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**VB-G Ramji scheme will improve the living standards of the poor : CM Chandrababu**

**Tirupati, July 2 :** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that the 'Viksit Bharat Rozgar' scheme would bring light into

the lives of the poor. He remarked that this scheme would transform the face of the villages and improve the living standards of the underprivileged. CM Chandrababu

toured the Tirupati district on Thursday. The VB-G Ramji scheme was launched in Mukkuvaripalli. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan attended the event alongside CM

Chandrababu. Speaking on the occasion, CM Chandrababu remarked that Andhra Pradesh is developing in all aspects under the alliance government. CM Chandrababu announced that a Google data center is coming to North Andhra. He stated that a fighter jet manufacturing facility is set to be established in Puttaparthi. He reiterated the commitment to transform Rayalaseema into a prosperous region. He announced plans to lay the foundation stone for a steel plant in Jammalamadugu. He clarified that the Polavaram project would be completed before the Godavari Pushkaralu. He explained that this scheme would provide employment to the poor for 185 days a year. He stated that a digital system has been implemented in this scheme to prevent the manipulation of records. He noted that the states' share in the VB-G Ram Ji scheme has increased from 10 percent to 40 percent.



**'VB Ji Ram Ji' scheme is part of poverty eradication : Dy CM Pawan Kalyan**

**Tirupati, July 2:** Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support for the development of AP. On Thursday, the 'VB G RAM-G' scheme was launched in Mukkavaripalle in Tirupati district. Pawan at-

tended the program along with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the VB G RAM-G scheme is part of poverty eradication.



**I will never forget the Telugu Desam activists who walked with him during the Yuvagalam Padayatra : Minister Nara Lokesh**

**Tirupati, July 2 :** Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh said that he will never forget the Telugu Desam Party workers who accompanied him on his Yuvagalam Padayatra. Lokesh participated in the wedding cer-

emony of Kamma Welfare and Development Corporation Chairman Nadendla Brahmam Chowdhury in Tirupati on Thursday and blessed the newlyweds. He warmly greeted the Yuvagalam team members at the event and recalled the memories of the Padayatra days. Lokesh interacted with the workers for about 15 minutes. He praised the role of the TDP cadre in the success of the Yuvagalam.

**Jagan consoles family of Dalit youth who died by suicide due to police harassment**

**Vijayawada, July 2 :** Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday visited the residence of Kranthi Kumar, a Dalit youth who recently died by suicide due to alleged police harassment.



**Japan and India committed to strengthening ties as 'brother and sister': Takaichi**

**New Delhi, July 2 :** Emphasising the need for deeper bilateral cooperation amid growing global uncertainty, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Thursday said that Japan and India

should build on their respective strengths to achieve shared prosperity. Addressing a joint press meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi following their talks at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi.



**Tribal MLAs urge Revanth to allocate additional Indiramma houses for agency areas**  
**Hyderabad, July 2 :** Adivasi and Tribal MLAs have requested Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to allocate an additional 2,000 'Indiramma' houses to constituencies within Agency regions. The MLAs, led by Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka, met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Thursday, where they presented petitions addressing various issues.



**KTR slams Congress govt over cowardly retreat from debt face-off**

**Hyderabad, July 2 :** Bharat Rashtra Samithi eorking president K.T. Rama Rao launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his cabinet Ministers on Thursday, accusing them of a cowardly retreat from a debate on state debts. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday.



**WELFARE TENDERS & STATE DEBT High-volt drama enfolds Hyderabad over Congress-BRS open challenge**

**Hyderabad, July 2 :** Tension situation prevailed at Gun Park and BRS Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday, marked by challenges and counter-challenges between Ministers and BRS leaders regarding the location for an open debate about alleged irregularities in welfare department tenders. Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adluri Laxman, and Azharuddin, who had accepted the BRS's invitation for a debate, gathered at Gun Park and accused BRS leaders of not attending. They expressed their willingness to engage in dis-

cussions with any former BRS minister who might arrive, extending an invitation to the Somajiguda Press Club for the debate. In the meantime, former minister Harish Rao began his journey from Telangana Bhavan to Gun Park, which led to heightened tension as the police intervened to stop him.



Indian Christian Day should be given official recognition and 3rd July should be declared a public holiday along with Christmas and Easter : UCPIK National President Sri Kola Prasada

exposed the irregularities. The BRS leader further alleged that tenders for groceries, uniforms, footwear, notebooks and other supplies meant for Gurukul institutions had been manipulated, resulting in substantial financial loss to the State. He claimed that inflated procurement costs in items such as edible oils, spices and other essential supplies had caused significant loss to the exchequer. Harish Rao also alleged that procurement orders meant for LIDCAP, which benefits Dalit entrepreneurs, had been diverted in violation of existing government policy. He questioned how the government could deny irregularities when LIDCAP itself had formally represented that it had received such orders during the previous BRS government.

**Vijayawada, July 2:** A press meet was organized by the United Christian Protection India Council (UCPIC) on the occasion of Indian Christian Day at a local hotel on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, UCPIC National President and Founder Shri Kola Prasad said that the foundation of Christian faith in India was laid when Apostle Thomas, one of the twelve disciples of Lord Jesus Christ, came to India in the year 52 AD and preached the gospel. He said that Indian Christian Day is celebrated every year on July 3 to commemorate that historical occasion.

He demanded that the central and state governments officially recognize the Indian Christian Day, declare July 3 as a public holiday along with Christmas and Easter, increase the honorarium of pastors from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000, and allocate Rs. 3 lakh for repairs to many dilapidated churches. Most importantly, the government should form a peace committee to investigate the attacks on Christians, including retired DIGs and DGP's, and form a committee with leaders of all religions to investigate. The meeting was attended by Dr. Deva Dandala, editor of Spandana monthly magazine, Reverend Arun Kumar, representative of the Lutheran Church, Reverend Karunanidhi representative of the CSI Church, Reverend Jangam Asia, representative of the Manna Church, Pastor Bira Raju, Pastor B Ravikanth, leaders and pastors of various Christian communities.



**Hyderabad, July 2 :** Hyderabad CP Sajjanar said that a gang supplying ganja across the country through speed post has been arrested. Speaking to the media on Thursday, he said that H-Fast officials and Gudimalkapur police conducted a joint operation and arrested the accused. He said that ganja is being delivered to the door through speed post. He said that Satyam Mishra from Jharkhand has been arrested. Satyam Mishra, who completed his intermediate, worked as a painter and quit. He said that after that, he worked as a lorry driver. Mishra, who got addicted to ganja in 2018, formed a syndicate with Rahul Jai, Sachin Mishra and Santosh and planted ganja in his own village. He said that he grows ganja with many people in the village, buys it and supplies it to customers. He said that four other accused are absconding. He said that ganja is being supplied to 21 states through speed post and courier services. Sajjanar said that they are supplying ganja to many cities including Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi and Bangalore. They are deceiving postal officials by giving false declarations that there are medicines in the parcels. They have found that parcels were booked through speed post from Isri Bazaar and Phusro post offices. They said that orders are taken through WhatsApp and social media and cash transactions are done through UPI. They said that they get an income of about Rs. 1 lakh per day. They say that there is a turnover of Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 35 lakh per month and Rs. 4 crore to Rs. 5 crore per year. They said

**Hyderabad, July 2:** Telangana Defence Force President Kavitha was arrested by the police in Boduppall. On Thursday, TRS is ready for a land struggle in Boduppall under Uppal constituency. As part of this, the police stopped Kavitha, who was carrying out a land struggle, when she reached Boduppall. This led to an argument between TRS activists and the police.

After a scuffle, the police detained Kavitha and TRS cadres. From there, she was taken to Bollaram police station.

**Countdown starts for Congress government:** Kavitha Kavitha said that the blood of Telangana activists and women was shed in Uppal today. Speaking at Bollaram PS, the TRS chief lashed out at the police for indiscriminate lathicharge on women and Telangana activists.

that online booking is done between suppliers and customers through codes. They said that customers are ordering ganja through various codes on WhatsApp. The CP revealed that the accused bought gold and luxury vehicles with the money received. They have found that the accused have laundered money using several bank accounts and PhonePe UPI IDs. He said that the lack of scanning of speed post parcels received by trains and flights has made the supply easier. He said that a letter will be written to the central departments to implement mandatory scanning of postal parcels. He said that a suspicious parcel was investigated in the SR Nagar and Gudimalkapur police stations. He said that the 2 parcels that arrived in Hyderabad arrived in the flight itself. He said that orders will be issued to all courier companies in the city to scan every parcel. CP Sajjanar appealed to the people to inform the police immediately if suspicious parcels are received.

**Amaravati, July 2:** The AP government has taken a key decision on the retirement age of employees of PSUs, corporations and societies. The government has issued a GO increasing the current retirement age of 60 years to 62 years. The government issued the order on Thursday in accordance with the resolution approved by the state cabinet earlier.

According to the government order, this decision will be implemented retrospectively from January 1, 2022. Also, eligible employees who retired at the age of 60 years have the opportunity to return to duty. The government has clarified that there will be no salary for the gap period until they return to duty. It has been stated that the gap period will not be taken into account for seniority and promotions.

its despite high urban land costs, ensuring beneficiaries receive homes close to their livelihoods.

He also said 125 stalled houses in Dhoolpet are being completed and that the district collectors have been directed to identify more land for eligible beneficiaries.

Ponguleti reiterated his challenge (that he would not contest the upcoming elections if this proved impossible) that the Congress government would build more houses in two-and-a-half years than the previous BRS government did in 10 years.

**Hyderabad, July 2** : Chilkalguda Police cracked a premeditated armed dacoity case by arresting four members of a criminal gang involved in the June 28 robbery at Jyoti Medical Hall in Padma Rao Nagar, Secunderabad. Police are continuing the search for the alleged mastermind and five other absconding accused.

According to police, the masked gang overpowered two security guards at knifepoint, confined them, used gas-cutting equipment to break into the penthouse, and escaped with Rs.30,000 in cash, including money stolen from the guards. An investigation involving CCTV analysis, technical surveillance, intelligence gathering and field inquiries revealed that the robbery had been meticulously planned over 10-15 days. The gang conducted reconnaissance of the premises, studied security arrangements and procured knives, masks, gas cylinders, gas-cutting equipment, motorcycles and a Tata Ace vehicle before executing the crime. The arrested accused have been identified as Rohit Pal (24), Devendra Kumar Jayswal (26), Prudhvi Raj (23) and Mohammed Salman (26).



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## DEMAND NOTICE

### Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

The accounts of the following borrowers with **Bank of Maharashtra** having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFESI Act of the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned.

The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to **Bank of Maharashtra**; within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan/and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrowers' obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to **Bank of Maharashtra**.

**Name & Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower:** 1. Mr. Nemlisa Sai Sandeep, H 10.2-12-11194/21, Indira Nagar, North Laghula, Secunderabad Hyderabad, Laghula, Telangana - 500017. 2. Mrs. N Geetha H 10.2-12-11194/21 Indira Nagar, North Laghula, Secunderabad Hyderabad, Laghula, Telangana - 500017.

**Total Outstanding Balance:** Rs. 9811942.36/- (Rupees Ninety Eight lakh Eleven thousand nine hundred forty two and thirty six paise only) plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default along with charges, other cost and expenses.

**MAHA New HSG Non Sal Non Pri bearing Ac no. 60510157319**  
**NPA Date on 21.06.2025** **Demand Notice Date: 24.06.2026**

**Description of the Immovable Properties:** All those piece and parcel of the Duplex House on Plot no. 52, Municipal House No.8-347(P/TIN No. 1226203762)(Old H.No. 8-49/7) Survey no. 412.8414 admeasuring 155.54 sq yards or 130.03 sq feet having total plinth area 724.321 Sq feet with RCC (ie. in the Ground Floor 88.29 Sq Feet + first in floor 144.06 sq Feet) situated at Dammagulla H/o Nagaram village under Dammagulla Municipal, Keersa Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State, and is bounded as follows: **North:** 20' Wide Road. **South:** House No.8-49/4, Plot No.55 **East:** House No.8-49/5, Plot No.53. **West:** House No.8-49/3, Plot No.51.

**Cersal Asset Id:- 200086510567**

If the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment to **Bank of Maharashtra** as aforesaid, then the **Bank of Maharashtra** shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicability of the Act shall be entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors as to the costs and consequences.

In terms of provisions of SARFESI Act, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors are prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **Bank of Maharashtra**. Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and/or penalty in accordance with the SARFESI Act. For more details the notice may collect the unserved returned notices from the undersigned.

**Date:** 03-07-2026  
**Place:** Hyderabad

**Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra**

# Kolkata's College Street to get makeover on lines of London's famed Oxford Street

**Kolkata, July 2 :** The BJP government is set to give an international-standard makeover to Kolkata's famous College Street, state Municipal Affairs Minister Agnimitra Paul said on Thursday. The area will be developed as a completely pollution-free and no-vehicle zone

on the lines of London's famed Oxford Street. As a result, there will be no traffic congestion or honking in College Street. The bookstores, too, will be redesigned around a new theme. The state's Municipal Affairs and Urban Development Minister, Agnimitra Paul, announced the

ambitious plan at the Asansol District Library in West Burdwan district. Agnimitra Paul said the initiative is being undertaken to encourage the younger generation to move away from excessive dependence on mobile phones and the digital world and reconnect with books. She added that not only

Kolkata, but the industrial region of Asansol, would also benefit from similar initiatives in the coming years. Claiming that there is no substitute for books in the digital age, the minister said: "The current generation is getting stuck on mobile screens and moving away from books.



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

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of **Shriram Finance Limited**, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as **Shriram Finance Limited**, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **29<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**.

| Borrower Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 1) Sathaiah Jala @Alias Sathaiah Jaala, S/O: Jala Anjaneyulu, Age: 52 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-21/1, Wattimarthy, Chitlay, Nalgonda District -508114, B/O: Proprietor Of 'Sathaiah Dairy Farm' At # Same As Resi Address. 2) Gangamma Jala, W/O: Sathaiah Jala, Age: 47, Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 2-21/1, Wattimarthy, Chitlaya, Nalgonda District-508114. 3) Arun Kumar Nandipati, S/O: Bikshmaiah Nandipati @Alias Bixamaiah, Age: 38 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 1-65/1, Wattimarthy, Chitlaya Mandalam, Nalgonda-508114, B/O: "Flower Decoration Business". (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) |
| Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs.51,04,676/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred And Seventy Six only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Description of Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| VANASTF1804300011 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is JALA SATHAIAH, Mortgage deed dated 04.05.2018 Registered as Document No 6330/2018 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at NALGONDA (R.O)) All That the open house plot No.39, Admeasuring 222.22 Sq.Yards, Or Equivalent To 185.77 Sq.Meters, In Survey No.126, Inside Residential Zone, Block No.B, Situated At Yellareddygudem Village, Marketpally Revenue Mandal, Nalgonda District And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Plot No.40, Towards West: 20'-0" Wide Road, Towards North: 30'-0" Wide Road, Towards South: Land Of Others.                  |
| 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: 29-06-2026, Place: Nalgonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Borrower Name and Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1) Lingaswamy Tigulla @ Alias Tigulla Lingaswami, S/O: Shettaiah Tigulla @ Tigulla Shattaiah, Age: 40 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-108/1, Chinnra Kondur Village, Near Mallana Temple, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-508252, B/O: Proprietor Of " Sri Anjali Mini Transport" At # Same As Resi Address. 2) Swamy S, S/O: S Lingaiah, Age: 43 Years, Occ: Govt Employee, R/O: Venkatapally Venkataiah, Vennala Hospital Beside, Thirumalagherry, Village Motkur Road, Nalgonda-508252, O/O: " Telangana Model School", Working As a "PGT Teacher" At # Thonda Tirumalagiri Village, Nalgonda-508252. (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs)                                                                                                                     |
| Amount due as per Demand Notice: Rs.43,42,508/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Eight only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Description of Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| VANASTF1412300001 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is THIGULLA LINGASWAMY, Mortgage deed dated 30.12.2014 Registered as Document No 5292/2014 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Choutuppal) All That The Piece And Parcel Of Open Plot Admeasuring 302 Sq. Yards Or 252.47 Sq.Mtrs., In Sy.No.228, Block No. V, Darga Shareef To K. Satya Reddy House, Residential Zone. Situated At: Choutuppal Village And Grampanchayat, Choutuppal Mandal, Nalgonda District, M.P.Choutuppal, Z P. Nalgonda, Under Regn.-Sub-Dist. Choutuppal And Regn:Dist. Nalgonda And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: House Of Lakshmi Bai, Towards West: House Of Srisailem, Towards North: 20 Ft. Width Road, Towards South: Bus Stand Compound Wall. |
| 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: 29-06-2026, Place: Nalgonda Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale**  
Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IFL Home Finance Limited (IFL HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No.88, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015, (Haryana) and Branch Office at: 3-6-25, Cinema Veedhi, Revenue Ward No.6, Tunj, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh - 533401/27-4-42, Pulavarthi Vari Street, Revenue Ward No-15, Opp Dhanalakshmi Oil Merchant, Kakinda-533001, Andhra Pradesh. The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"), Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IFLHFL had taken the possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued US 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of IFL-HFL's dues. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: [www.iflhome.com](http://www.iflhome.com).

| Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)                                                                          | Demand Notice Date and Amount                                                                                                                                               | Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Date of Physical Possession                                                                                                                                             | Reserve Price                                                                                                                                  |
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| Mr. Shiva Koppiseti<br>Mrs. Koppiseti<br>Arjunakum Abhyaya<br>Durga Wood Contract Works<br>(Prospect No- IL10526101) | 04/12/2025 Rs. 1095451/-<br>(Rupees Ten Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty One Only)<br><br>Bid Increase Amount Rs.25000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) | All that part and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.67/1, 67/1a, A.Venamarav Village, Alimalapuram Mandal, East Godavari District, AP - 533577, Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land Area, Built Up Area Property Area: 1305.00, 827.00                  | 16/06/2026<br><br>Total Outstanding As On Date 05/06/2026 Rs.1187887.54 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven and Fifty Four Paise Only) | Rs.1210000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ten Thousand Only)<br><br>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.121000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Only)  |
| Mr. Shek Anvar Basha<br>Mrs. Shek Ayisha Tea Come<br>(Prospect No- IL1064948)                                        | 04/12/2025 Rs. 803609.90<br>(Rupees Eight Lakh Three Thousand Six Hundred Nine and Ninety Paise Only)<br><br>Bid Increase Amount Rs.20000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)   | All that part and parcel of the property bearing: HS No. 8- 345, Survey No. 286- 1, gollala mamidada Village, pedapudi Mandal, Kakinda District, AP. 533344 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring, Built Up, Area Property Area: 648.00, 636.00 | 16/06/2026<br><br>Total Outstanding As On Date 05/06/2026 Rs. 899198.98/ (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight and Ninety Eight Paise Only)  | Rs.914000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fourteen Thousand Only)<br><br>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.914000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fourteen Thousand Only) |
|                                                                                                                      | Date of Inspection of property 05/08/2026 11:00 hrs -14:00 hrs                                                                                                              | EMD Last Date 07/08/2026 till 5 P.M.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Date/Time of E-Auction 10/08/2026 11:00 hrs -13:00 hrs.                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                |

**Mode of Payment:** EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit <https://www.iflhome.com> and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only. **Note:** Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction. **For Balance Payment -** Login <https://www.iflhome.com> >My Bid >Pay Balance Amount.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**  
1. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider <https://www.iflhome.com> well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.  
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.  
3. The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours of the acceptance of bid price by the AO and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.  
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.  
5. The purchaser has to pay TDS application to the transaction/payment of sale amount and submit the TDS certificate with IFL HFL.  
6. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.iflhome.com> and <https://www.iflhome.com/loans-properties-for-auction> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.  
7. For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- [care@iflhome.com](mailto:care@iflhome.com), Support Helpline Numbers @1800 2672 499.  
8. For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- [care@iflhome.com](mailto:care@iflhome.com)  
9. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.  
10. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law. 11. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.  
12. AO reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/auction, the decision of AO of IFL-HFL will be final.  
**STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**  
The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.  
Place: East Godavari/Kakinda. Date: 03-07-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, IFL Home Finance Limited

## 'Farmers and soldiers are the lifeblood of nation; making agriculture profitable our resolve'

**Kota, July 2 :** A farmers' workshop on natural farming was organised in Kota on Monday under the guidance of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Around 1,000 farmers participated in the workshop, gaining insights into modern techniques for increasing income through natural farming, low-cost and high-quality cultivation, improved productivity, agricultural marketing, animal husbandry and horticulture. On the occasion, a book on natural farming was released, and progressive farmers who had made outstanding contributions to the agricultural sector were felicitated.

Addressing the workshop, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla began by saluting the farming community and raising the slogan, "Bharat Mata Ki Jai." He said, "Farmers within the country and soldiers guarding our borders are the lifeblood of the nation." He reaffirmed his commitment to improving the standard of living of farmers in the Hadoti region and making agriculture a profitable enterprise. He emphasised that natural farming is an integral part of India's ancient agricultural heritage and stressed that reducing the excessive use of chemical fertilisers is



## K'taka SIR: Shivakumar urges voters to protect their franchise



**Bengaluru, July 2 :** Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Thursday urged every eligible voter in the state to fill and submit the Enumeration Form during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls beginning June 30, warning that failure to do so could result in the loss of voting rights. The Chief Minister also announced that the government would establish

49,320 assistance centres across the state to help citizens complete the enrolment process. Addressing a press conference at the Vidhana Soudha, Shivakumar appealed to voters to cooperate with the Election Commission's exercise and ensure that their names remain on the electoral rolls. "Every voter in Karnataka must register and safeguard their right to vote. From June 30 to July 29, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) appointed by the Election Commission will visit every household and distribute the Enumeration Forms. Every voter must compulsorily fill out the form and submit it, along with the required documents and a recent photograph, within the stipulated 30-day period. This is the responsibility of every voter," he said. He cautioned that voters who fail to submit the form could lose their voting rights. "Deputy Tahsildars have been authorised to issue permanent residence certificates.

## Tejashwi Yadav targets Bihar CM over inflation and unemployment

**Patna, July 2 :** The political confrontation between the ruling alliance and the opposition in Bihar has intensified after Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav launched a sharp attack on Chief

Minister Samrat Choudhary, describing him as a “rubber stamp” and a “selected Chief Minister.”

## India maintained energy security, economic stability despite West Asia tensions : Union Minister



**Vadodara, July 2 :** India has maintained both its energy security and economic stability despite recent geopolitical developments in West Asia, Union Minister of Power and Housing Manohar Lal Khattar said on Thursday, attributing the country's re-

silience to long-term planning, power sector reforms and investments in urban infrastructure. Addressing the inaugural session of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) for Central Gujarat in Vadodara, the minister said a reliable energy system.

**Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale**  
In exercise of the powers under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short referred to as SARFAESI Act) Rules, 2002 (in short referred to as RULES) and pursuant to the possession of the secured asset of the borrower/guarantor/mortgagors mentioned hereunder vested with the Authorized Officer under the said SARFAESI Act and RULES for recovery of the secured debts, the Authorized Officer has decided to sell the secured asset by the public in general and to the borrower, mortgagor and guarantors in particular, that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **PHOENIX ARC LIMITED** (formerly known as Phoenix ARC Limited acting in capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust FY26-14 (Phoenix) Regd. Office at 3rd Floor, Wallace Towers, 139/140/B/1, Crossing of Sahar Road and Western Express Highway, Vile Parle East, Mumbai- 400057 (pursuant to assignment of debts by IFL HOME FINANCE LTD in favor of PHOENIX Act Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2025) will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE CONDITION", by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues and further interest, charges and costs etc. as detailed below in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act read with Rules 8 & 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: [www.iflhome.com](http://www.iflhome.com).

| Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)                           | Demand Notice Date and Amount                                                                                                                                             | Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               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| Mr. Swamythirai Gadi<br>Mrs. Swapna Gadi<br>(Prospect No. IL10358452) | 22/04/2025, Rs.14,60,443/-<br>(Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Three Only)<br><br>Bid Increase Amount Rs.40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only) | All that part and parcel of the property bearing: Plot No.172 A, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 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### India, Italy Air Chiefs discuss strengthening defence cooperation and military engagements

Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, held a meeting with Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force, Lieutenant General Antonio Conserva, in New Delhi on Monday, discussing ways to further strengthen defence cooperation and enhancing military-to-military engagement. The two officials also discussed issues of mutual interest. "Lieutenant General Antonio Conserva, Chief of Staff of the Italian Air Force, called on Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, during his official visit to India," the Indian Air Force (IAF) posted on X. "The visit featured discussions between the senior leadership of the Indian Air Force and the Italian Air Force on issues of mutual interest and avenues to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and enhance military-to-military engagement," it added. Earlier in the day, Lieutenant General Antonio Conserva paid homage to the fallen bravehearts at the National War Memorial. Last month, PM Modi was on a two-day official visit to Italy, where he held talks with Italian counterpart Georgia Meloni and President Sergio Mattarella. During their meeting, PM Modi and Meloni decided to elevate bilateral ties to the level of a Special Strategic Partnership. The two leaders welcomed the "strong momentum" of high-level exchanges and agreed to hold annual meetings of leaders, including on the sidelines of multilateral events, as well as regular ministerial and institutional-level meetings. Both leaders engaged in comprehensive discussions covering the entire gamut of the India-Italy partnership, according to the statement released by the Prime Minister's Office. They also reviewed the progress made in bilateral cooperation across all domains of the Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025-2029, agreeing to further expand collaboration in trade and investment, defence and security, science and technology, research and innovation, space, energy, AI and critical technologies, education, culture and people-to-people ties. PMs Modi and Meloni also expressed satisfaction with deepening defence cooperation through ministerial and official interactions, exchange of port visits, and regular engagement of defence forces. They welcomed the signing of the Joint Declaration of Intent, and an Industrial Roadmap for collaboration in co-design, co-development and co-production of defence products.

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### India gains as US firms de-risk China: USISPF

Washington, July 2 : India is emerging as a key beneficiary of American companies' efforts to reduce their dependence on China, with the shift gathering pace "in a very, very quiet manner", US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) President Mukesh Aghi said on Thursday. "A classic example is Apple, which is now making most of the iPhone 17 and planning for the 18 in India," Aghi said while opening the ninth USISPF Leadership Summit in Washington. Aghi said the broader India-US economic relationship continued to strengthen despite public attention on trade

negotiations, expressing confidence that a bilateral trade agreement would further accelerate commercial ties. "If you recall, the Prime Minister and the president agreed to take the trade to \$500 billion by 2030. And what we are seeing is the trade between the two countries is going up and up regardless of whether there is a trade deal or not. But I think with the trade deal, you'll see much more acceleration," he said. He pointed to growing collaboration in critical and emerging technologies, saying both countries were deepening cooperation in sectors ranging from critical minerals to advanced technology. "We also see tremendous partner-



ship taking place on the technology side between the two countries. We just had a back-to-silicon meeting. We talk about critical minerals between the two countries as to how we collaborate and move forward," Aghi said. He said India had also become an increasingly important hub for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), reflecting the confidence

American companies had in the country's skilled workforce. "We are also seeing effort put in by the US companies opening up more and more GCCs or Global Capability Centres in India. India now has around 2,800 Global Capability Centres and roughly 60 per cent are US companies leveraging the intellectual talent in India," Aghi said.

### India strongly condemns Pakistan air strikes on Afghan territory



New Delhi, July 2 : The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Thursday stated that India strongly condemns Pakistan's air strikes on Afghan territory that have resulted in several civilian casualties, including women and children. "India strongly condemns Pakistan's air strikes on Afghan territory that have resulted in several civilian casualties, including women and children. This blatant act of aggression by Pakistan is an assault on Afghanistan's sovereignty and a direct threat to regional peace and stability," stated the MEA. "It reflects Pakistan's persistent pattern of reckless behaviour and

its futile attempt to externalise internal failures through desperate acts of violence beyond its borders. India conveys its condolences to Afghan families that have lost loved ones, prays for early recovery of those injured and reiterates its unwavering support for Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity," it added. At least 36 civilians, including women and children, were killed, while 163 others were injured in Pakistani military airstrikes in Afghanistan's Paktia, Paktika and Kunar provinces, Taliban Deputy Spokesman Hamdullah Fitrat confirmed on Thursday. Citing reports, Fitrat said the attacks car-

ried out on Sunday night in the Gayan district of Paktika, Tsamkani district of Paktia and Manogai district of Kunar by Pakistani forces resulted in the death of 36 civilians and injuries to 163 others, as well as complete destruction of three residential houses. According to Fitrat, Pakistani forces' jets bombed a civilian residence in Mandokhail village of Tsamkani district, killing one elderly man and a child and injuring several members of the family. He alleged that when local residents gathered to conduct rescue operations, the area was bombed for a second time, killing 28 villagers and injuring 158 others. Fitrat further said that in the Walust village of the Gayan district, another civilian residence was bombed, killing six individuals, the majority of whom were women and children. Additionally, in the Barolo village of the Manogai district, he said that the airstrike hit a civilian residence, resulting in significant property damage. Earlier in the day, Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid condemned Pakistani airstrikes in Afghan provinces, describing them as a "cowardly act of aggression".

### India, Saudi Arabia sign MoU on Cooperation in Water Resources

Riyadh, July 2 : India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Suhel Khan and Saudi Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen AlFadley on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in Water Resources at Saudi Water Week in Jeddah. "India-Saudi Arabia Strengthen Water Partnership at Saudi Water Week! A significant step in advancing the India-Saudi Arabia strategic partnership as Ambassador Dr. Suhel Khan and H.E. Eng. Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen AlFadley, Saudi Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, signed an MoU on Cooperation in Water Resources at Saudi Water Week in Jeddah."



### Iran's President says 6-billion-USD frozen funds in Qatar to be released

Tehran, July 2 : Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Thursday that frozen Iranian assets worth 6 billion US dollars currently held in Qatar will be released and returned to the country, according to the official news agency IRNA. He made the remarks during a meeting with a senior cleric in the central province of Qom, while elaborating on the achievements of a recently signed peace Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Iran and the United States, Xinhua news agency reported. Pezeshkian put the total amount of the country's frozen assets in Qatar at 12 billion US dollars, stressing that necessary follow-ups were being taken to return the remaining funds to the country. Describing the MoU as "a great victory" for the Iranian people, he noted that sanctions on Iran's petrochemical and oil exports have been lifted within the agreement's framework. Pezeshkian also said the United States eventually compelled Israel to accept the peace MoU, although Israel and certain other groups are



still opposed to the agreement's implementation. He reiterated Iran's positions on its nuclear activities, saying that the country does not seek to develop nuclear weapons, and its nuclear activities will be in accordance with its needs and within the framework of its declared policies. On June 18, Iran and the United States signed the MoU on ending the war in the region on all fronts, including Lebanon. Under the MoU, the two sides have agreed to hold negotiations within 60 days to reach a final agreement.

Earlier in the day, the United States and Iran had agreed to pause mutual attacks "for now" and hold talks on Tuesday in Doha, the capital of Qatar, to work out their dispute over the Strait of Hormuz, US media outlet Axios reported. The two sides will stand down "for now" and "vessels can move freely" as technical talks are set to continue, a US official was quoted as saying. The Tuesday talks were originally set to be held in Switzerland and focused on Iran's nuclear program.

### INS Sudarshini undertakes high-level engagements in US



Washington, July 2 : Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sudarshini undertook a series of high-level engagements, including hosting Ambassador Vinay Mohan Kwatra and Lieutenant Governor of Maryland Aruna Miller, during its port call at Baltimore, Maryland. The crew also participated in the Baltimore City Parade. "Forging Maritime Bonds Across the Atlantic. During her port call at Baltimore, Indian Navy's Tall Ship INS Sudarshini undertook a series of high-level engagements, including hosting Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Ambassador of India to the USA and Aruna Miller.

### Pakistan sees rise in online sale of narcotics: Report

Islamabad, July 2 : Pakistan has been witnessing a rise in online sale of narcotics in recent years with the digital transactions making it easier to access drugs. Youngsters in Pakistan are not only consuming drugs but are also being manipulated into becoming drug couriers, a report has detailed. Drugs traffickers are using technologies and global instability to introduce novel drugs and aggressively sell them in new markets, an editorial in leading Pakistani daily 'The News International' mentioned citing the World

Drug Report 2026. There has been a rise in new types of drugs in the market and some are reportedly more potent than before. Pakistan has also witnessed several cases of how drug networks are using these ways in recent years. The most prominent case among them is of drug dealer Anmol alias Pinky who is alleged to have sold cocaine in colleges, universities, schools, gatherings and posh areas of Karachi. At the same time, the drugs are being sold online and the market appears to be young people.





## India, Kenya discuss strengthening cooperation in healthcare sector

**Nairobi, July 2 :** Indian High Commissioner to Kenya Adarsh Swaika called on Kenya's Cabinet Secretary of Health, Aden Duale, on Thursday, and discussed further strengthening between the two nations in healthcare, including pharmaceuticals, pharma manufacturing, equipment, medical devices, and capacity building. The Indian High Commission noted that India is a "trusted and long-standing partner" of Kenya in the health and pharmaceutical sectors. It also mentioned that India is a preferred place for thousands of people from Kenya for medical tourism each year. "High Commissioner Adarsh Swaika called on Cabinet Secretary for Health Aden Duale today. Discussions focused on further strengthening India-Kenya coop-

eration in healthcare, including pharmaceuticals, pharma manufacturing equipments, medical devices and capacity building. The meeting underlined the shared commitment for deepening partnerships for accessible and affordable healthcare," it said on X. "India remains a trusted and long-standing partner of Kenya in the health and pharmaceutical sectors. Indian pharmaceutical products command a major share of the Kenyan market, ensuring quality and affordability. India is also a preferred destination for medical tourism for thousands of Kenyans each year, reflecting the confidence in Indian healthcare expertise, advanced treatment facilities, and strong people-to-people links," it added.

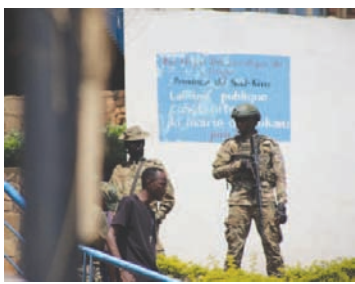
## Escalating conflict disrupts education for over 100 million children in Arab states: UNESCO

**Beirut, July 2 :** A UNESCO report on Monday warned that escalating regional conflict has severely disrupted education across Arab states, affecting more than 100 million children and pushing fragile systems toward collapse. The crisis has affected education in at least 15 countries, disrupting learning for 52 million school-age children through school closures, reduced access or shifts to remote learning, the report said. Nearly 30 million children in the region were already out of school before the escalation. In the Gaza Strip, the report described a near-total collapse of the education system, with 97.5 percent of schools damaged or destroyed and more than 637,000 children out of school, Xinhua News Agency reported. Lebanon has also been heavily affected, with more than 1,100 public schools used as shelters and at least 570 schools closed or located in conflict zones, disrupting learning for over 240,000 students.



## DR Congo govt, M23 launch new round of talks in Qatar

**Goma, July 2 :** A new round of dialogue between the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the March 23 Movement (M23) rebel group began on Thursday in Doha, the capital of Qatar, local media reported has reported. According to Radio Okapi on Monday, a UN-supported outlet, representatives from both the DRC government and the M23 arrived in Doha over the weekend at



the invitation of Qatari mediators. Sources familiar with the discussions said the current talks remain at a preliminary stage.

## Ahead of UNSC meeting on India-Pakistan, Guterres 'pained' by ties reaching 'boiling point'

**United Nations, July 2 :** Ahead of the UN Security Council meeting on India and Pakistan, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Thursday that it pains him that their ties have reached a "boiling point". "Tensions between India and Pakistan are at their highest in years", he said, calling on the two countries to step back from the brink. "It is also essential – especially at this critical hour -- to avoid a military confrontation that could easily spin out of control". "I understand the raw feelings following the awful terror attack in Pahalgam on 22 April", he said. "It pains me to see relations reaching a boiling point" between the two countries. Condemning the terror attack, he said, "Targeting civilians is unacceptable – and those responsible must be brought to justice through transparent, credible, and lawful means". "It is also essential – especially at this critical hour -- to avoid a military confrontation that could easily spin out of control.



## Trump's chip export move to China sparks bipartisan outcry

**Washington, July 2 :** The Trump administration's decision to allow NVIDIA to export its advanced H200 artificial intelligence chips to China drew sharp and coordinated criticism on Capitol Hill, with senior lawmakers from both chambers warning that the move jeopardises US national security, undermines export-control policy, and strengthens Beijing's technological capabilities at America's expense. Congressman Gregory Meeks, the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said the decision shows that "under this administration, our national security is for sale." Calling the move "a unilateral concession to China," Meeks warned it would "accelerate China's AI industry, giving away America's technological edge to the very companies trying to evade US export controls."

## UNSC holds closed consultation on India, Pak situation; president Sekeris calls it productive

**United Nations, July 2 :** The Security Council met in a closed session on the tension between India and Pakistan, and its President Evangelos Sekeris described it afterwards as a "productive meeting". As he left the meeting on Thursday, he told reporters, "The Security Council is always helpful in such efforts"

to de-escalate. "It is the responsibility of the Council". "It was a productive meeting and helpful", he said. Since the meeting was a closed consultation, its proceedings are secret without official records. Assistant Secretary-General Mohamed Khaled Khari, who briefed the meeting, said on his way out that all want de-escala-

tion. Asked how he viewed it, he said, "Situation is volatile", and would not elaborate.



## India-US ties must stand for shared values: US Congressman

**Washington, July 2 :** Delivering his remarks at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit, Democratic Congressman Ro Khanna sharply criticised President Donald Trump's foreign and immigration policies while arguing that the India-US partnership should ultimately be anchored in shared democratic values rather than transactional interests. Khanna, who represents California's Silicon Valley and is regarded as one of the Democratic Party's leading voices on technology and foreign policy, devoted much of his address to attacking Trump's approach to global alliances, tariffs and immigration before outlining his vision for America's relationship with India. He accused the Trump administration of weakening America's global standing through unilateral actions and trade policies. "We're gonna have to rebuild our relationships around the world," Khanna said, arguing that the next generation of American leaders would have to restore the country's credibility abroad.

## Gor credits White House connections for faster results for US firms in India

**Washington, July 2 :** US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said that his close relationships with President Donald Trump's Cabinet members and senior administration officials had enabled him to cut through bureaucracy and deliver quicker results for American businesses operating in India. Speaking at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit, Gor said his previous role as Director of the White House Presidential Personnel Office had given him direct access to many of the administration's top officials. "I think the circumstances that placed me in this position... are very unique," Gor said. "When a new president comes into office, there's 4,000 positions open. And it was that role that the president trusted me with to fill

those positions." That experience, he said, allows him to resolve issues quickly. "So today, when an issue does come up, I don't have to call 20 levels down." "Almost every secretary that we have in our cabinet is a friend of mine." "I talk to Secretary Rubio sometimes three times a day." "It's extremely efficient to be able to pick up the phone and somebody on the other end answers." Gor illustrated the approach with an example involving American and Indian pharmaceutical companies that had struggled for years to resolve regulatory issues. "We had a group of American pharmaceutical companies and Indian pharmaceutical companies... things that were getting stuck and had been stuck that way for several years."



## Quad ministers to meet in Philippines: US Ambassador

**Washington, July 2 :** The foreign ministers of the Quad countries are expected to meet in the Philippines in about two weeks, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor announced, saying the grouping remained central to advancing a free, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. Speaking at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit, Gor said the proposed meeting would bring together the foreign ministers of the United States, India, Japan and Australia on the sidelines of engagements in the Philippines. "I wanna make an announcement here today," Gor said. "We were very pleased to have the Quad meeting in Delhi, and that's something we aim to build up." "One of the things that we're actually looking to do is in about

two weeks, all four of our foreign ministers will be in the Philippines and we'll look forward to having a Quad meeting on the sidelines of the Philippines." Gor said the meeting would be followed by another ministerial gathering in Australia before leaders of the four countries meet at a future summit. "We do aim to have a Quad meeting at some point, a ministerial Quad meeting in Australia." "And followed ultimately by a leaders meeting which we're trying to nail down. That would include President Trump coming to India." The ambassador said maritime security remained one of the principal priorities for the Quad. "The Quad is extremely important," he said. He noted that one of the initiatives announced during the recent Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in

New Delhi involved strengthening maritime capabilities across the Indo-Pacific. "One of the deliverables that was announced in Delhi was that the four countries will focus on building boats in the region. That includes Fiji specifically." "We wanna make sure that we are present in the Pacific. We're growing, we're enhancing our security, and we're working with trusted partners." "And India is on that list, very high that list." Gor also dismissed suggestions that the India-US defence partnership had weakened, saying practical cooperation continued to expand. "India still has more exercises with the United States than any other country by far." "Every single month there's something happening, whether it's Indian troops coming here, whether it's US troops going into the region."

## Germany: Shooting in Stade leaves six dead, suspects arrested

**Berlin, July 2 :** A shooting incident on Thursday in the northern German city of Stade has left six people dead, with several others injured, some of them in serious condition, according to German media reports.



## CM Vijay to visit Karur on July 10-11, meet families of stampede victims

**Chennai, July 2 :** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay will visit Karur on July 10 and 11, marking his first visit to the district since the tragic stampede that claimed 41 lives during a TRK public meeting on September 27 last year. The stampede, one of the worst political rally disasters in recent years, triggered nationwide outrage and raised serious concerns over crowd management and event safety. The incident remains under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is probing the case under the supervision of the Supreme Court. In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, Vijay was unable to travel to Karur because of security concerns and restrictions imposed by the police. Instead, he addressed the bereaved families through a video conference, expressing his condolences and assuring them of his support during the difficult period. Subsequently, the families of all those who lost their lives in

the stampede were invited to Mamallapuram, where Vijay met them personally. During the meeting, he offered his condolences and handed over financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh to each affected family. The amount was transferred directly to their respective bank accounts without delay. At the time, Vijay had also assured the families that additional assistance would be extended after assessing their long-term needs and family circumstances. According to party and official sources, the Chief Minister will utilise his upcoming two-day visit to Karur to once again meet the families of the victims and personally convey his condolences. The visit is also expected to reaffirm the government's commitment to supporting those affected by the tragedy. Apart from meeting the bereaved families, CM Vijay will participate in a series of official government programmes in the district.

## Delhi L-G Sandhu discusses traffic management with top cops

**New Delhi, July 2:** Delhi Lieutenant Governor T.S. Sandhu on Thursday discussed traffic management in the capital with senior police officers, finalising strategies for area-specific solutions using intelligent traffic management systems and preventing illegal parking. After the meeting, the Lieutenant Governor said in a message on X, "Reviewed a detailed presentation by @dtptraffic today, along with @CPDelhi and senior officials." "It is encouraging to see the focused efforts and strategic interventions being undertaken to improve traffic management across Delhi. Targeted action to address major congestion points, combined with continuous engineering interventions and technology-driven solutions.



## Bihar: Nishant Kumar performs housewarming ceremony at new Patna residence

**Patna, July 2 :** Bihar Health Minister Nishant Kumar on Thursday performed a Satyanarayan Puja at his newly allotted official residence, 5 Desh Ratna Marg in Patna, marking the housewarming ceremony on the occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima. Several family members participated in the religious rituals, including former Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) national president Nitish Kumar. The ceremony was held amid ongoing changes in the allocation of official residences in the state capital and has drawn political attention due to the significance

of the bungalow's location. On the same occasion, Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary also organised a Satyanarayan Puja at his official residence. The religious ceremonies at these prominent government residences coincided with Jyeshtha Purnima, a day considered auspicious in Hindu tradition. Speaking to the media after the ceremony, Nishant Kumar said that the housewarming was organised after he was allotted the government bungalow. When asked whether he would permanently shift to the new residence, he smiled and said he would stay

there as well as at his father's residence, indicating he would continue spending time at Nitish Kumar's residence. He added that he had performed the housewarming ceremony, and that all family members, including his father, had participated in the Satyanarayan Puja at the new residence. The bungalow at 5 Desh Ratna Marg is considered one of the prominent government residences in Patna's VVIP area. It is located close to the Chief Minister's residence and adjacent to Nitish Kumar's official residence at 7 Circular Road.

## Manipur: Sambit Patra to hold meetings with leaders and community heads

**Imphal, July 2 :** A week after 21 MLAs of Manipur urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to reinstate a popular government in the state, BJP's North East in-charge Sambit Patra arrived in Imphal on Thursday and held meetings with some political leaders. A BJP leader said that Patra, during his two-day stay in Manipur, would hold a series of meet-

ings with MLAs and leaders of Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities. "Soon after his arrival in Imphal, Patra went to Churachandpur, where he met local MLA Vungzagin Valte (who belongs to the Kuki community). Returning to Imphal, he met former Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Manipur Assembly Speaker Thokchom



Satyabrata Singh and other leaders," the leader said. The BJP's North East in-charge is likely to meet some MLAs, former ministers, and leaders of various factions. Manipur has been under the President's Rule since February 13, four days after the resignation of N. Biren Singh from the Chief Minister's post.



## After end of e-KYC correction deadline, 1.88 crore women eligible for Ladki Bahin Yojana in Maharashtra

**Mumbai, July 2 :** After e-KYC correction deadline ended last month, around 1.88 crore women are eligible for the Ladki Bahin Yojana in Maharashtra. The state government had extended the deadline for correction in e-KYC process for the Ladki Bahin scheme till April 30, officials said on Thursday. "After the deadline end as per the data with Women and Child development department, around 1.88 crore women submitted the application for completion of process. In February, last payout for Ladki Bahin was to 1.75

crore beneficiary. Now after receiving the funds from the Finance department, payout for March and April will be given soon," an official from the Women and Child Development department said. Earlier, about 68 lakh accounts out of a total of 2.43 crore under the Maharashtra's flagship 'Ladki Bahin Yojana' have been closed permanently after these accounts failed to complete the mandatory e-KYC process.

While the deadline to complete it was March 31, it has now been extended to April 30, which might result in increase in the numbers of closed welfare scheme beneficiary accounts. The state releases around Rs 3,700 crore every month for around 2.25 crore beneficiaries, with each eligible woman receiving Rs 1,500 per month. Now, the amount will be reduced. The state government in the an-

nual budget for 2026-27 has slashed the allocation to the Ladki Bahin Yojana to Rs 26,000 crore against Rs 36,000 crore in 2025-26. The state government had carried out e-KYC exercise following complaints that male members were receiving benefits under the scheme or that some government employees had been registered as beneficiaries.

## Villages in Ludhiana impacted with breach in Dhussi bundh in Sutlej

**Chandigarh, July 2 :** As Punjab is facing worst floods since 1988, several villages in Ludhiana district were impacted as water on early Thursday entered fields and destroyed several acres with the breach in the crucial Dhussi bundh in the Sutlej river near Sahnewal town. However, government officials claimed flood water was stopped by the "ring bundh" that they had erected temporarily as a preventive step. "If the Bhakra dam releases more water, it will create problem," an official said, adding "water was stopped by the ring bundh". The district administration had already moved residents in vulnerable areas to safer

locations. More than 1,500 people, including Indian Army and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), personnel, NGOs and villagers, were deployed to reinforce and secure flood protection by raising the ring bundh. The swollen Sutlej has been flowing dangerously and villagers were working to strengthen the embankment by putting earth filled bags voluntarily to protect the fields and villages from flooding. Ludhiana Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain was constantly reviewing work on the temporary "ring bundh" going on war footing in Sasrali on Friday night. In appeal on Friday, the Deputy Commissioner asked the public not to panic over fake reports of

water breach circulating on social media, clarifying that no such incident has been reported in the district so far. While the floods have already severely impacted across the state, the rising water level of the Sutlej has posed a serious flood threat in Sahnewal's Sasrali Colony, water levels entering the fields and creating a highly critical situation. Extending their support, the Punjab BJP also joined the ongoing relief efforts. Party spokesperson Pritpal Singh Baliawal, accompanied by his Sahnewal team, had actively participated in the operations alongside the administration, working tirelessly to prevent any breach of the embankment.

## Tripura eyes Rs 200 crore pineapple market, bets on fibre-based value addition

**New Delhi/Agartala, July 2 :** Tripura Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath on Thursday said that pineapple fibre can be processed into a wide range of high-value products, including textiles, garments, household items and eco-friendly packaging materials, opening up new avenues for revenue generation and employment. Speaking on the concluding day of the three-day Tripura Queen Pineapple Global Festival 2026 in New Delhi.



## Centre to provide AI-enabled X-ray machines, other advanced medical equipment to Tripura

**New Delhi/Agartala, July 2 :** Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Thursday said the Centre would provide several modern medical machines and equipment, including 48 AI-enabled portable handheld X-ray devices, under the Prime Minister's Fund to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the northeastern state. In a

Facebook post, the Chief Minister said that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Tripura Health and Family Welfare Department in New Delhi on Thursday for the supply, installation and operationalisation of advanced medical equipment in the state.

## India's external debt touches \$762.8 billion

**Mumbai, July 2 :** India's external debt stood at \$762.8 billion at end-March 2026, an increase of \$26.3 billion over its level at end-March 2025, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday. The external debt to GDP ratio increased to 20.8 per cent at end-March 2026 from 19.8 per cent at end-March 2025. Outstanding debt of the government decreased, while non-government debt increased at end-March 2026 over the level a year ago, according to an RBI statement. Debt service, comprising principal repayments and interest

payments, declined to 5.8 per cent of current receipts at end-March 2026 from 6.6 per cent at end-March 2025. Valuation effect due to the appreciation of the US dollar vis-a-vis the Indian rupee and other major currencies amounted to \$24.6 billion. Excluding the valuation effect, external debt would have increased by \$51.0 billion instead of \$ 26.3 billion at end-March 2026 over end-March 2025, the statement said. At end-March 2026, long-term debt (with original maturity of above one year) was placed at \$613.5 billion, recording an increase of \$11.6 billion over its level at end-March 2025.

The share of short-term debt (with original maturity of up to one year) in total external debt increased to 19.6 per cent at end-March 2026 from 18.3 per cent at end-March 2025. Similarly, the ratio of short-term debt (original maturity) to foreign exchange reserves increased to 21.6 per cent at end-March 2026 (20.1 per cent at end-March 2025). Short-term debt on residual maturity basis (i.e., debt obligations that include long-term debt by original maturity falling due over the next twelve months and short-term debt by original maturity).



## HDFC Bank appoints former Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar as part-time chairman

**Mumbai, July 2 :** HDFC Bank has appointed former Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar as its new part-time Chairman for a period of three years, according to a regulatory filing made by the private sector lender on Thursday. The appointment brings an experienced policymaker and former bureaucrat to the helm of the bank's board at a time when the institution is focusing on strengthening governance and oversight. Kumar succeeds former chairman Atanu Chakraborty, who stepped down

earlier this year citing concerns over practices that he said were not aligned with his personal values and ethics. In his resignation letter, Chakraborty emphasised that his decision was driven purely by matters of principle and that there were no other material reasons behind his exit. His abrupt resignation had sparked considerable discussion within the banking sector. Following Chakraborty's departure in March 2026, Keki Mistry was appointed as interim part-time chairman. His appointment was widely viewed

as a temporary arrangement intended to ensure continuity in board leadership. Given Mistry's long association with the HDFC group, industry observers had pointed to potential conflict-of-interest concerns if the interim arrangement had continued for an extended period. Rajiv Kumar brings with him more than three decades of administrative and financial sector experience. A 1984-batch Indian Administrative Service officer, he retired as Finance Secretary to the Government of India in February 2020.

## BPCL to acquire 40 pc stake in Tiki Tar and Shell India for Rs 85 crore

**New Delhi, July 2 :** State-owned Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) on Monday announced that it will acquire a 40 per cent stake in Tiki Tar and Shell India Pvt Ltd (TTSIPL) for Rs 85 crore to strengthen its presence in the rapidly growing value-added bitumen (VAB) market. The strategic investment is aimed at accelerating BPCL's expansion in India's infrastructure sector, where demand for specialised bitumen products is expected to grow alongside road and airport construction, the PSU firm said in an ex-

change filing. The acquisition is expected to be completed within 90 days, subject to the fulfilment of customary conditions, it added. BPCL said the acquisition would help it capture opportunities in the value-added bitumen segment by leveraging TTSIPL's product portfolio and market presence. Registered with the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai, TTSIPL has an authorised share capital of Rs 37 crore and a paid-up capital of around Rs 36 crore, BPCL added. In the fourth quarter of FY26, BPCL reported a net profit of Rs 3,191 crore. Revenue remained broadly stable



at Rs 1.18 lakh crore, while EBITDA stood at Rs 10,061 crore. According to BPCL, petrol sales in Delhi crossed 27,800 metric tonnes (MT) in May 2026, compared with over 27,100 MT in the corresponding month last year, registering a growth of around 2.5 per cent. Diesel sales also witnessed steady growth during the month, reaching over 16,500 MT against more than 16,100 MT in May 2025, registering a growth of about 3 per cent. Shares of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd closed at Rs 301.35, down 2.74 per cent on the BSE on Thursday.

## 81pc of Japanese firms in India eye further investment as bilateral business ties strengthen

**Vadodara, July 2 :** Around 81 per cent of Japanese companies operating in India are keen to make a second or third investment in the country.



## Need to expand insurance coverage to wider segment of population : M Nagaraju

**New Delhi, July 2 :** The policies of the companies should be oriented towards increasing overall insurance penetration and density, while ensuring retention of market share, said M. Nagaraju, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS). He underscored the need to expand insurance coverage to a wider segment of the population, advising that companies should prioritise inclusion of more individuals under the ambit of insurance rather than concentrating predominantly on big-ticket policies. A meeting was convened here to undertake a comprehensive review of the vision strategy documents of three public sector insurance/reinsurance companies — Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) and Oriental Insurance Co Ltd. (OICL). The companies were advised to devise investment and underwriting strategies to reduce loss ratios, according to a Finance Ministry document. Key areas that were deliberated upon are developing new and innovative customised products; augmentation of digital and technological capabilities while adhering to prescribed cybersecurity frameworks; expansion of insurance services through online platforms, timely resolution of public grievances; expanding distribution networks.

## Sensex, Nifty open in green zone amid mixed global cues

**Mumbai, July 2 :** Indian benchmark indices opened in green zone on Thursday after two days of consecutive losses, amid mixed global cues and investor optimism of a US Fed rate cut. As of 9.30 am, Sensex advanced 231 points, or 0.27 per cent at 84,898 and Nifty added 66 points, or 0.26 per cent to 25,906. The broadcap indices performed in line with the benchmarks, with the Nifty Midcap 100 up 0.47 per cent and the Nifty Smallcap 100 adding 0.50 per cent. All the sectoral indices on NSE were trading in the green, with metal, power and realty being the major gainers, up around 0.5 per cent. Analysts said that liquidity has kept valuations high, justifying selling in the broader markets. A major concern is the excessive delay in the finalisation of the US-India trade deal. US President Donald Trump's statement on action against India for dumping rice in the US can hurt traders' sentiments. Traders expect a third consecutive Fed rate cut on Wednesday (US time) and will focus on the central bank's latest dot plot, economic projections, and Chair Jerome Powell's comments, according to reports. Market fundamentals are turning in favour of India.



## Tata Motors eyes 1 million annual commercial vehicle sales after Iveco acquisition: N Chandrasekaran

**New Delhi, July 2 :** Leading automobile firm Tata Motors is targeting annual commercial vehicle (CV) sales of more than one million units in the coming years as it prepares to integrate Italy's Iveco Group, Chairman N. Chandrasekaran said on Thursday. Addressing shareholders at the company's second annual general meeting after the commercial vehicle business was demerged and separately listed, Chandrasekaran said the proposed acquisition of Iveco would significantly accelerate Tata Motors' global ambitions.



## TN's Aavin denies milk supply decline, says Chennai sales rise

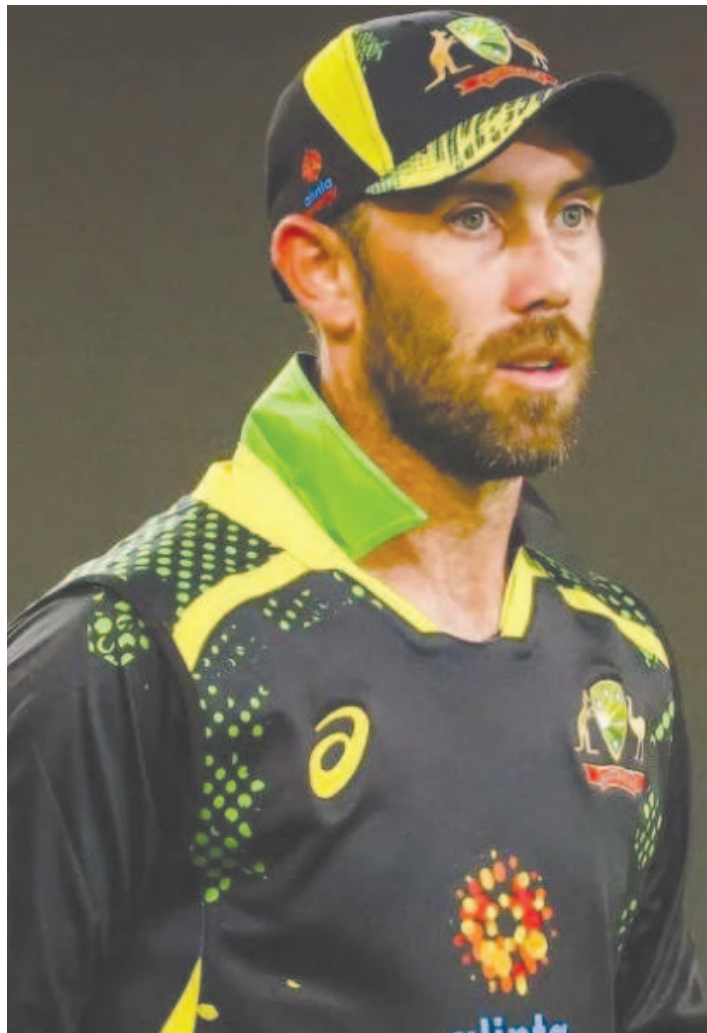
**Chennai, July 2 :** State-run dairy cooperative Aavin has strongly denied reports of a decline in milk supply, asserting that milk distribution across Chennai continues without interruption and that sales have, in fact, increased compared to the same period last year. The clarification comes after the Tamil Nadu Milk Agents and Workers Welfare Association alleged that private dairy companies were attracting milk producers by offering higher procurement prices than Aavin. According to the association, this had resulted in a decline

in Aavin's milk procurement, leading to a 30 per cent impact on milk supply in several areas. Rejecting the allegations, Aavin said there has been no disruption in procurement or distribution and that consumers across Chennai continue to receive all varieties of Aavin milk packets on a daily basis without any shortage. In an official statement, Aavin said it currently supplies an average of 14.50 lakh litres of milk every day across Chennai, ensuring uninterrupted availability through its extensive distribution network. The cooperative maintained that it remains fully committed to meeting consumer demand and has taken all necessary steps to ensure a steady supply of milk. To counter the claims of falling sales, Aavin also released comparative figures showing an increase in milk distribution during June this year. According to the data, the cooperative sold an average of 14.46 lakh litres of milk per day in June 2025.



## ICC chair Jay Shah hails news LA Knight Riders Stadium as 'key milestone' for cricket's Olympic return

**Los Angeles, July 2 :** ICC Chairman Jay Shah hailed the inauguration of the LA Knight Riders Cricket Ground in Los Angeles as a significant step in cricket's global expansion, describing it as 'a key milestone' in the sport's return to the Olympic Games. The state-of-the-art venue, developed by the Knight Riders Group, hosted its first-ever Major League Cricket (MLC) match on Wednesday as the Los Angeles Knight Riders took on Washington Freedom, making the franchise the first global cricket brand to establish an international-standard cricket stadium.



## USA could have upset India at T20 WC; ETPL can help European teams close the gap: Belfast captain Maxwell

**New Delhi, July 2 :** Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell believes the gap between cricket's powerhouses and emerging nations is narrowing rapidly, saying the United States came close to upsetting India at the T20 World Cup and that the European T20 Premier League (ETPL) can further accelerate the rise of developing teams. Speaking after the ETPL 2026 Player Draft on Thursday, the Belfast Wolves' co-owner and captain said franchise leagues provide the exposure needed for Associate nations to consistently challenge the world's best. Asked whether ETPL could help make results like Ireland's recent T20I series win over India more frequent by giving European players a stronger competitive platform.



## If Vaibhav needs to play, he should, but not at the expense of dropping someone: Pujara

**New Delhi, July 2 :** Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara addressed the discussion surrounding India's top order ahead of the second T20I against England, making it clear that he does not believe Sanju Samson should lose his place to accommodate Vaibhav Sooryavanshi despite growing calls for the teenage batter to be included in the playing XI. The veteran batter added that constant speculation over Samson's place in the side was unnecessary, insisting the wicketkeeper-batter deserves a longer run. "I think India should persist with Sanju Samson. I don't think he should be feeling any pressure. He has proved himself in the T20 World Cup and, with the kind of talent he possesses, he should be there in the playing XI," Pujara said on JioStar. "There shouldn't be a lot of noise about dropping Sanju Samson. He is a quality player and should get a longer run. Sanju just needs to bat naturally and not think too much," he added. While Pujara acknowledged that Sooryavanshi has earned an opportunity, he argued that the youngster's inclusion should not come at the cost of disrupting India's established top order. "If Vaibhav needs to play, he should play, but not at the expense of dropping someone, rather by resting someone. If you want to give him an opportunity, that is fine. But you shouldn't be dropping any of India's top three players, whether it's Sanju, Abhishek or Ishan Kishan."



## 'This win doesn't define us, but enjoy it like...', Gordon reveals Kane's message after Congo win

**Atlanta, July 2 :** Anthony Gordon has revealed that Harry Kane urged his team-mates to enjoy the moment when he brought the England squad together for a post-match huddle after the 2-1 win over DR Congo in the round of 32 of the FIFA World Cup 2026. Kane scored twice in the final 15 minutes as the Three Lions came from behind to reach the last 16, where they will face Mexico. For the first time in their history, England won a World Cup match after trailing at half-time. In nine previous instances where they were behind at the break, they had drawn twice and lost seven times. In the immediate aftermath, Kane spoke to his teammates on the pitch before he moved closer to the fans to join in the singing and stressed that the difficulty of the win should not stop them from savouring the moment. "He was saying that this win doesn't

define us; it doesn't win us the tournament, but enjoy it like any other nation," Gordon as quoted by England Football. "Sometimes the bigger nations have a tendency not to celebrate properly because they want to go further and they have high expectations, but that shouldn't be the case. It's a win in the World Cup against a tough team and now we're in the round of 16," he added. Gordon proved instrumental in England's turnaround, setting up both of Kane's goals after he was introduced from the bench in the 61st minute. However, rather than focus on himself, the 25-year-old was keen to highlight the contribution of his teammate, explaining how Kane's goalscoring prowess influenced his decision-making for both goals.



## Praggnanandhaa joint second, Gukesh tied sixth after opening day of Grand Chess Tour Croatia

**Zagreb, July 2 :** The two Indian stars had contrasting starts to the Super Rapid & Blitz Croatia, the third event of the Grand Chess Tour, as Praggnanandhaa placed joint second, while world champion D. Gukesh was tied for sixth place at the end of the third round of the rapid section. Praggnanandhaa began with an impressive victory over Vincent Keymer before drawing against Maxime Vachier-Lagrave. Gukesh, meanwhile, suffered an opening-round defeat to Maxime Vachier-Lagrave but responded immediately with a win over Ivan Saric.

## Taking inspiration from IPL, SA20 to grow ETPL's talent pool: Rotterdam Dockers co-owner Jonty Rhodes

**New Delhi, July 2 :** Drawing on his experiences with the Indian Premier League (IPL) and South Africa's SA20, former South Africa cricketer and Rotterdam Dockers co-owner Jonty Rhodes believes the European T20 Premier League (ETPL) can play a transformative role in developing cricket across the continent.

Rhodes said the league's long-term objective should be to expand Europe's talent pool and strengthen grassroots cricket, rather than merely producing a champion team. He made the remarks after Rotterdam selected emerging Ireland international Jai Moondra with their opening pick.



## NZ quick Sears ruled out of Windies ODIs, Lister named replacement

**Auckland, July 2 :** New Zealand fast bowler Ben Sears has been ruled out of the upcoming ODI series against the West Indies with an ankle injury, with Ben Lister being named as a replacement in the 16-man squad. NZC said Sears had experi-

enced some ongoing pain in his ankle since the four-day Test against Ireland in May, which flared up during the final day of the third Test against England at Trent Bridge.