalating settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. Announcing the sanctions in a statement, Penny Wong, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, said settler violence against Palestinians in the West Bank undermines Israel's security and its standing in the world. According to Wong, the individuals and entities will be subjected to financial sanctions, making it illegal for Australians to give them money or assets, and the individuals will be banned from entering

Australia, reports Xinhua news agency. "For the first time, designated entities now include farming outposts that serve as hubs for settler violence," Wong said. "Settler violence is used to displace Palestinians and perpetuate the settlement enterprise, through destruction of property, displacement of families, beatings, sexual assault, and torture, resulting in serious injuries and deaths," she added. Wong said that Australia coordinated with partners, including New Zealand, in imposing the sanctions and that the measures reflect Australia's commitment to the security and future of Israel and Palestine.

India and Belarus continue work on enhancing bilateral cooperation

Bishkek, July 28: Union Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, held a meeting with Belarus' Minister of Foreign Affairs, Maxim Ryzhenkov, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Kyrgyzstan's Cholpon Ata on Tuesday. During the meeting, the two ministers reviewed the progress in bilateral cooperation and also spoke about regional and global issues of interest. "Delighted to meet H.E. Mr. Maxim Ryzhenkov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus on the sidelines of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting."



Lebanese lawmakers urge UN to renew UNIFIL mandate

Beirut, July 28 : A delegation of Lebanese lawmakers on Tuesday delivered a letter signed by 86 parliament members to UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Jean Arnault, urging the renewal and continued presence of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Lebanon's official National News Agency (NNA) reported. The letter was handed to Arnault in Beirut as part of a parliamentary initiative supporting UNIFIL's mission. According to the NNA, the lawmakers said the broad cross-

party support reflects a national consensus on the importance of maintaining UNIFIL's presence in southern Lebanon, citing its role in preserving security and stability, monitoring the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1701, and helping prevent further escalation. The delegation argued that the conditions that led to the establishment of UNIFIL remain in place due to continuing violations and the fragile security situation, Xinhua News Agency reported. They said the peacekeeping force should retain its full operational

mandate, especially during what they described as a critical period for Lebanon and the wider region. The lawmakers also stressed that UNIFIL's role extends beyond maintaining security, saying it would be essential in supporting the implementation of future arrangements, conducting demining and unexploded ordnance clearance, monitoring compliance, and assisting the Lebanese Armed Forces and state institutions in extending government authority across the country's territory. They warned that reducing or end-

MoS Margherita meets Foreign Minister of Ecuador, discusses strengthening bilateral ties

Quito, July 28 : Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita met Gabriela Sommerfeld, Ecuador's Minister of Foreign and Human Mobility Affairs, during his official visit to the Latin American country. Both sides explored opportu-

nities to deepen cooperation in political, trade, pharmaceuticals, training and capacity building, as well as other areas of shared interest. During the meeting the two leaders signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between the diplomatic training institutions of India and Ec-

uador. "Had a fruitful meeting with Gabriela Sommerfeld, Minister of Foreign and Human Mobility Affairs of Ecuador. Discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations, including in political, trade, pharmaceuticals, training and capacity building and other areas of mutual priori-

ties. Signed an MoU on cooperation between our diplomatic training institutions," Margherita posted on X on Tuesday. On Tuesday, the MoS and Foreign Minister Gabriela Sommerfeld jointly inaugurated the resident Embassy of India in Ecuador's capital Quito, under-

scoring India's commitment to strengthening its partnership with Ecuador. Taking to X, Margherita wrote, "Honoured and delighted to jointly inaugurate the resident Embassy of India in Quito with Gabriela Sommerfeld, Foreign Minister of Ecuador.



US senator questions Nvidia's China claims

Washington, July 28 : A senior US senator has questioned whether Nvidia's advanced artificial intelligence chips are continuing to reach China despite American export restrictions, citing a series of criminal cases that allegedly involved the diversion of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of the company's technology. Senator Elizabeth Warren, the top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, said recent Justice Department cases raise "urgent questions" about Nvidia's compliance with US export-control laws, the oversight exercised by its board of directors and the potential risks to US national security. In a letter sent Tuesday to Nvidia Executive Vice President and General Counsel Tim Teter and Audit Committee Chair Brooke Seawell, Warren requested information about the company's compliance practices and the accuracy of its public statements regarding the diversion of advanced AI chips to China. The Massachusetts Democrat pointed to multiple enforcement actions brought by the US Department of Justice. According to her

letter, those cases allege schemes involving the unlawful diversion of Nvidia products, including millions of dollars in graphics processing units routed to China through Malaysia and Thailand, exports and attempted exports of \$160 million in H100 and H200 chips, and \$510 million in diverted servers. Warren argued that the allegations undermine statements made by Nvidia Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang, who has publicly said there was "no evidence of any AI chip diversion" and that Nvidia's market share in China had "dropped to zero." "These recent indictments and allegations raise urgent questions about whether NVIDIA's Board of Directors is exercising meaningful oversight over the company's compliance with export controls—and about the risk posed to investors and our national security," Warren wrote. The senator said federal regulations prohibit unlicensed exports of advanced AI chips to embargoed countries, including China, and require companies to exercise heightened diligence when prod-

ucts face a risk of diversion or misuse. She cited government guidance warning exporters to investigate "red flags" that could indicate an inappropriate end user, destination or use. Among the cases cited by Warren was a March 2026 indictment involving three individuals linked to Super Micro Computer, commonly known as Supermicro. Prosecutors alleged they conspired to export more than \$510 million worth of servers loaded with restricted Nvidia products to China. Warren noted that Nvidia continues to list Supermicro in its partner network and that the server maker recently said it continues to expand its partnership with Nvidia. The letter also referenced reports suggesting that several Nvidia cloud partners in Southeast Asia may have been linked to the diversion of export-controlled AI chips. Warren pointed specifically to reports alleging that Nvidia chips were routed to Chinese technology giant Alibaba through a Thailand-based company.



EU Council agrees position on amendment to European climate law

Brussels, July 28 : The Council of the European Union (EU) announced that member states had reached an agreement on amending the European climate law and approved updated 2035 emission-reduction targets for the EU and member states. According to the document, the Council maintained the European Commission's proposal for an intermediate climate target for 2040 of a 90 per cent reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions compared to 1990 levels, Xinhua news agency reported.

The document sets out the Council's position for subsequent negotiations with the European Parliament that will shape the final text of the legislation. It clarifies some areas of flexibility included in the Commission's proposal and introduces a biennial assessment to track progress towards intermediate targets. On the same day, the Council also approved an updated nationally determined contribution of the EU and member states, which will be submitted ahead of COP30 in Brazil.

Two killed in house fire in Japan's Aichi prefecture

Tokyo, July 28 : A fire broke out early on Tuesday in Japan's Seto City, Aichi Prefecture, destroying two residential buildings and leaving two confirmed dead, local media reported. The fire was reported around 2.30 a.m. local time by a neighbour who alerted the police about a house engulfed in flames, Xinhua news agency reported quoting the public broadcaster NHK. Firefighters dispatched 14 fire trucks to the scene and managed to extinguish the blaze after more than four hours. According to police and fire officials, the fire destroyed two adjacent two-story wooden houses. Two bodies were discovered in the remains of one of the homes. The house was believed to be occupied by a family of five, and authorities are working to confirm the identities of the dead.



US touts military dominance after Iran rescue

Washington, July 28 : The operation to rescue fighter pilots projected military dominance, with top officials asserting that it demonstrated unmatched capability and warning adversar-

ies of America's reach. Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said the mission showed why the US has "the greatest fighting force the world has ever known."

UP Cong leaders seek political accountability on paper leak issue after PM Modi's address

Lucknow, July 28 : Uttar Pradesh Congress leaders on Tuesday intensified their attack on the Centre over the alleged examination paper leak issue, questioning why Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has not been asked to resign and alleging that students protesting over the controversy were being subjected to police action. Speaking in Lucknow, Congress leader Akhilesh Pratap Singh said the government's response to repeated paper leak

incidents had been inadequate and accused it of failing to address systemic flaws in the country's examination process. "These are all excuses. Examination papers have been leaking for more than five years. Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly raised the issue, saying that there are serious flaws in our education system, examination system, and the overall process, and that these need to be fixed. Why hasn't the government addressed these problems?" Singh told IANS. He further alleged that those re-



sponsible for the leaks had not been held accountable. "It is their own people who are responsible for the paper leaks. Why hasn't the minister been asked to resign?" he asked. Referring to the ongoing protests by students, Singh claimed that demonstrators and Opposition leaders were facing repression. "Students protesting are being subjected to brutal baton charges, and the entire Oppo-

sition is being harassed for raising these issues. Parliament is not being allowed to function properly whenever the Opposition seeks to press its demands," he alleged. Echoing similar concerns, Uttar Pradesh Congress President Ajay Rai accused the government of attempting to divert attention from larger issues by suppressing student protests. "It is extremely unfortunate. To divert attention from the issues of donation theft and fund misappropriation, they are completely suppressing the voices of children today. They are beating them with batons and humiliating them," Rai said.

Manoj Kumar Agarwal's term as Bengal CS extended by six months

Kolkata, July 28 : The Union government has approved the proposal from the West Bengal government for extension of the tenure of the state's Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Agarwal for six months. A notification on this count had been issued by the State Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department on Tuesday evening, notifying Agarwal's extension as the State Chief Secretary for six months. According to the notification, Agarwal will continue as Chief Secretary for a



total of six months from August 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027. On July 23, a letter was sent to the State Secretariat Nabanna from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) under the Union Ministry of Personnel.



Mathura couple fulfils dream of owning house through PMAY

Mathura, July 28 : The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), a flagship initiative of the Central government, aims to provide affordable housing for all under the vision of 'Housing for All.' The scheme was launched to help low-income families realise the dream of owning a brick and mortar home, transforming the lives of many, including Saraswati Dasi and her husband, Astik Das, residents of Radhakund in Mathura. The couple has thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this initiative. For Saraswati and Astik, the scheme has brought significant change as they now live in a pucca house. Saraswati Dasi shared, "We are getting a major benefit from it. Earlier, we had just one room, but now we have more rooms. We did not have a kitchen but now we have our own kitchen in which we make our food. It's a really good initiative for poor people like us. PM Modi has done a wonderful job in this." Astik Das added, "We used to live in a rented house, and it was really difficult. Now, thanks to PMAY, we have our own home. I hope many more poor families like ours will benefit from this initiative."

India wins global award for social security steps

New Delhi, July 28 : India has been honoured with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024, presented by Dr Mohammed Azman, President of ISSA, at the Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the Union Ministry for Labour and Employment announced on Tuesday. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) received five Certificates of Merit for Communication channels, E-proceedings: A case on the use of information and communication technology in justice delivery, Massive district outreach programme (Nidhi Apke Nikat), Multilingual call centres and Prayaas initiative. The awards were received by Ashok Kumar Singh, DG, ESIC on behalf of EPFO.



Bengal govt directs all state-run, aided colleges, universities to submit audit reports in 30 days

Kolkata, July 28 : The West Bengal Education Department on Tuesday directed all state-run and government-aided colleges and universities in the state to submit their audit reports within the next 30 days. The authorities of such colleges and universities, which do not have an elected students' union, have been asked to immediately stop charging "students' union fees" from students. "Currently, there is no elected student union in any higher educational institution in the state. According to the rules, if there is no elected students' union in any state-run or state-union college or university, no funds or fees can be collected from the students as the 'student union fee'. But exactly this had been going on in all such colleges and universities for so long. Therefore, all state-run and state-aided colleges and universities have been instructed to immediately stop collecting 'student union fee', till the time elected students' unions are there," said a state education department of-

ficial who refused to be named. At the same time, he added, the authorities of such colleges and universities have been asked to mention in their respective audit reports the funds collected by them as "students' union fees" during the period when elected students' unions were not there and under which title the funds were spent. It is learnt that the state education department has also cautioned the authorities of such colleges and universities about disciplinary action as per rules, in case the audit reports are not submitted within 30 days. Academic circles believe that once these audit reports are filed and, subsequently compiled, there is a possibility of unearthing a financial scam in the education system in the state, which was severely tarnished during the previous Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress regime following the multi-crore cash-for-school-job case. Since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in West Bengal led by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari took charge,



the focus has been on cleaning up the state's education system. In the school education sector, similar reforms were initiated by the new state government earlier this month, when the state school education department announced new rules for elections of governing body members to free such bodies of political influence. As per a blueprint worked out by the state school education department, all the governing body members will be inducted on an "election-basis" and not on a "selection-basis," which was practised during the previous Trinamool Congress regime. The only exception will be for the post of governing body secretary, who by default is the headmaster or headmistress of the school concerned.



Bengal: BSF jawan opens fire in Malda camp, kills two colleagues

Kolkata, July 28 : A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan on Tuesday entered the BSF camp in Baishnabnagar in Malda district and opened fire indiscriminately, killing two fellow jawans. The accused has been arrested following the shocking incident. According to BSF sources, two soldiers lost their lives while another person was seriously injured. Sources said the accused jawan had earlier been accused of firing at his colleagues a year ago and was punished under BSF law. That punishment expired a few days ago, after which the latest incident occurred. The headquarters of the 119th and 71st battalions of the BSF are located in Bidhannagar, Malda. On Tuesday afternoon, Shivam Mishra allegedly fired at his colleagues there. He is a resident of Chhattisgarh. The deceased have been identified as Ajay Kumar Singh, 51, from the Manjhi area of Chhapra district in Bihar, and Ambadar Suresh Dargu, 37, from Gadchiroli in Maharashtra. The injured jawan, Vikas Brahm, 44, from Mohanda village under Polba Police Station in Hooghly district.

BJP's Hitesh Jain seeks probe into Rahul Gandhi's alleged links with OCCRP

Mumbai, July 28 : Maharashtra BJP leader Hitesh Jain has called for an investigation into the alleged connections of opposition leaders, including Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, with the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP). The OCCRP, reportedly funded by billionaire investor George Soros' Open Society Foundation, has often been a centre of controversy in India. Jain accused Rahul Gandhi and his political allies of leveraging OCCRP reports to tarnish India's image and disrupt parliamentary proceedings. "George Soros funds the Open Society Foundation, which, in turn, supports OCCRP."



Bihar cadre IAS officer appointed Private Secy to Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

New Delhi, July 28 : The Centre on Tuesday approved the appointment of Bihar cadre IAS officer Prashanth Kumar as the Private Secretary to the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav. The order issued by the Centre's Department of Personnel said that the appointment

"at the level of Deputy Secretary is for a period of five years with effect from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or on co-terminus basis with the Minister or till he ceases to function."



India reaffirms commitment to WTO-consistent trade regime

New Delhi, July 28 : India reaffirmed its commitment to an open, transparent and WTO-consistent multilateral trade regime at the country's Eighth Trade Policy Review (TPR), which concluded on Tuesday at the World Trade Organization in Geneva. In his closing statement to the WTO Membership, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal highlighted India's commitment to an open, transparent and predictable trade and investment regime.



Delhi CM Gupta holds talks with German delegation on urban development, technology cooperation

New Delhi, July 28 : Delhi Chief Minister, Rekha Gupta, held discussions with Mario Voigt, Minister-President of the German state of Thuringia, and a high-level delegation at the Delhi Secretariat, focussing on expanding cooperation across key areas, including urban development, technology, governance and skill development.

During the meeting, both sides explored opportunities for collaboration in smart urban development, sustainable infrastructure, digital governance and innovation-driven public services. The discussions also covered mobility solutions, water management.



Adani Portfolio delivers highest annual capex by any Indian corporate at Rs 1,52,967 crore in FY26

Ahmedabad, July 28 : Adani Portfolio on Tuesday announced it has delivered the highest annual capex by any Indian corporate at Rs 1,52,967 crore (\$16.1 billion) in FY26, with asset base now standing at Rs 7,85,098 crore (\$82.2 billion), reflecting accelerated investment cycle. EBITDA for FY26 reached an all-time high of Rs 94,834 crore

(\$10 billion), up 5.6 per cent year-on-year -- with core infrastructure contributing 87 per cent of earnings. Nearly 80 per cent of investments were directed towards core infrastructure platforms spanning energy, utilities, transport and logistics, according to India's leading infrastructure and utilities portfolio.

EU slaps \$1 billion fine on Google for violating digital competition rules

New Delhi, July 28 : The European Commission on Tuesday fined Google a combined 890 million euros (\$1 billion) for violating the bloc's digital competition rules, with regulators accusing the technology giant of favouring its own services and restricting competition in its app ecosystem. The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, imposed a 460 million euros penalty over Google's search-related practices and another 430-million euro fine linked to its Google Play app store rules. Google is required to comply with the Commission's decisions within 60 days, otherwise it risks periodic penalty payments of up to 5 per cent of its total worldwide turnover. The Commission said in a statement that it found that Google gives preferential treatment to its own services, including shopping, hotels, transport and sports results, over those of third parties in Google Search, thereby breaching its obligations under the DMA. "Google has fallen short of effective compliance with the Digital Markets Act, and today we have taken decisive yet balanced enforcement action sanctioning these breaches. The best products should succeed because they're better, not because they're owned by the company running the search engine," said

Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice-President for Clean, Just and Competitive Transition. Under the DMA, app developers that distribute their apps via Google Play should be able to inform customers -- free of charge -- of alternative, often cheaper, offers, and to direct them to those offers to make purchases, for example on websites or alternative app stores.



The Commission found that Google failed to comply with that obligation. "In particular, Google prevents app developers from freely communicating and promoting offers and concluding contracts with users in distribution channels of their choice, including third-party app stores," the statement said.

Textile, apparel industry to create 14 million jobs over next decade: Report

New Delhi, July 28 : India's textile and apparel industry will require 14 million additional skilled workers over the coming decade to fully capitalise on emerging domestic and global opportunities, a report said on Tuesday citing industry estimates.

India's textile and apparel sector currently provides employment to nearly 46 million people. Government and industry projections estimate that employment could rise to around 60 million by 2030, industry leaders and policymakers said at a workshop organised by the Apparel, Made-Ups & Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC).

India's apparel market is projected to reach \$130-150 billion by 2030, growing at a 10-12 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR), the statement said. The surge is driven by consumers increasingly seeking different-



ated products across multiple occasions and placing greater emphasis on fashion trends and value. The event brought together industry leaders, exporters, manufacturers, training partners and policymakers to deliberate on the future skill requirements of India's rapidly evolving textile and apparel ecosystem. Manisha Sensarma, Senior Economic Advisor.

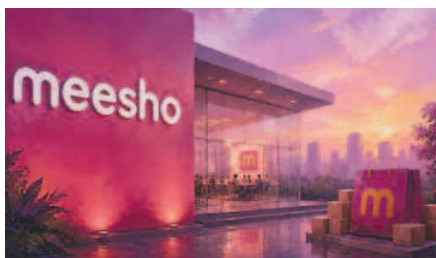


Microsoft to offer in-country Copilot data processing in India by 2026-end

New Delhi, July 28 : US tech giant Microsoft announced on Tuesday that it will provide in-country processing for Microsoft 365 Copilot interactions in four countries including India by the end of CY2025. Further, Microsoft will expand this option to eleven more countries, the release said, adding that in-country data processing for Microsoft 365 Copilot interactions, will enhance customer control over AI data. Further in-country data processing can also improve performance by reducing latency, delivering an even more responsive Copilot experience, the company said. By the end of 2025, customers in Australia, the United Kingdom, India, and Japan will have the option for Copilot interactions to be processed within their national borders. In 2026, the capability will expand to Canada, Germany, Italy, Malaysia, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.

Meesho Q1 results: Net loss stands at Rs 132.8 crore

Mumbai, July 28 : E-commerce company Meesho Limited on Tuesday reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 132.8 crore for the first quarter of FY27, while its revenue rose 48.3 per cent year-on-year, driven by strong growth in orders and transacting users. The company posted a net loss of Rs 132.8 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, compared with a loss of Rs 289.3 crore in the corresponding period last fiscal (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. Revenue from operations increased to Rs 3,713 crore from Rs 2,504 crore a year earlier, it added in its filing. "AI is becoming foundational across every layer of our business, from product discovery and seller growth to logistics and engineering," Dhiresb Bansal, Chief Financial Officer at Meesho, said.



Pakistan failed to convert CPEC investments into sustained economic growth : Analysis

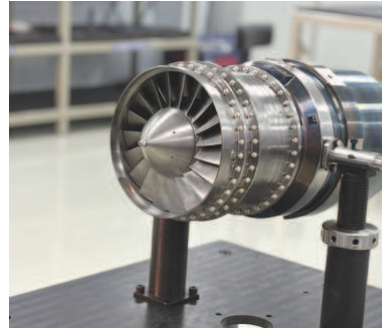
New Delhi, July 28 : Pakistan's inability to translate massive infrastructure investments under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) into sustained industrial growth and economic competitiveness has emerged as the project's biggest shortcoming, according to a new analysis. The report cited by Business Recorder argues that the debate surrounding CPEC has become polarized, with one side describing it as a transformational success that modernised Pakistan's infrastructure and the other blaming it for many of the country's economic problems. However, it says both narratives overlook the central issue -- the country's failure to develop the complementary policies and institutions needed to maximise the benefits of the investment. With an investment envelope of nearly \$62 billion, CPEC



enabled Pakistan to build roads, power plants, electricity transmission systems and develop Gwadar Port. Despite these investments, the country continues to grapple with rising electricity tariffs, mounting circular debt, weak industrial competitiveness and an underutilised Gwadar Port, the report mentioned. According to the analysis, the problem was not a lack of investment but shortcomings in planning and execution. The power sector is cited as the clearest example. While Pakistan rapidly expanded electricity generation capacity to address chronic power shortages, reforms in transmission, distribution.

DRDO develops indigenous 350 kg thrust turbojet engine

New Delhi, July 28 : India on Tuesday achieved a major milestone in indigenous aero-engine technology with the successful development of the country's first expendable turbojet engine in the 350 kg thrust class, designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE). According to the Ministry of Defence, the engine was successfully realised and delivered to GTRE by Hyderabad-based Azad Engineering on July 22, marking a significant step forward in India's efforts to strengthen self-reliance in advanced aerospace and defence technologies.



Uber invests in ONDC to strengthen India's digital infrastructure push



New Delhi, July 28 : Ride-hailing platform Uber on Tuesday announced a strategic investment in the Open Network for Digital Com-

merce (ONDC), which is one of the earliest investments by a global technology company in India's open digital commerce network. The company said the investment deepens its commitment to India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) ecosystem and reflects its long-term strategy of building mobility and logistics services through open and interoperable networks. The investment builds on Uber's existing partnership with ONDC and

follows the company's earlier integration with the network. As part of the expanded collaboration, Uber said it will work closely with ONDC to increase access to multimodal transportation solutions.

Infosys announces Ashiss Kumar Dash as CEO-Designate, Salil Parekh to step down after 9 years

Bengaluru, July 28 : IT bellwether Infosys on Tuesday announced that its CEO and Managing Director Salil Parekh will step down from his role after nine years at the helm, as the company appointed Ashiss Kumar Dash as CEO-Designate. The company said Parekh will step down effective from April 1, 2027. Parekh, who joined Infosys in Janu-



ary 2018, is the longest-serving non-founder CEO in the company's history. His current five-year term was

scheduled to end on March 31, 2027. "The Board is delighted to appoint Dash as CEO-designate.



Gujarat introduces 'Universal Affidavit' to end multiple documentation requirements for citizens

Gandhinagar, July 28 : The Gujarat government on Tuesday introduced a statewide "Universal Affidavit" that will be accepted across government offices and service centres, bringing an end to the requirement for citizens to sub-

mit different affidavits with varying formats while applying for public services, certificates and government schemes. The decision was announced by the Law Department as part of an administrative reform aimed at simplifying access to government

services and reducing procedural delays. The move has been taken under the state government's efforts to make citizen services more accessible, transparent and uniform. According to the government, the new Universal Affidavit will be applicable in all cases where an affidavit is required under existing laws or rules but no specific format has been prescribed. In such instances, a single standardised affidavit format will now be recognised and accepted throughout Gujarat. Until now, applicants seeking various citizen-centric services, certificates and benefits under different government schemes often had to submit affidavits drafted in different formats depending on the department concerned. The government noted that these variations in documentation created unnecessary complexity, consumed citizens' time and fre-

quently resulted in delays in administrative processes. To address these issues, the Law Department has issued a standardised format for the Universal Affidavit, which will be mandatorily accepted by all government offices, service centres and authorities operating at the district, taluka, rural and urban levels across the state. The government said, "Henceforth, for services where an affidavit is required under law or rules but no specific format has been prescribed, this single standard format will be accepted across the entire state." The reform will also extend to digital service delivery platforms. The Universal Affidavit will be implemented on the Digital Gujarat portal as well as at Jan Seva Kendras.



US, India launch joint drug policy working group

Washington, July 28 : The United States and India have launched a new joint mechanism to strengthen cooperation against drug trafficking and narco-terrorism, officials said. The inaugural meeting of the US-India Drug Policy Executive Working Group was held in Washington, according to a White House statement issued Tuesday. Sara Carter, Director of the Office of National Drug Control

Policy, opened the meeting. She said President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi share a commitment to stronger security cooperation and the eradication of narco-terrorism. "The drug crisis is now a core national security priority," Carter said. "This Executive Working Group leverages the bilateral partnership to protect families while also supporting legitimate industries."



Human sale remains dark blot on Pakistan's conscience: Report

Islamabad, July 28 : The recent detention of a former Elite Force officer, who is believed to have been involved in the 2023 Greek boat capsizing incident, showcases Pakistan government's laidback approach to human trafficking, a report has stated. "Human sale is a dark blot on Pakistan's conscience. Although global collaborations have attempted to end the scourge, our lawmakers' efforts remain a let-down. Thousands of Pakistanis are traded annually, yet the conviction rate refuses to improve. Recently, the FIA arrested seven suspects in fake visas, visa fraud and human trafficking cases from Lahore, Sialkot, Multan and Bahawalpur," an editorial in Pakistan's leading daily Dawn mentioned. "Separately, the agency has detained a most-wanted human trafficker.

Nepal: PM Balendra Shah's advisor met NSA Doval in Delhi, claims local media

Kathmandu, July 28 : Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah reportedly sent his Chief Advisor, Kumar Byanjankar (Ben), to New Delhi earlier this month where he met India's National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, the local media in Kathmandu reported on Tuesday. Byanjankar has been Prime Minister Shah's most trusted advisor since Shah served as the Mayor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City. Local news portal Setopati.com, citing a senior Foreign Ministry source, claimed that

Byanjankar met NSA Doval in New Delhi during the first week of July. However, Nepal's Foreign Ministry has not been formally informed about his visit to the Indian capital. According to the report, Rabi Lamichhane, President of the ruling Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), was aware of Ben's confidential visit to New Delhi. When some senior party leaders inquired about the meeting, Lamichhane reportedly told them that Byanjankar had informed him before leaving for Delhi.



Trump says future maritime damages will be paid by US-controlled Iranian assets

Washington, July 28 : US President Donald Trump said that any future damages to ships, cargo or related property will be paid using Iranian funds held under US control. "Please let this statement serve to represent, until further notice, that from this point forth, any and all damages done to Ships, Cargo, or anything related thereto, will be paid for by Iranian Money that the United States has in its

possession, and controls," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "These damages may be very substantial but, nevertheless, this is the fair and equitable thing to do," Trump wrote. The US president did not specify what types of incidents would qualify for cases to use Iranian assets, Xinhua news agency reported. The remarks came as the United States continued airstrikes against Iran amid heightened tensions in the Middle East. Earlier, Trump has

said that Iran was "not ready to make a deal" over its nuclear programme despite suffering heavy military pressure, asserting that Tehran continued to change its negotiating position even as the United States remained determined to prevent it from acquiring a nuclear weapon. Paying tribute to four American service members killed in the conflict with Iran, Trump, at a campaign-style rally in Georgia on Wednesday (local time), defended his administration's military and diplomatic approach towards Tehran while portraying the confrontation as part of a broader effort to restore American strength abroad. "The stock market has set -- and that's what this skirmish we have going on. I call it a skirmish. This is what this skirmish we have with the Islamic Republic of Iran," Trump said. "This is despite this, it's going on. The stock market has hit 73 all-time highs since the election," he added, linking the military confrontation with what he described as continued economic confidence in the United States.

India, UN chief call for reforming UNSC urgently; Guterres says rule of law being 'replaced' by law of jungle

United Nations, July 28 : India and Secretary-General Antonio Guterres have called for urgently reforming the Security Council in the face of dire challenges to the world organisation. India's Permanent Representative P. Harish on Tuesday said the reform must add permanent members to make the international rule of law effective when the world organisation "at its core is under strain".

"Paralysis and lack of effectiveness in tackling conflicts remain a significant shortcoming" testing the UN's credibility, he said at the Council's high-level open debate on "Reaffirming International Rule of Law". "For multilateralism and international rule of law to remain effective and credible, global governance structures must evolve to reflect contemporary realities," he said. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who warned that "around the world.



Mizoram Guv launches 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' to promote soil health and sustainable farming

Aizawl, July 28 : Mizoram Governor General (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd) on Tuesday launched the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan', a nationwide initiative of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare aimed at preventing soil degradation through balanced

fertiliser use based on soil testing and the promotion of natural farming practices. The campaign seeks to enhance soil health, improve agricultural productivity, and encourage sustainable farming by reducing the excessive and indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers. Addressing a gathering at Lok Bhavan, Aizawl, the Governor expressed concern over the excessive use of chemical

fertilisers and pesticides in pursuit of higher crop yields, which he said has adversely affected agricultural land and human health. He emphasised the urgent need to actively protect and preserve the state's farmland.



UN alarmed by US rhetoric threatening attacks on Iranian power plants, bridges: Spokesperson

United Nations, July 28 : The United Nations is alarmed by the US rhetoric that threatens attacks on Iran's power plants and bridges, a UN spokesperson said. "We were alarmed by the rhetoric seen in that social media post that threatened American attacks on power plants, bridges, and other infrastructure should Iran not agree to a deal," Stephane Dujarric, chief spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said at a daily briefing.

MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh to represent India at Myanmar President's inauguration ceremony

New Delhi, July 28 : Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh will visit Myanmar to attend the inauguration ceremony of country's new President, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, in Nay Pyi Taw on April 10. Singh will be on a four-day visit to Myanmar from April 8-11 at the invitation of Myanmar government, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated on Tuesday.

"During his visit, Shri Singh is also expected to meet with concerned GoM dignitaries in Nay Pyi Taw, attend bilateral engagements related to ongoing trade, economic and developmental assistance initiatives, and interact with members of the Indian diaspora and Friends of India in Yangon," read a statement issued by the MEA. Min Aung Hlaing was elected as the country's President on April 3 after he secured more votes among the three nominees. Hlaing's two Vice Presidents

are former military-appointed Prime Minister Nyo Saw, a long-time loyalist, and Nan Ni Ni Aye, the Karen State chair of the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP), The Irrawaddy reported. In the days leading up to his election, Min Aung Hlaing stepped down as Commander-in-Chief and appointed General Ye Win Oo to the post. Min Aung Hlaing has ruled Myanmar since 2021. Elections were held in the country in December 2025 and January 2026

in which the USDP secured a win in the elections. Last August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Min Aung Hlaing, Myanmar's State Security and Peace Commission Chairman, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in China's Tianjin and reviewed bilateral ties. PM Modi reiterated India's readiness to support the developmental needs of Myanmar. He noted that India attaches importance to its ties with Myanmar as part of its Neighbourhood First,



Act East, and Indo-Pacific policies. Prime Minister Modi had also underlined that India supports a Myanmar-led and Myanmar-owned peace process, for which

peaceful dialogue and consultation are the only way forward. The two leaders had also last met on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok last April.



Punjab Cabinet amends election rules to strengthen machinery

Chandigarh, July 28 : The Punjab Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on Tuesday took a step to strengthen the state's election machinery ahead of the forthcoming legislative Assembly elections by approving an amendment to the service rules of the Election Department. The decision removes long-pending administrative bottlenecks, facilitates a smooth, hassle-free Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, and paves the way to fill crucial vacancies to ensure adequate manpower for election-related work. The Cabinet also approved the Annual Administrative Report of the Department of Water Resources for 2025-26.

Punjab: Akali Dal chief slams Delhi L-G for imposing NSA

Chandigarh, July 28 : Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal on Tuesday condemned Delhi Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu's decision to impose preventive detention under the National Security Act (NSA) for three months in the national capital. Talking to the media while inspecting the Dhussi bandh in the Sultanpur Lodhi constituency, Badal said, "This is no way to deal with a peaceful movement. Protesting students are our children and not terrorists. I appeal to the Lt Governor to withdraw this order immediately. Imposing the NSA is not the answer to the student protest. Showing empathy is. Let us win their hearts with love and shun confrontation." Asserting that the Centre should work to make systematic improvements in national testing organisations, Badal said students were anguished that national-level tests were rigged against them and that unscrupulous persons were selected at the cost of meritorious students. He warned that suppressing this sentiment by imposing NSA would result in long im-



prisonments and destroy the careers of students. Interacting with farmers, he said he was shocked that despite large-scale destruction due to floods last year, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government had not undertaken flood protection works. "Concrete has not been poured at weak spots in the embankments. The roads in the constituencies are in poor shape," he said. Farmers told the SAD President that even as no flood protection works had been undertaken this year, the AAP government had not paid them compensation for losses

they faced in last year's floods. He assured farmers that the party would assist them in conducting flood protection works and would also provide diesel and wire gabions wherever needed. Badal came down heavily on Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for brutalising women safai sewaks in Barnala. He said the shameful treatment meted out to women safai sewaks proved that CM Mann was not only running a police state but also presiding over a "goonda raj."



Odisha to emerge as gateway of eastern India in maritime trade sector : CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar, July 28 : Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday inaugurated the historic Bali Jatra festival in Cuttack, stating that the state government is making concerted efforts to ensure that Odisha emerges as the gateway of Eastern India in the maritime trade sector in the coming days. The Chief Minister announced that the state government's financial support for organising the historic festival has been enhanced from Rs 2 crore to Rs 10 crore from this year. "Odisha will emerge as the gateway of maritime trade in Eastern India," the Chief Minister said.

BJP calls Rahul Gandhi 'traitor', accuses him of colluding with foreign forces 'destabilising India'

New Delhi, July 28 : BJP National Spokesperson Sambit Patra on Tuesday launched a blistering attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of colluding with foreign forces to "destabilise India" and called him a "traitor." Patra, while addressing a press conference at the BJP headquarters, alleged his involvement in a "dangerous triangle" with US businessman and investor George Soros and the Organized Crime and Corrup-

tion Reporting Project (OCCRP). The remarks came after BJP leaders raised concerns in Parliament over alleged foreign interference, with Lok Sabha MP Nishikant Dubey accusing the Congress and the party's Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi expressing grave concerns. The issue led to disruptions in both Houses. Patra highlighted revelations from the French newspaper Mediapart, calling them "extremely grave." He claimed the "dangerous tri-



angle" undermining India's unity involved Soros' Open Society Foundation, OCCRP, and Rahul Gandhi. "George Soros, based in the US, funds OCCRP, a global media organisation with around 50 partners worldwide. The third corner, directly linked

to India, is Rahul Gandhi," Patra alleged. He alleged that OCCRP's investigative reports are influenced by Soros' financial support. "If 70 per cent of an organisation's funding comes from one source, it cannot claim neutrality.

No accountability, only fast-track promises on paper leaks: Shiv Sena(UBT) in 'Saamana'

Mumbai, July 28 : The Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray (UBT) on Tuesday said that following nationwide outrage and escalating protests regarding the NEET examination paper leak, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has finally broken his silence on the issue. Addressing the growing public anger, PM Modi stated that the interests and future of the nation's students remain the government's top priority and assured strict action against those responsible. "No individual playing with the future of students will be spared," the Prime Minister asserted, promising the setup of fast-track courts to ensure swift justice and stringent punishment for the culprits. However, the party, in an editorial in its mouthpiece 'Saamana', sharply criticised the timing and mode of the Prime Minister's announcement.



Gujarat ATS arrests youth from Navsari for terror plot, recovers weapons

Navsari/Ahmedabad, July 28 : The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has arrested a youth from Navsari on suspicion of planning targeted killings aimed at "spreading terror and fear". The accused, identified as Faizan Shaikh, a resident of Charpul in Navsari district, was taken into custody. Officials said preliminary investigations indicate that Shaikh, originally from Dundawala, Narpat Nagar in Rampur district of Uttar Pradesh, had been radicalised by the extremist ideologies of the banned organisations Jaish-e-Mohammed and Al-Qaeda.

'Kidnapping' of newborn case reveals parents sold out baby due to poverty in Jharkhand

Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), July 28 : The so-called kidnapping of a newborn in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district turned out to be false and fabricated, officials said on Tuesday. Authorities found that the infant had not been kidnapped; instead, her parents sold her due to severe financial hardship. The police have now recovered the baby and handed it to its mother. According to the police, Baby Devi, a resident of Bahimar village in the Katkamandi police station area of Hazaribagh, gave birth to her sixth child on January 24 this year. Due to poor economic conditions, the family decided to sell the baby, as raising five children had already become difficult



for them. Feeling that they are unable to take responsibility for the newborn, the couple contacted her relative Meena Devi, also known as Malti Devi, through her friend Devanti Devi, and sold the newborn to her. Subsequently, on January 26, near Laxmi Petrol Pump in the Sadar police station area, a false story of the baby being kidnapped emerged. It was claimed that an unknown woman had taken away a three-day-old baby from the arms of a woman who had come to Hazaribagh for medical treatment.



Show cause notice to Raj MLA Siddhi Kumari as official denied access to Palace to evaluate property

Jaipur, July 28 : In a property misappropriation case involving the former royal family of Bikaner, a court has issued a show cause notice to Siddhi Kumari, MLA of Bikaner East, as there were repeated instances of the court-appointed commissioner being denied access to Shiv Vilas in Lalgarh Palace.

Impeachment politics unlikely to affect South Korean economy

Seoul, July 28 : Bank of Korea (BOK) Governor Rhee Chang-yong said on Tuesday that the current political climate surrounding the opposition's move to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol is un-

likely to affect South Korea's sovereign ratings and growth momentum given the country's solid market fundamentals. Rhee made the point during a press briefing in Seoul, two days after Yoon declared martial law in

a surprise late-night address, which was lifted about six hours later after the National Assembly voted to reject it. The opposition side then filed a motion to impeach Yoon, Yonhap news agency reported.



South Korea: Top presidential aide to visit Kazakhstan, Oman, Saudi Arabia to discuss securing crude oil, naphtha

Seoul, July 28 : South Korea President Lee Jae Myung's chief of staff said he will depart for Kazakhstan, Oman and Saudi Arabia later Tuesday to discuss ways to secure crude oil and naphtha supplies amid few signs of apparent progress toward a truce in the US-Israeli war with Iran. The planned visit by presidential chief of staff Kang Hoon-sik to the region comes as the government has been seeking to secure crude oil as the traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has been effectively closed, with US President Donald Trump renewing threats against Iran if Tehran reopens the key oil shipping route. The government's most urgent priority is to ensure the stable supplies of essential necessities, Kang told reporters, noting that South Korea remains heavily dependent on oil and naphtha supplies imported from the Middle East. Naphtha is a key feedstock widely used in petrochemical and other industries. "Last month, we agreed to receive 24 million barrels of crude oil from the United Arab Emirates with top priority.



Trump ties Saudi nuclear deal to Israel pact

Washington, July 28 : US President Donald Trump will approve a civil nuclear energy agreement with Saudi Arabia only if Riyadh joins the Abraham Accords and normalises relations with Israel, the White House said Tuesday.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters at a news conference that the proposed agreement would bar Saudi Arabia from enriching nuclear material and would cover only non-military uses. She said negotiations remained underway. "The civil nuclear deal, there will be no enrichment of material, an important point being made between the Department of Energy and Saudi Arabia, which pertains only to non-military use, will be approved, but is totally subject to Saudi Arabia joining the very respected and successful Abraham Accords," Leavitt said, reading from a social media post

by Trump. "The United States is not opposed to civil nuclear facilities," Trump said in the post, according to Leavitt. The announcement placed a major new political condition on an energy agreement that had been announced a day earlier by Energy Secretary Chris Wright. Asked why the requirement was not mentioned when Wright announced the agreement, Leavitt said Trump had raised it on several previous occasions. "The president is always the final dealmaker, as you know," she said. "He has said if they don't join the Abraham Accords.

Two men stabbed in Manhattan, suspect arrested as NYPD probes possible hate crime

New York, July 28 : Two men were stabbed in separate attacks on Manhattan's Upper West Side, with the New York Police Department (NYPD) arresting a 51-year-old suspect, Raul Morales, in connection with both incidents. Authorities said detectives are investigating the motive,

including whether the attacks constitute a hate crime. New York City Police Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch said in a statement on Tuesday (local time) that both victims, an Asian man and a Jewish man, were taken to Mt. Sinai-St. Luke's Hospital and are expected to recover.



Rubio vows deeper US-ASEAN partnership

Washington, July 28 : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Tuesday reaffirmed the Trump administration's commitment to Southeast Asia, announcing billions of dollars in strategic investments for the region while warning that Iran's actions in the Strait of Hormuz posed a threat to global trade and freedom of navigation. Addressing the ASEAN Post-

Ministerial Conference with the United States in Manila, Rubio said Washington viewed ASEAN as its primary mechanism for engagement in the Indo-Pacific and pledged that the partnership would remain a long-term strategic priority. "As President Trump stated last year at the leaders meeting, the US-ASEAN, at the summit, we're with ASEAN 100 per cent," Rubio said.



China AI theft may feature in Trump-Xi talks

Washington, July 28 : US President Donald Trump is expected to raise concerns over China's alleged acquisition of American artificial intelligence technology when he meets Chinese President Xi Jinping later this year, the White House indicated on

Tuesday, underscoring Washington's determination to maintain its lead in the global AI race. Speaking at the daily White House briefing, Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said protecting US technological leadership would be a priority in any future discussions

between the two leaders after she was asked whether reports of Chinese AI firms allegedly distilling or stealing American AI models would feature in their expected September meeting. "I have had the honour of being part of some of the meetings and discussions between President



Trump and President Xi," Leavitt said. "And I can tell you, there is always a wide range of topics that come up." She added: "I would imagine this would be something that's of high importance to the president and of this administration to obviously ensure that America remains dominant in the AI race."

India levels diplomatically-worded criticism of OIC over Kashmir

United Nations, July 28 : India has levelled a diplomatically worded criticism of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) for raising the Kashmir issue, questioning its locus standi in the matter. "Cross-regional groups that are neither bound by geography nor common issues, with no direct linkage to international peace and security, may not get involved in disputes and conflicts," India's Permanent Representative P Harish said on Tuesday. "Such groupings lack domain expertise and regional knowledge that are critical to resolution of disputes", he said. He did not name the OIC, but it was clear to whom the remarks were directed. The OIC has mentioned the Kashmir issue at several lev-

els within its organisation, a recent one by its general secretariat last October. Harish made the remark while speaking at the Security Council Open Debate on "Strengthening the Mechanisms for Peaceful Settlement of Disputes" in the context of Pakistan raking up the Kashmir issue. While "established regional and sub-regional organisations could play an enabling role in resolving disputes and conflicts" and "could complement the functions of the UN", he said, "cross-regional groups" do not fit the role. Pakistan's Permanent Representative Asim Iftikhar Ahmad had asserted that the "Kashmir dispute" was "the core issue bedevilling peace and stability in South Asia". The 57-member OIC spans four continents and is focused on religious solidarity without a focus on international peace and security,



therefore not fitting the criteria for involvement in regional disputes like Kashmir. In the October statement, the OIC General Secretariat recalled the statements of the group's various bodies like the Islamic Summit and the meeting of foreign ministers and said it "reiterates its full solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir in their legitimate quest for the right

to self-determination". It also called for implementation of the Security Council resolutions on Kashmir. However, the main Security Council resolution on Kashmir adopted in 1948 demanded that Pakistan withdraw its troops and citizens from the areas of Kashmir it occupies.



Uzbekistan, IAEA agree to joint roadmap on peaceful nuclear development

Tashkent, July 28 : Uzbekistan and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reached an agreement on adopting a joint roadmap for expanding multifaceted cooperation in the field of peaceful nuclear development, the press service of the Uzbek President announced. According to the announcement, Uzbek President Shavkat

Mirziyoyev held a meeting on Tuesday with IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, who is currently on a visit to Uzbekistan. During the meeting, the two sides discussed in detail the prospects for expanding bilateral cooperation and promoting new areas of practical cooperation reports Xinhua news agency.

Canada will do 'whatever it takes' to defend interests in trade talks with US: Canadian PM

Ottawa, July 28 : Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said that his government will do "whatever it takes" to defend national interests in response to recent US tariff threats, local media reported. Carney made the remarks on Tuesday at a meeting of provincial and territorial leaders in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, stressing that Canada will protect and support its workers, farmers, businesses and families amid trade pressure from Washington, Xinhua news agency reported.



"We are in a stronger position than we were when this trade war started 18 months ago," Carney said. "We're in a stronger position because of the determination of Canadians themselves, and the focus of the premiers around this table." US President Donald Trump on Monday signed proclamations to impose an additional 50 per cent tariff on certain Canadian goods, saying Canada was discriminating against US commerce. Invoking Section 338 of the Tariff Act of 1930.



CIA's 'deception campaign', covert hunt key to rescue of US jet pilot in Iran

Washington, July 28 : The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has played a critical role in locating a stranded US airman deep inside Iran, deploying covert capabilities and deception tactics in what officials described as a race against time. CIA Director John Ratcliffe said the mission relied on both human intelligence and advanced surveillance tools. "We deployed both human assets and exquisite technologies that no other intelligence service in the world possesses," he said. He described the effort as "comparable to hunting for a single grain of sand in the middle of a desert".



India facilitates repatriation of nine seafarers stranded in Ghana

Accra, July 28 : The Indian High Commission in Accra facilitated the repatriation of nine Indian seafarers who were stranded in Ghana for some time. "High Commission of India, Accra successfully facilitated the repatriation of nine Indian crew members of M/V Rahaf Moon, who had been stranded in Ghana for some time. With active support and close cooperation of the Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA), the Ghana Ports and

Harbours Authority (GPHA), and the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF), the High Commission ensured timely assistance and the safe return of all the crew members to India via Accra International Airport on 27 July 2026," the High Commission wrote on X. "The successful repatriation reflects the Government of India's unwavering commitment to safeguarding the safety, welfare, and well-being of Indian nationals in foreign lands and high

seas," it added. Last week, the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) directed ship owners, ship managers and Recruitment and Placement Service Licence (RPSL) companies to avoid deploying Indian seafarers on vessels undertaking voyages through the Strait of Hormuz until further orders, citing the heightened security situation in the Gulf region. Taking to the social media platform X, the maritime regulator said the move was aimed at safeguarding the safety, security and welfare of Indian seafarers amid continuing attacks on merchant vessels operating in the conflict-affected region.

German chancellor finds 'level of violence' in US 'worrying'

Berlin, July 28 : German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Tuesday called the "level of violence" in the United States "worrying" following recent fatal shootings by federal agents in the US state of Minnesota. Speaking at a press conference in the northern Ger-

man city of Hamburg, Merz was asked for his views on the incidents in which two American citizens were killed during US federal enforcement operations. "I assume that the American authorities will now thoroughly investigate whether it was necessary to shoot in these cases and whether there

really was a threat to the officers involved," Merz said. The chancellor's remarks followed two deadly encounters this month in Minneapolis, the largest city in Minnesota. On Saturday morning, Alex Pretti was shot and killed by federal agents, following a similar incident on January 7, when Renee



Nicole Good was fatally shot by a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer. Meanwhile, the White House defended the role of federal immigration enforcement in Minnesota and rejected criticism of its response to a fatal weekend shooting in Minneapolis, as President Donald Trump ordered senior officials to press state and local leaders to cooperate with Immigration.

Norwegian mass killer Breivik's parole request rejected

Oslo, July 28 : A Norwegian court denied mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik's parole request. The Ringerike, Asker and Baerum District Court decided that Breivik would not be released on probation from prison. The court believes that the conditions for probation are not met, and the demand for release is therefore not upheld. The verdict is unanimous, reports Xinhua news agency. "I have spoken to Breivik, and I take it to mean that he wants to appeal," Breivik's attorney, Oystein Storrvik, told the Norwegian news agency NTB. Breivik appeared in court on November 19 to argue he should be released after spending more than 13 years in prison. This marks the second time Breivik's parole request has been rejected, following an earlier denial. Earlier this year, the Oslo District Court ruled against Breivik in a lawsuit he filed challenging the conditions of his imprisonment.



AU warns Houthi attacks in Red Sea pose threat to regional security

Addis Ababa, July 28 : The African Union (AU) on Tuesday strongly condemned attacks claimed by Yemen's Houthi group against commercial oil tankers in the Red Sea, warning that these actions represent a dangerous escalation with serious implications for regional peace and security. In a statement, AU Commission Chairperson Mahmoud Ali Youssouf expressed full solidarity with Saudi Arabia and reaffirmed the union's "unwavering support for the security, sovereignty, and stability" of the country. Youssouf stressed that attacks against commercial vessels and any attempt to obstruct the free movement of maritime traffic "constitute a grave threat to international maritime security and to the stability of one of the world's most strategic water-

ways." Underscoring that freedom of navigation and the safety of commercial shipping must be fully respected in accordance with international law, he emphasised that the security of maritime routes in the Red Sea is of vital strategic importance to Africa, Xinhua News Agency reported. "Any disruption of commercial shipping risks undermining regional maritime connectivity, global supply chains, energy security, and the economic interests of numerous African states whose trade depends on safe, secure, and uninterrupted access to these sea lanes," Youssouf said. He called on the Houthi group to "immediately cease all attacks against commercial shipping, refrain from any action that could further escalate tensions, and fully respect international law governing mari-

time navigation." On Thursday, Yemen's Houthi group said that it carried out a military operation targeting two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea, claiming that the vessels violated its recently announced maritime restrictions. The group stated the ships were targeted for breaching an embargo imposed by its armed forces on vessels calling at Saudi ports. Earlier in the day, US President Donald Trump warned that Yemen's Houthi group and Iran would face "major military punishment" if the Houthis continue attacking ships. In a Truth Social post, Trump said he was "very disappointed" with the Houthis, accusing the group of "shooting at two Saudi Arabian ships last night." The United States would hold Iran responsible if the attacks continue, he said.



White House touts tax cuts as growth engine

Washington, July 28 : The White House on Tuesday said President Donald Trump's tax policies have triggered stronger investment, higher employment and record tax refunds, arguing that the administration's Working Families Tax Cuts continue to drive economic growth more than a year after becoming law. Speaking at the daily White House briefing, Press Secre-

tary Karoline Leavitt described the legislation as a key pillar of Trump's economic agenda and credited it with boosting American workers, manufacturers and small businesses. "A little more than a year after President Trump signed the Working Families Tax Cuts into law, this historic legislation continues to deliver on its promise, unleashing a genuine boom for American workers.

UN urges Taliban to reconsider implementing restrictions on women access to medical training

United Nations, July 28 : The United Nations urged the Taliban authorities to reconsider implementing restrictions on women and girls' access to medical training in Afghanistan, a UN spokesperson said. "We have been following the situation in Afghanistan," Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN chief, said on Tuesday at a daily press briefing. "We are concerned indeed about a re-

ported directive from the de facto Taliban authorities that is preventing women and girls from attending classes at private medical institutions."





Sidra Amin breaks into top 10, Sri Lanka stars surge in latest women's ODI rankings

Dubai, July 28 : Pakistan batter Sidra Amin has returned to the top 10 of the ICC Women's ODI batting rankings after her century against Sri Lanka, while a string of Sri Lankan players have also been rewarded for their performances following the opening two matches of the ongoing ICC Women's Championship series.

Sidra has been Pakistan's standout performer with the bat across the first two ODIs, highlighted by a composed century in the second fixture, her seventh in the format. The innings has lifted the experienced right-hander one place to ninth in the ODI batting rankings, moving her ahead of India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur and back into the elite group of batters in the format.

Pakistan also celebrated a sizeable rise for opening batter Gull Feroza, who climbed 18 positions to occupy 54th place after making valuable contributions during the series.

Although Pakistan posted 273/5 in the second ODI, Sri Lanka completed a successful chase with 19 balls to spare, and their batters were among the biggest beneficiaries of the rankings update.

Leading the charge was Vishmi Gunarathne, whose match-winning 123 propelled her 16 places to 39th in the ODI batting rankings. The century not only anchored Sri Lanka's chase but also marked one of the most significant gains in the latest rankings revision.



CWG 2026: IOA prez PT Usha hails Kushare, Sharmila, Shilpa on medal wins

Glasgow, July 28 : Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha lauded India's athletes after a memorable day at the Commonwealth Games, congratulating high jumper Sarvesh Kushare and para-shot putters Sharmila and Shilpa Shyla for their medal-winning performances that added to the country's growing tally in Glasgow. Taking to social media following India's successful outing, Usha praised the athletes for their efforts and described the day's achievements as another positive step in the nation's Commonwealth Games campaign.

"A spectacular end to last evening for our #TeamIndia. Proud of the athletes & their efforts. Congratulations to Sarvesh Kushare on his Silver win in High Jump, and Sharmila on her Gold, & Shilpa Shyla on her Bronze in the Women's Shot Put F57 event. A lovely day to build on," the IOA President wrote on X. Sharmila scripted history by clinching gold in the women's shot put F57 with a season-best throw of 9.81 metres, becoming the first Indian para-athlete to win a Commonwealth Games gold medal. Her victory also ended India's two-decade wait for a para-athletics medal at the Games. India's celebrations doubled in the same event as Shilpa Shyla secured bronze following a successful post-event protest.

Raina recalls 'culture of fielding' that shaped India's finest fielders

New Delhi, July 28 : Former India cricketer Suresh Raina reflected on the discipline and preparation that transformed India's fielding standards during his playing days, explaining how a culture built around relentless practice helped produce one of the country's finest fielding units. Speaking about the methods adopted during his early years, the influence of senior players, and a memorable on-field col-

lision in Australia, Raina offered insight into the work ethic, role models, and lessons that defined his career in the field. He credited a demanding practice routine and the high standards set within the Uttar Pradesh dressing room for laying the foundation of his reputation as one of India's most dependable fielders. "We had created a culture of fielding. All the players used to come in half an hour early because fielding was always the first part of our

training sessions. It wasn't like many fielding sessions today, where you take a few catches and feel the job is done. Back then, we would practise high catches separately, do ground fielding separately, slip catches separately, and parallel catches. We would also place a single stump in the middle. As Kaif bhai was always our UP captain, he used to say, 'You'll only make the playing XI if you hit the stump with a direct throw,' Raina told JioStar.



Raina said those demanding sessions eventually became the backbone of his development, while also highlighting the players who inspired him throughout his journey.

"It's always special to be appreciated by Jonty Rhodes, who has always been our idol. In UP, I learned so much from Kaif bhai and otherwise, Yuvraj Singh, because they used to field at point and cover, while I stayed at mid-off. In all the matches we played for India together, we never let the ball go past us," he added.

The former left-hander also revisited one of the most dramatic moments of his international career, recalling a painful collision with Irfan Pathan during an ODI in Sydney that left a lasting impression on him. Raina described how his attention remained fixed on the ball while chasing a top edge off Ravindra Jadeja's bowling against David Warner.



'She makes everyone feel valued': Perry hails Molineux's captaincy after T20 WC win

Sydney, July 28 : Australian veteran Ellyse Perry has heaped praise on captain Sophie Molineux, saying her leadership helped the team produce some of the best cricket it has ever played as Australia clinched a record-extending seventh ICC Women's T20 World Cup title at Lord's cricket ground earlier this month. Australia defeated England by seven wickets in the final to complete an unbeaten campaign, with Molineux leading the side to the title in her first ICC tournament as captain. Perry, who has now won seven Women's T20 World Cup titles.

CWG is another opportunity to represent India, I'll make the most of it: Hurdler Santhosh Tamilarasan

Mumbai, July 28 : Indian hurdler Santhosh Kumar Tamilarasan believes consistency and confidence have put him in the ideal position to make an impact at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, with the athlete entering the competition on the back of the finest season of his career. The 28-year-old has emerged as one of India's leading

400m hurdlers after a breakthrough 2026 campaign that saw him claim bronze in the 400m hurdles and gold in the mixed 4x400m relay at the Asian Athletics Championships. A member of India's 4x400m relay squad at the Paris 2024 Olympics, Santhosh also lowered his personal best to 49.06 seconds this season and opened the year by winning the Indian Athletics Series in Thiruvananthapuram.

With a series of impressive performances boosting his confidence, the Tamil Nadu athlete is now focused on carrying that momentum into another major international championship. Reflecting on his journey over the past two years, Santhosh said every tournament presents a fresh challenge despite the confidence gained from recent success. "The last two years have been very important for me as an athlete.



Malaysia Ladies golf: Guntas Kaur Sandhu tied for 2nd spot, Ceerat in sixth place on opening day

Selangor (Malaysia), July 28 : Chandigarh's Guntas Kaur Sandhu carded a brilliant one-over 73 to take the tied second spot along with three others after the opening round of the coveted Malaysia Ladies Amateur Open in Selangor, Malaysia, on Tuesday. The 15-year-old is part of a two-member Indian team sent by the Indian Golf Union (IGU), the National Sports Federation (NSF) recognised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS), Government of India.



Panchkula's Ceerat Kang carded a two-over 74 at the par-72 Glenmarie Golf & Country Club to end Day 1 in solo sixth position. Malaysia's Foong Zi Yu submitted her card at one-under 71 to take the opening round lead. In the team championship, India are placed third with a combined total of three-over 147.

Gukesh to face challenger Sindarov in World Chess Championship match at Geneva

Mumbai, July 28: India's reigning World Champion D Gukesh will take on challenger Javokhir Sindarov in the FIDE World Chess Championship Match 2026 at Geneva, Switzerland, from November 25 to December 15, 2026, the sport's global governing body FIDE announced on Tuesday.

Both Gukesh, who became the World Champion by beating China's Ding Liren in Singapore in 2024, and Uzbekistan's Sindarov, who came through the FIDE Challenger Tournament, will be 20 years old when the event begins, making it the youngest World Championship contest in history.



The FIDE World Championship Match will consist of 14 classical games. The first player to score 7½ points will win the match, with no further games played once that score has been reached.