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Hyderabad, July 30 : Incessant rainfall driven by the impact of a deep depression continues to lash several parts of Telangana, triggering severe swelling of local streams and bringing heavy flood inflows into major reservoirs across the Krishna and Godavari basins. Water levels have risen sharply at the Jurala, Sriramsagar and Nizamsagar projects.

Revanth announces foreign study tours for govt teachers every year

Hyderabad, July 30 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that foreign study tours will be arranged for government teachers every year on the lines of IAS and IPS officers embarked on other country visits to acquire knowledge and upgrade their skills in the administration. Interacting with the delegates of Finland and Germany Exposure on Thursday, the Chief Minister said that "From now on, we will provide teachers with opportunities to go abroad for further studies. Plans must be formulated to ensure the government bears the costs required for quality education,". Revanth Reddy asserted that he was undertaking a slew of initiatives not for politics or votes but to provide quality education to the poor. "Let us all pledge to carry the education mission forward as we set out," he said. Revanth Reddy instructed the authorities to prepare a report by December outlining an action plan for the upcoming academic year. The plans should be formulated by taking every mandal into a cluster, he said. The Chief Minister emphasised that students will excel



in life only when they are provided with education and discipline. Backwardness is not linked to assets or social status. Lack of education is the true form of backwardness. The state government's main objective is to increase state revenue and distribute the benefits to the poor, he said. Stating that the government is ready to address the grievances of teachers, the Chief Minister said the state government was

spending 1.08 lakh on each student. "Parents spend approximately 50,000 on children attending private schools. We need to reflect on why parents prefer private schools. Enrollment of one lakh additional students this year is a great achievement in the school education," he said.

Konda Surekha invites Governor to attend Lashkar Bonalu celebrations

Hyderabad, July 30 : Minister for Environment & Forests and Endowments Konda Surekha, accompanied by Commissioner of Endowments Hanumantha Rao, visited Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Lok Bhavan on Thursday. During the meeting, the Minister extended an invitation to the Governor to participate in the upcoming Ashada Jatara (Lashkar Bonalu) festivities scheduled to take place in Secunderabad. Earlier, the Governor released the book Footprints in the Forests—Memoirs of a Forester, authored by former principal chief conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Telangana, Paresh Kumar Sharma at Lok Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor underscored the importance of conserving forests and protecting



biodiversity, stressing the need for sustained efforts to preserve the country's natural heritage for future generations.

Bandi Sanjay seeks probe into Telangana Panchayat Fund Utilisation

Hyderabad, July 30 : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has sought a comprehensive and impartial inquiry into the utilisation of Central Finance Commission funds by Gram Panchayats in Telangana, alleging irregularities and violations of prescribed guidelines. In separate letters addressed to Union Panchayat Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh) and Telangana Panchayat



Raj Minister Danasari Seethakka, Bandi Sanjay claimed that several Sarpanches had complained of being pressured by officials to spend Finance Commission funds contrary to established norms.

Farmers must be made aware of Super El Niño : Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan

Amaravati, July 30: Irrigation Minister Nimmala Rama Naidu met with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Thursday. They discussed the prevailing Super El Niño conditions. Pawan suggested creating awareness among farmers about the Super El Niño phenomenon and the resulting irrigation water crisis in the state. He urged officials to hold direct meetings with farmers and explain the situation. He emphasized the need to focus on exploring alternative measures to resolve the crisis. Pawan Kalyan thanked Nimmala for releasing 1,000 cusecs of water from the Yeleru project. Pawan stated that the release of water has brought relief to farm-

ers in Pithapuram, Peddapuram, and Jaggampeta regarding their irrigation water needs. He suggested conducting awareness campaigns at the village level about the impact of 'Super El Niño.' He emphasized the need to create awareness to ensure every farmer enrolls in the PM Fasal Bima Yojana. He also noted that every drop of water is precious and

stressed the importance of preventing water wastage. He emphasized the need to focus on desilting canals and preventing leaks in water embankments. He urged officials to pay special attention to the Pithapuram area in Kakinada district. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan advised officials and public representatives to take responsibility for raising awareness among farmers about El Niño. On this occasion, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu called on Pawan, who had undergone shoulder surgery. Nimmala expressed the hope that he would recover quickly and participate even more actively in public service.



Passage of Bill sends clear message to those stealing students' future : Lokesh

Amaravati, July 30 : Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Working President and Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, Nara Lokesh, on Thursday congratulated students on the passage of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha, saying it sends a clear message to those who try to steal future of students. "Hearty congratulations to every student across the country on the passage of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha," Lokesh posted on 'X'. "This law sends a clear message: Those who try to steal the future of our students through paper leaks and exam fraud will face the strictest consequences. Alongside legal action, the Union Government has also initiated structural reforms

to strengthen the integrity of our examination system," he said. Lokesh, who is son of TDP national president and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government acted decisively after the NEET paper leak - ensuring accountability, reconducting the examination in time, and protecting an entire academic year for lakhs of students. "The future of our youth is above politics. Merit, integrity, and equal opportunity must always prevail," he added.



PM Modi holds high-level meeting with Cabinet Ministers in Parliament office

New Delhi, July 30 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting of his Cabinet ministers, including Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, at his office in Parliament on Thursday.



Priority given to the welfare of weavers and the development of the textile industry

Rajanna Sircilla, July 30: In-charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that the state government is prioritizing the welfare of Sircilla's weavers and the development of the textile industry. Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao, Ponnamp Prabhakar, and Adhuri Laxman Kumar; Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas; District Collector Garima Agrawal; and MLAs Kavvampalli Satyanarayana and Medipally

District In-charge Minister and Minister for Marketing, Agriculture, Handlooms & Textiles, and Cooperation: Tummala Nageswara Rao.

Satyam inaugurated works for junction development, beautification, and the construction of model bus shelters at Ragudu (within Sircilla municipal limits) at a cost of ' 3.22 crore. Subsequently, at a program held on Thursday at the District Integrated Office Complex (IDOC), the ministers, Government Whip, and MLAs distributed 'Thrift Fund' scheme RD passbooks to eligible beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, District In-

charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao remarked that Sircilla is synonymous with handlooms and affirmed that the government stands in support of the weavers' hard work. He noted that over ' 1,360 crore has been provided to the handloom sector in the last two years alone. It was stated that the government is focusing specially on providing year-round employment to weavers, as well as implementing security, insurance, and welfare schemes. Speaking on the occasion.

CS calls for comprehensive action plan to boost Telangana exports

Hyderabad, July 30 : Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan to accelerate the State's export growth by addressing exporters' concerns, strengthening infrastructure, exploring new international markets, and implementing export-friendly policies.



Chairing the meeting of the State Export Promotion Committee (SEPC) at the Secretariat on Thursday, the Chief Secretary instructed all concerned departments to work.

Revanth's flight makes go-around at Hyderabad airport due to bad weather

Hyderabad, July 30 : An IndiGo flight carrying Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, en route from Delhi to Hyderabad, had to perform a go-around at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (Shamshabad Airport) on Wednesday night. The diversion was necessitated because the aircraft did not receive landing clearance due to unfavourable weather conditions. The plane, flight number 6E717 with 229 passengers including the Chief Minister, was nearing its descent when the pilot initiated a go-around. After circling for approximately 20 minutes.

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Details of Tender Notice No. VSKP-Snt-26-27-ZONAL-2, Tender No.: VSKP-Snt-26-27-AMC-01, Name of Work: Signal Zonal work under the jurisdiction of SSE/ISG/ CHE in Visakhapatnam Division., **Quantity:** As mentioned in Tender Document, **Period of Completion:** 12 Months, **Tender Value (₹):** 65,65,261.80 (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty One and Eighty Paise only), **Bid Security / Earnest Money to be Deposited (₹):** 1,31,300.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty One Thousand and Three Hundred Only), **Cost of Tender Document (₹):** 0.00 (Nil), **Offer Validity:** 60 days from date of opening, **Type of Tender:** Works Tender governed by GCC-2022 for Works, **System of Tendering:** Open Tender - Single Packet, **Time & Date of tender closing:** 15:00 Hrs of 18.08.2026, **Tender Document and corrigendum:** Visit website <https://www.ireps.gov.in>, **Postal Address for Correspondence:** O/o of Sr. DST/ VSKP, DRM Office Building, Dondaparthi, Visakhapatnam - 530004, Andhra Pradesh.

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Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Co-Ord) / Visakhapatnam
For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit the website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>.

 CAPITAL INDIA Finance Limited	Regd. Office: 701, 7th Floor, Aggarwal Corporate Tower, Plot No. 23, District Centre, Rajendra Place, New Delhi, India - 110008 Tel: +91 11 49546000 Email : wecare@capitalindia.com CIN : L74899DL1994PLC128577	DEMAND NOTICE
Under The Provisions Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("the Act") And The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("the Rules") The undersigned being the authorized officer of Capital India Finance Ltd. under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with the Rule 3, issued Demand Notice(s) under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonably believes that borrower(s) is/are avoiding the service of the demand notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being effected by affixation and publication as per Rules. The contents of demand notice(s) are extracted herein below:		
Name of the Borrower(s)	Demand Notice Date	Description of Immovable property(ies) mortgaged
1.M/S SHREE VAISHNAVI TEXTILES AND GARMENTS (Through its Proprietorship) Mr. KUMARI LAXMAIAH S/O Mr. KUMARI JANGAIAN 2. Mrs. KUMARI SRAVANI W/O Mr. KUMARI LAXMAIAH NLNMLAMAH0036742	Amount 29-07-2026 Rs.20,50,246/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six Only) As On : 14.07.2026	All That The Roc Roof G.p H.No.6-77 (2-6a77), (plot No. 321014900577) Admeasuring 114 Sq. Yards Or 95.31 Sq Mtrs. With Plinth Area 517 Sft. Situated At Chowdarpur Village And Mandal, Vikarabad District, Telangana State And Bounded By: North : G.C.C. Road, South: House of Chennaiiah, East: Demolished House of Veeresham, West: House of Mallesham.
The borrower(s) are hereby advised to comply with the demand notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and hereinafter within 60 days from the date of publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that CIL is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt against the movable/immovable property/properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower(s) are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, CIL shall be entitled to exercise all the rights under Section 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured asset(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and realize payment. CIL is also empowered to ATTACH AND/OR SEAL the secured asset(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured asset(s), CIL also has a right to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the CIL. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to CIL under any other law. The attention of the borrower(s) is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the said Act, whereby the borrower(s) are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of CIL and non-compliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the demand notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.		
Place: VIKARABAD (TELANGANA) Date: 31/07/2026		Sd/- Authorised Officer Capital India Finance Ltd

PNB Housing Finance Limited					
Regd. Office: 97th Floor, Antrakish Bhavan, 22, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001, Ph: 011-23357171, 23357172, 23705414, Web: www.pnbhousing.com, Branch Address: House No. 1-2-270/45/2, Manasa Nagar, M.G. Road, Suryapet Mandal & District, Telangana-508213.					
Notice Under Section 13(2) of Chapter III of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, Read With Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Amended as On Date. We, the PNB Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as "PNBHFL") has issued Demand notice U/s 13(2) of Chapter III of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. The said Demand Notice was issued through our Authorized Officer to all below mentioned Borrowers/Co-Borrower/ Guarantors since your account has been classified as Non-Performing (NPA) Assets as per the Reserve Bank of India/ National Housing Bank guidelines due to non-payment of instalments/ interest. The contents of the same are the defaults committed by you in the payment of instalments of principals, interest, etc. Further, with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of Demand Notice when we are doing this Publication of Demand Notice which is also required U/s 13(2) of the said Act. You are hereby called upon to pay PNBHFL within a period of 60 Days of the date of publication of this demand notice the amount along with up-to-date interest and charges, failing which PNBHFL will take necessary action/measures under all or any of the provisions of Section 13(4) of the said Act, against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and guarantors. Your kind attention is invited to provision of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 where under you can tender/pay the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the PNB HFL only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured assets by public Auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Further, you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale, lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets.					
S. No.	Loan A/c No.	Name/Address of Borrower and Co-Borrower(s)	Name & Address of Guarantor(s)	Property(ies) Mortgaged	Amount O/s as on date Demand Notice
1	NHLRS UR/024/ 5002659 B.O.: Suryapet	Mr./M/s. Chinthalapati Annapurna (Borrower), H.No.3-58, Chilkur, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Telangana, 508206, India. Mr./M/s. Chinthalapati Suresh (Co-Borrower), H.No.3-58, Near Navabharath School, Chilkur, Mandal, Suryapet, Nalgonda, Telangana, 508206, India. Also at: A.Laxmi Transport, Plot No.13, Sai Ram Nagar Colony, Nagole, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, 500068.	Not applicable	Details of Secured Property: H.No.3-58, Sy.No.183, Block No.3, Chilkuru G.P. and R Village Chilkuru Mandal, Chilkuru, Nalgonda Dist., Telangana, India, 508206.	Rs.15,27,720.18 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and Paise Eighteen Only) due as on 14-06-2026.
Place: Suryapet, Dated: 31-07-2026			Sd/- Authorized Officer, M/s PNB Housing Finance Ltd.		



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Regd Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032; Website : <http://www.shriramfinance.in/auktion>

E Auction Sale Notice In Respect Of Immovable Properties Belongs To: Mr. Dipesh Banker Alias Dipesh Dinesh Kumar Banker

E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now. Previously we sent Intending sale Notice dated: 13.06.2025 Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers as under Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 31.08.2026, 11.00 A.M. to 01.00P.M.for recovery of dues of Rs. 71,63,064 as on 11.05.2023 with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 12.05.2023 due to the Shriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated 11.05.2023 issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantor(s) mentioned below.

Agreement No:

SECUSTF1703300016

Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor(s)

1. Dipesh Banker alias Dipesh Dinesh Kumar Banker S/o, Dinesh Kumar C Banker, Aged About 49 Years, Occ: Business, O/o, M/s. Bharath Steel Industries , Rani guni, secunderabad, R/o. H.No. 1-1-22, Sd Road, Secunderabad - 500003. (Borrower/Property Holder). 2. Megha Dipesh Banker W/o. Dipesh Dinesh Kumar Banker, Aged About 48 Years, Occ: House Wife R/o. H.No. 1-1-22, Sd Road, Secunderabad - 500003. (Co-Borrower/Guarantor). 3. Sravan Kumar Madap S/o. Venkata Rama Rao, Aged About 50 Years, Occ: Desg: Sr. Vice President-Operations, O/o. Intech Soft Ware Private Limited, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda R/o. Plot No.85, Durga Vihar Colony, Thirumalgerry, Secunderabad-500015. (Guarantor)

Description of immovable property:

(Property belongs to Dipesh Banker alias Dipesh Dinesh Kumar Banker: All That the Flat No.302, Bearing Municipal No. 7-1-51/M/302 in Third Floor of MOGHAL MARYADA APARTMENTS" admeasuring 1145 sq.ft, inclusive of Car parking along with undivided share of land admeasuring in 44.33 sq.yards out of 963 sq.yards in premises Bearing Municipal No. 7-1-51, situated at Dharani Karam Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad and bounded as follows: North: Open to Sky, South: Corridor & Stair Case, East: Open to Sky, West: Flat No.301. Encumbrances, if any: NIL

Agreement no	Reserve Price of The Property	EMD Amount	By way of Sub EMD	Bid Increase Amt	Auction Date	EMD Submission Date	Property Inspection Date
SECUSTF1703300016	Rs.40,35,750/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand and Seven Hundred and Fifty only)	Rs.4,03,575/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Five only)	DD in favour of SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs.10,000/-	31-08-2026	29-08-2026	28-08-2026

The interested bidders required assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. Shriram Automall India Limited contact person: Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri, Contact No. 9833922941 Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri <gaurav@samil.in> and for any property related query may contact Shriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, K.Krishan Kumar, Ph. No : 9949547771, during office hours and working days. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids without furnishing any further reasons. The online auction will be conducted on website (<https://eauctions.samil.in/home>) of our auction agency Shriram Auto Mall India Limited, and for the place of Tender Submission/ for obtaining the bid form / Tender open & Auction, please visit the website <https://eauctions.samil.in/home> and for detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link <https://www.shriramfinance.in/auktion> provided in the Shriram Finance Limited website.

Note

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

Place: Ameerpet, Date: 22-07-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Shriram Finance Ltd.

Sridhar Babu orders war-footing flood relief in Godavarikhani, Peddapalli

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04/05, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 11-05-2026 and paper publication dated 11-05-2026, calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors M/s. Ramalakshmi Enterprises (Firm), Mr. Gunti Manikanta, Su Ganti Satti Babu (Proprietor) Mrs. Gunti Lakshmi to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.32,39,334.13 + interest (Rupees Ninety Two Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Thirteen only) as on 10-05-2026 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/guarantors 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 under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the 29th day of July of the year 2026. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda, SECUNDERABAD Branch for an amount of being Rs.32,39,334.13 + interest (Rupees ninety two lakhs thirty nine thousand nine hundred thirty four and paise thirteen only) as on 10-05-2026 and further interest thereon from 10-05-2026 at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.			
Description of the Immovable Property Vagant Plot No.16 with Temporary Shedding/structures/structures situated at Sy.No.91/P1, situated Thumkurta village, Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana standing in the name of Mrs. Sarver Sulthana, W/o Md.Khaleel. The said property is bounded as follows: North: Plot No.17, South: Main Road No.1 (internal), East: Plot No.15, West: Road No.3 (internal).			
Date: 29-07-2026 Place: Hyderabad		Sd/- Authorized Officer Bank of Baroda	

BANK OF BARODA		SECUNDERABAD BRANCH:			
Door No.1-2-73/2,Opp. CTC, Park Lane, Secunderabad.		POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property/ies)			
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Enforcement Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 11-05-2026 and paper publication dated 14-05-2026, calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors M/s. Ramalaxmi Enterprises (Firm), Mr. Gunti Manikanta, S/o Gunti Satti Babu (Proprietor) M/s. Sarver Sultana (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.92,39,934.13/- + interest (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four and Paise Thirteen only) as on 10-05-2026 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/guarantors 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 under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the 29th day of July of the year 2026. The Borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda, SECUNDERABAD Branch for an amount of being Rs.92,39,934.13 + interest (Rupees ninety two lakhs thirty nine thousand nine hundred thirty four and paise thirteen only) as on 10-05-2026 and further interest thereon from 11-05-2026 at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment.					
EM of Residential Vacant Plot No.16 with Temporary Shed/buildings/structures situated at Sy.No.91/Part, situated at Thumukunta village Shamprpet Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana standing in the name of Mrs. Sarver Sultana, W/o Md.Khaleel. The said Property is bounded as follows: North: Plot No.17, South: Main Road No.1 (internal), East: Plot No.15, West: Road No.3 (internal).					
Date: 29-07-2026 Place: Hyderabad		Sd/- Authorized Officer Bank of Baroda			

City CP Sajjanar Holds Coordination meeting with Idol Makers Ganesh idol celebrations

Hyderabad, July 30 : The Hyderabad City Police have accelerated their preparatory efforts to ensure the upcoming Ganesh Utsavs are conducted peacefully, safely, and in an eco-friendly manner. Having already met with representatives of the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi, senior officials held a coordination meeting with idol makers. The meeting took place on Thursday at the TGICCC Mini Con-

ference Hall in Banjara Hills. It presided over by City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar. Speaking on the occasion, City CP Sajjanar emphasized the critical need for proactive security measures to prevent any untoward incidents throughout the entire process—from idol installation to the procession and immersion. Noting that approximately 23,000 idols were installed within the city commissionerate limits last year—with four accidents oc-

curing during transportation—he urged that strict safety protocols be followed right from the manufacturing stage to avoid such errors this time. He reiterated the decision, reached in consultation with the Bhagy anagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi representatives, to limit the maximum height of the idols to 16 feet. He called upon artisans to promote the use of clay idols out of a sense of social responsibility and to create awareness

among devotees, encouraging them to opt for smaller idols that are easier to immerse. Instructions were issued to implement fire safety measures in idol-making workshops to prevent accidents, ensure safe electrical wiring and maintain clean premises free from hazardous chemicals. Assurance was given that the City Police department would take steps to provide necessary infrastructure for manufacturers



through coordination with various government departments. Regarding traffic control and safe transportation, it was announced that dedicated entry and exit routes are being designated for the safe movement of idols into the city from major hubs like Dhoolpet, Jalpally and Mailardevpally.

TGCSB, DoT join hands to crack down on Telecom-Enabled Cybercrime



Hyderabad, July 30 (NSS): The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on Thursday held a high-level coordination meeting to strengthen efforts against telecom-enabled cybercrime, with a focus on faster detection, investigation and citizen protection. The meeting, chaired by TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, brought together senior officials from the DoT, Intelligence Bureau, telecom service providers and the cyber security bureau. K Raja Sekhar, Deputy Director General (Tech-

nology), and Hemant Rathwe, Deputy Director General (Security), represented the DoT. Discussions centred on tackling the misuse of SIM Boxes, tightening SIM card verification, curbing fraudulent multiple SIM issuance, and improving mechanisms to identify suspicious mobile numbers linked to cybercrime complaints. Participants also explored measures to combat international spoofed calls, VoIP-based frauds, telecom identity masking, and phishing links through enhanced technical collaboration.



DCA seizes illegal abortion kits worth Rs.47,672 in Nalgonda Raid

Nalgonda, July 30 (NSS): The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) seized 113 abortion kits worth Rs.47,672 from a wholesale Sri Laxmi Medical Agencies at Prakasham bazaar in Nalgonda for allegedly stocking them without valid purchase bills. Officials said the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) kits (abortion kits) were being stored in violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Samples have been sent for analysis, and further legal action is underway. The DCA warned that illegal sale of abortion kits is punishable with imprisonment of up to two years and appealed to the public to report medicine-related violations through its toll-free helpline. Public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities related to medicines, as well as any other suspected manufacturing activities concerning drugs.

Free bus travel for women under the Mahalakshmi scheme : Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

Vemulawada, July 30 : Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated that the free bus travel facility for women under the Mahalakshmi scheme is being implemented effectively. On Thursday, Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, and Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar laid the foundation stone for the modernization of the Vemulawada-Thippapur bus station. Subsequently, they flagged off a new express bus service to Basara via Vemulawada and Korutla. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar noted that the state government fulfilled its promise by implementing free bus travel for women under the Mahalakshmi scheme within just 48 hours of assuming office. He mentioned that the number of passengers using RTC services has increased significantly due to the free travel facility for women. He revealed that, alongside the procurement of new buses, the recruitment of staff is also underway. He stated that the Vemulawada bus station, originally built in 1984, is being modernized at a cost of ₹ 1.62 crore. He further noted that approximately 250 buses and 560 trips operate daily to Vemulawada, a town re-

■ **Ministers and Government Whip lay the foundation stone for the modernization of the Vemulawada bus station.**
■ **Launch of an express bus service to Basara via Korutla.**



nowned as ‘Dakshina Kashi’ (Southern Kashi). He noted that a new express bus service to Basara via Korutla had been launched and recalled that bus connectivity to Mumbai had also been provided previously. He stated that the RTC, which was once running at a loss, has been steered toward profitability and that promises made to employees are being implemented in a phased manner. He explained that 50,000 people travel from the Vemulawada bus station daily. He revealed that under the Mahalakshmi scheme, women have saved ₹ 11,668 crore by availing of free travel. He mentioned that 2,600 new buses have been

purchased. He also disclosed that bus stations across the state are being developed at a cost of approximately ₹ 100 crore, and that outstanding PF dues (approx. ₹ 1,000 crore) and CCS dues (₹ 600 crore) owed to RTC employees have been cleared. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that bus stations are being modernized alongside infrastructure development in the state’s prominent temple towns. He noted that Telangana RTC, as the country’s largest public transport organization, is successfully providing free travel for women.

Komatireddy orders officials on high alert amid heavy rains

Hyderabad, July 30 : In view of the widespread rainfall across Telangana over the past two days, Roads & Buildings (R&B) Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy held a review meeting at the Secretariat on Thursday with senior officials to assess the situation and preparedness. The Minister reviewed the condition of roads, bridges, low-level causeways, and culverts



across the erstwhile districts and R&B divisions, seeking detailed reports on vulnerable infrastructure.

Tajikistan seeks cultural partnership with Telangana archives

Hyderabad, July 30 : Tajikistan Ambassador to India, Bobokalonzoda Lukmon, visited the Telangana State Archives on Monday and proposed collaboration with the Telangana government for translating, transliterating, and publishing rare manuscripts under the India-Tajikistan cultural exchange programme. The Ambassador praised India's rich knowledge heritage and expressed interest in making the rare manuscripts ac-



cessible in the Tajik language. Telangana State Archives Director Dr. Zareena Parveen showcased rare Persian manuscripts, while officials highlighted the institution's ongoing digitisation efforts. Prof Akhtar Ali of the department of Geography, Osmania University.



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Borrower Name and Address
1) Saidulu Varikuppala, S/O: Varikuppala Narsimha , Age: 46 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 4-36/1, Jangam, Narayanapur Mandal, Yadadri-Bhongir- 508253, B/O: Proprietor Of " Sri Laxmi Narsimha Swamy Cement Bricks" At # Beside Indian Petrol Bunk, Main Road, Guddimalakapuram, Narayanapur, Yadadri-Bhongir-508253. 2) Varikuppala Shankaramma, W/O: Varikuppala Saidulu & D/O: Bontha Gangaiah , Age: 38 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H No: 4-36/1, Jangam, Narayanapur, Yadadri-Bhongir- 508253. 3) Dandugula Ravi, S/O: Dandugula Edaiah , Age: 34 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 2-47, Ankireddy Gudem, Choutuppal, Nalgonda-508252, B/O: Proprietor Of " Ravi Enterprises". (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 22,49,921/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty One Only)

Description of Property
LBNGRTF2111280001 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is VARIKUPPALA SHANKARAMMA , Mortgage deed dated 01.12.2021 Registered as Document No 9074/2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at Choutuppal) All That The Piece And Parcel Of The House Bearing No. 4-36, Assessment No. 568, Admeasuring 80 Sq. Yards Or Its Equivalent To 66.88 Sq. Meters, Constructed With Brick Walls And RCC Roof With Plinth Area 700 Sq. Feet, Situated At Janagam Village, Narayanapur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, Under Janagam Gram Panchayat And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Vaillapally Road, Towards West: House Of Manchala Muthyulu, Towards North: 12 Wide Road, Towards South: House Of Varikuppala Hanumanthu. This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL. Date: 24-07-2026, Place: Yadadri-Bhongiri.

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Borrower Name and Address
1) Ravi Kumar Thota, S/O: Thota Pentaiah , Age: 56 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-24, Maktha Anantharam Village, Bibi Nagar Mandal, Inkriyala, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District-508126, B/O Proprietor Of "Sri Venkateshwara General Stores" At # Same As Resi Address. 2) Thota Vijaya Lakshmi @Alias Thota Vijaya Lakshmi, W/O: Thota Ravi Kumar Or D/O: Kilasam Renanda , Age: 51 Years, Occ: House Wife, R/O: H.No:1-24, Maktha Anantharam Village, Bibi Nagar Mandal, Inkriyala, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District-508126. 3) Jiluka Ramulu, S/O: Jiluka Anjaiah , Age: 50 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H.No: 1-19/1, Maktha Anantharam Village, Bibi Nagar Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri-508126, B/O: Proprietor Of "Durga Bhavani Hotel". (Borrowers/Co-Borrower /Guarantors/Legal Heirs) Amount due as per Demand Notice : Rs. 38,43,952/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Two Only)

Description of Property
LBNGRTF2012300002 - Description Of The Immoveable Property Property holder Name is Thota Vijaya Lakshmi , Mortgage deed dated 04.01.2021 Registered as Document No 131/ 2021 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at BIBINAGAR) All That The House Bearing No 3-15, Consisting Of Two Bed Rooms, One Hall, Kitchen And Open Place, In All Admeasuring An Extent Of 287.60 Sq. Yards., Or Equivalent To 240.46 Sq. Mtrs., (Plinth Area 1600 Sft With R.C.C. Roof Area, Age Of Building 6 Years) Situated At Maktha Anantharam Village, Bibi Nagar Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District, Regn. Sub. Dist. Bbinagar, Regn. Dist. Nalgonda, G.P.Maktha Anantharam, (And Plan Enclosed Here With), And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: House Of K.Pentaiah, Towards West: Road, Towards North: Road, Towards South: House Of B. Bkshapathi , Actual: Neighbors Open Plot. This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL. Date: 24-07-2026, Place: Nalgonda.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I **SARIPELLA MANOGNA (NEW NAME)**, W/o Karra Parameswar Manikanta Kumar, previously called **KARRA MANOGNA (Old Name)**, Plot No.203, S/V Residency NTR Marg, RDO office Road Amalapuram - Amalapuram Mandal, Dr B.R Ambedkar konaseema Dist., Andra Pradesh. Now Changed My Name from **KARRA MANOGNA (Old Name)** To **SARIPELLA MANOGNA (New Name)**. Hence forth I will be called as **SARIPELLA MANOGNA (New Name)** for all purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (NEW NAME)**, C/o Ranga Rao previously called **DERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (Old Name)**, Resident of Door No.3-71-1, Kesavadasu palem Village Sakshinetipalli Mandal, Dr B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andra Pradesh. Now Changed My Name from **DERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (Old Name)** To **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (New Name)**. Hence forth I will be called as **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (New Name)** for all purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (NEW NAME)**, C/o Ranga Rao previously called **DERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (Old Name)**, Resident of Door No.3-71-1, Kesavadasu palem Village Sakshinetipalli Mandal, Dr B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andra Pradesh. Now Changed My Name from **DERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (Old Name)** To **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (New Name)**. Hence forth I will be called as **PERABATHULA LAKSHMANA RAO (New Name)** for all purpose.

Opinion Mail



World's confidence increasing towards India's defence equipment, technology: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday recalled his visit to Indonesia earlier this month, during which a major agreement on BrahMos and Astra missiles was signed between the two nations, and highlighted the world's increasing confidence towards India's defence equipment and technology. Addressing the 136th episode of his monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi said, "Whether it is defence production, exports or political cooperation with the friendly nations, India is continuously scaling new heights."

"At the beginning of this month, I was in Indonesia, where a major agreement was signed for BrahMos and Astra missiles. The world's confidence is increasing towards India's defence equipment and technology," he added.

In a key boost for the domestic defence industry, earlier this month, India and Indonesia signed an agreement for the supply of BrahMos missiles to the Indonesian military.

Indonesia is also set to import India's indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles. The Astra, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is a beyond-visual-range missile designed to track and destroy highly manoeuvrable enemy aircraft.

India is also to provide Indonesia with additional batteries of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. The two countries also finalised a framework for maritime safety and security cooperation.

The agreements were signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia earlier this month. PM Modi also paid homage to the bravehearts of the 1999 War and said that the Kargil Vijay Diwas fills everyone with pride and reminds the nation of the "extraordinary courage" of the Indian Armed Forces.

"There are certain dates in our lives for which we do not need to look at the calendar. Today, July 26, is one such date. Today is the Kargil Vijay Diwas. This day fills us with pride and reminds us of the extraordinary courage of our brave soldiers."

"The towering peaks of Kargil, harsh weather, the challenges posed by the enemy -- our soldiers faced every such circumstance, yet their morale was greater than any challenge. They sacrificed everything for protecting the motherland. Today, on Kargil Vijay Diwas, I pay homage to all the brave martyrs and soldiers," he added.

The Prime Minister said that today's India not only remembers its bravehearts but also "ensures that their stories reach the new generations".

"With this spirit, a special 'Saurya Vijay Yatra' has been organised this year. This motorcycle expedition, which began on July 14 from Delhi's National War Memorial, will reach the Kargil War Memorial in Drass. Its message is 'One ride, one nation, one salute'. This expedition reminds us that the sacrifices made for the country can never be forgotten," he added.

PM Modi said that India is "continuously strengthening" its technical capabilities alongside the "courage of its soldiers".

He mentioned the induction of INS Mahendragiri in the Indian Navy. "This modern warship has been designed in India and made in India. More than 75 per cent indigenous content has been used in this. This is a symbol of the growing strength of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat,' he said.

The Prime Minister mentioned the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120) -- an advanced, precision-guided artillery rocket system with a maximum strike range of approximately 120 kilometres and a validated minimum range of 60 kilometres -- developed indigenously in India by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

"Behind this success, it is the collective hardwork of our scientists and engineers," he said.

He also highlighted the successful conduct of the flight test of the Khusha Missile.

"On this Kargil Vijay Diwas, let us pay heartfelt tributes to our martyrs and strengthen our resolve to build a safe, capable and Atmanirbhar Bharat," he added.

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Pakistan: Rights group announces global campaign to mark second anniversary of Baloch National Gathering

Quetta, July 30 : Human rights body Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) on Thursday announced a global campaign to mark the second anniversary of Baloch Raaji Muchi (Baloch National Gathering).

The BYC noted that two years have passed since the Baloch National Gathering in Gwadar on July 28, 2024. It stated that this gathering was not only an event but was a "testament to the collective resistance, political reawakening, and unbroken will of the Baloch people".

The human rights organisation stated, "Despite facing intense state repression, military brutality, internet blackouts, arbitrary arrests, blocked highways, violent crackdowns, numerous injuries, and loss of lives, thousands of Baloch men, women, and children stood united to demand jus-

tice, dignity, and the right to life for the Baloch people, and to call for an end to the ongoing genocide of the Baloch."

It noted that it had initiated an archiving project to ensure that their memories were not erased by state censorship and held a live webinar to mark the first anniversary of Baloch National Gathering in 2025

"Now, on the 2nd Anniversary of Baloch Raaji Muchi, we are expanding our resistance. We refuse to let the state erase our history. The BYC announces a comprehensive, multi-layered global campaign to immortalise the events of July 2024, hold the oppressors accountable, amplify the voices of the victims, and strengthen collective resistance for survival," the human rights body added.

The rights group accused the authorities of relying on silence and erasure. It termed preserving memories and resisting erasure an "act of resistance" and urged each participant and supporter to contribute to the Baloch Raaji Muchi Permanent Digital Archive. It urged people to share detailed



written or recorded accounts mapping their journey, the blockades you faces, and the precise times and locations of state interference. "Eyewitness Testimonies: First-hand accounts from individuals who participated in the gathering or were halted at blockades, detailing the aggression faced by state forces. Verified Photographs: Previously unpublished, high-resolution images capturing the massive crowds in Gwadar, the peaceful sit-ins, and the solidarity among the people. News Coverage: Cuttings, links, and video clips from local, national, or international media that covered the gathering and the subsequent internet and mobile shutdowns," the BYC mentioned in a statement on X.

"Any documentation or independent reports published by human rights organisations detailing the excessive use of force and human rights violations during the event. Official Inquiries or Court Findings: Copies of FIRs, court orders, bail pleas, or official documents related to the unlawful detention of protesters and BYC organisers.

Will not contest 2028 elections: Siddaramaiah; says politics has become highly polluted

Bengaluru, July 30 : Former Chief Minister and Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Siddaramaiah, who recently resigned from the CM's post, has declared that he will not contest the 2028 Karnataka Assembly elections, effectively signalling his retirement from electoral politics.

Siddaramaiah further stated, "Politics has become highly polluted. Honest politics is struggling to survive. It is in this backdrop that I have decided not to contest any future elections."

Speaking at K.R. Pet Krishna's birthday event in K.R. Pet town of Mandya district, Siddaramaiah made the announcement before a gathering of supporters. However, those present at the event urged him to remain in active politics for at least another 10 years.

A video of Siddaramaiah's remarks regarding his decision to retire from electoral politics has since drawn considerable attention and gone viral on social media. Despite objections from supporters, who insisted that he continue in politics.



Romania shoots down third drone that entered its airspace

Bucharest, July 30 : Romanian Air Force pilots have shot down a third drone that entered Romanian airspace without authorisation. According to the Ministry of National Defence of Romania, the drone was safely shot down 12 km northeast of Sulina, within Romania's territorial waters.

Romanian President Nicusor Dan congratulated the pilots for their work and called Russia's actions "inadmissible and intolerable" for violating Romania's airspace.

"A new drone was shot down this morning, at 10:13 a.m., by an F-16 aircraft of the Romanian Air Force, over Romania's territorial waters, in the Sulina-Chilia area. I congratulate the Romanian pilots and the ground teams for the professionalism, courage, and efficiency with which they carry out their missions. Through their actions, they contribute to the defence of the national territory and the safety of Romanian citizens," President Dan wrote on social media platform X.

According to the investigation conducted by the General Prosecutor's Office, the drone shot down

on Friday morning is of the Shahed type, used by Russia against Ukraine. Investigations into the drones shot down on Saturday and Sunday are ongoing. "Romania's diplomatic protest against the Russian Federation will be based on these investigations," Dan noted.

"It is inadmissible and intolerable for the Russian Federation to continue violating Romania's airspace, which is, at the same time, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato) airspace and European Union airspace. Such actions are unacceptable, and we treat them with the utmost seriousness.

Yemen's Houthis claim downing Saudi drone; Red Sea tanker reports close splash

Sanaa, July 30 : Yemen's Houthi group claimed on Thursday that it has shot down a Saudi-operated reconnaissance drone over the northern province of Al-Jawf, as a separate security incident was reported in the southern Red Sea involving a tanker.

Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said on social media platform X that the group's forces downed the drone with "appropriate weaponry" while it was conducting what he called "hostile operations" in Al-Jawf's airspace. He did not elaborate on the operation, Xinhua news agency reported. Earlier on Sunday, the United Kingdom Mari-

time Trade Operations (UKMTO) said it had received a report of a security incident after a tanker observed "a splash from an unknown projectile in close proximity to the vessel" in the southern Red Sea, near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait. The vessel and its crew were reported safe.

The latest incidents came after the Houthis announced a maritime ban on Saudi-linked shipping last week and claimed attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea, prompting a Saudi-led coalition to launch airstrikes on Houthi-held areas in Yemen. On Thursday, state-run Yemen TV reported that airstrikes struck Houthi military sites in northern Yemen. Meanwhile, the Houthi group said it had carried out coordinated missile



and drone strikes on Saudi energy facilities in Jizan and Yanbu regions. Yemen has been mired in conflict since late 2014, when the Houthis seized much of northern Yemen, including the capital Sanaa, prompting a Saudi-led coalition to intervene in 2015 in support of the internationally recognised government.

Although a UN-mediated truce expired in 2022, a fragile de-facto ceasefire has largely held. The lat-

est escalation has raised fresh concerns over regional security and the safety of Red Sea shipping.

Houthi group claimed on Saturday that it has launched missile and drone attacks on energy facilities in Saudi Arabia's Jizan and Yanbu regions in response to overnight airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition on Houthi-held areas in western Yemen.



US forces redirect 12 commercial vessels, board two as naval blockade against Iran continues : CENTCOM

Washington, July 30 : The US Central Command (CENTCOM) said the United States’ naval blockade against Iran remains fully in effect, announcing that American forces have redirected multiple commercial vessels, boarded ships for verification, and disabled one tanker that allegedly attempted to violate the blockade.

In a post on X, CENTCOM stated: “The U.S. naval blockade against Iran remains in full effect. As of July 30, CENTCOM has re-directed 12 commercial vessels trying to run the blockade, disabled 2 that didn’t comply, and boarded 2 to ensure total compliance.”

The central command said that US forces earlier completed a verification boarding of the Comoros-flagged tanker M/T Charminar in the Arabian Sea. Describing the operation, CENTCOM said: “Earlier today, U.S. forces completed a verification boarding aboard Comoros-flagged M/T Charminar in the Arabian Sea, and the tanker is now continuing its journey.”

Brazil denies visa requests from US officials ahead of upcoming October elections

Rio De Janeiro, July 30 : Brazil has rejected visa applications from two US Department of State officials over concerns that their visit could support groups questioning Brazil's electoral system, local media reported. The officials were Riley M. Barnes, assistant secretary from the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Samuel Samson, deputy assistant secretary from the same bureau. The two submitted their visa applications to the Brazilian

government on July 30, planning to meet with presidential candidate Flavio Bolsonaro, the son of former President Jair Bolsonaro, as well as officials from Brazil's Superior Electoral Court and right-wing figures, according to reports. A spokesperson for Brazil's foreign office said Barnes and Samson requested visas on July 20 and they were denied Friday, Xinhua news agency reported. The US State Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Brazil will hold the first round of its presidential election on October 4, with



a potential runoff scheduled for October 25, according to a schedule released by the Superior Electoral Court. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will bid for reelection against Sen. Flavio Bolsonaro. Sen. Bolsonaro and his brother, Eduardo Bolsonaro, vis-

ited US officials in Washington, including President Donald Trump, in late May. Shortly afterwards, the Trump administration designated Brazil's two largest drug trafficking organisations.



H-1B attacks risk harming India-US ties: Warner

Washington, July 30 : Rhetoric and policy uncertainty around the H-1B visa programme risk damaging India-US relations and undermining confidence among skilled workers and businesses at a sensitive moment in bilateral ties, a senior US lawmaker has warned. Mark Warner, Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and Co-Chair of the Senate India Caucus, told IANS in an exclusive interview that recent announcements targeting the H-1B programme had created confusion and anxiety, particularly among Indian professionals and companies.

“It again seems to be a large announcement,” Warner said, referring to proposed changes to the programme. He noted uncertainty over whether a proposed \$100,000 fee would be a one-time charge or recurring.

Qatari PM, Saudi FM discuss regional developments, de-escalation efforts over phone

Doha, July 30 : Qatari Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani on Thursday.



Nearly 100,000 Afghan refugees return home in one month : Official

Kabul, July 30 : A total of 14,539 Afghan refugee families, totalling 97,277 individuals, returned to their homeland, Afghanistan, from the neighbouring countries of Pakistan and Iran over the past month, the deputy spokesman for the Afghan government announced on Thursday. The returnees entered Afghanistan through the Islam Qala border in western Herat province, the Torkham crossing point in eastern Nangarhar province, Spin Boldak in southern Kandahar province, Pul-e-Abreham in western Nimroz province, and Bahramcha in southern Helmand province, Hamdullah Fitrat posted on his X account. All returning families have received immediate assistance, including food, drinking water, healthcare services, and free transportation to their



destinations, the official added. The majority of the former refugees have returned from Pakistan, Fitrat asserted.

More than 8 million Afghan refugees, according to Afghan officials, have returned to their country since the current Afghan government took over power in August 2021, Xinhua News Agency reported. Last week, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that India has handed over family tents for Afghan returnees as part of its continued humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan.

Taiwan President Lai Ching-te demands China to 'face up' to Tiananmen Square past

Taipei, July 30 : Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te on Thursday demanded that China "face up" to the Tiananmen Square Massacre on its 37th anniversary and acknowledge the loss of lives caused by Beijing's Army in response to people's fight to express their opinions freely. In his statement shared on Facebook, he expressed hope that China initiates reconciliation and dialogue, where people can freely express their views and people of different stances and generations can participate in public decision-making. Recalling the incident, he said, "Thirty-seven years is enough time for a baby to grow into an adult, start a family, and embark on their own path to success. But 37 years ago today, thousands of young people in the prime of

their lives, full of ideals and aspirations, were mercilessly shot and crushed by the army and tanks on the streets of Beijing, Tiananmen Square, and throughout China." "Those who were shot and crushed back then were not only the lives and youth of those who participated in the democracy movement, but also the aspirations and practices of an entire generation in China for freedom and democracy," he added.

Lai Ching-te stressed that the strength of a democratic nation does not depend on grand narratives or top-down dominant themes, but it comes from the diverse views of its people and their united will. He stressed that a sound government and society should make efforts to support the next generation, enabling them to live better lives than they did, instead of using violence, surveillance, or other means to stifle their dreams and erase their opin-

ions. "A truly great nation should not be obsessed with powerful ships and cannons or engage in militarism, but should be tolerant of different voices, protect the people's right to pursue their dreams, and have the courage to face the wounds of history," Lai Ching-te said in a statement posted on Facebook. "I sincerely hope that China can face up to the June Fourth Incident 37 years ago, acknowledge the truth, heal the wounds, and initiate reconciliation and dialogue; that people can freely express their opinions, and that people of different generations and with different stances can participate in public decision-making. In particular, the voices of the younger generation should be heard, because their vision for the future is the driving force for a country's continued progress," he added. In the statement, Lai said that Taiwan will continue to stand with those who strive



for freedom and democracy until the truth is revealed and until no one has to sacrifice their lives for seeking freedom. Recalling his discussion last week with high-school students, the President said that their views made him hopeful for Taiwan’s future. The events leading to the Tiananmen Massacre began in April 1989 when students, workers, and others gathered peacefully in Beijing’s Tiananmen Square, calling for free expression, democratic re-

form, and an end to corruption. On June 4 of that year, the Chinese army opened fire on protesters and bystanders in Beijing. The Chinese government has never provided a full public accounting of the death toll. Governments, rights organisations and activists around the world continue to mark the anniversary each year and call for greater transparency about the events of 1989.



Bangladesh: Another Awami League leader sent to jail in murder case

Dhaka, July 30 : A Bangladeshi court has sent former MP and Awami League leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to jail in connection with a murder case linked to a shooting incident during the July 2025 demonstrations in Dhaka’s Uttara, local media reported.

Confirming the development, Sub-Inspector Md Shamim of the prosecution division said that Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Zakir Hossain issued the order on Thursday following a petition from the investigating officer.

Rahman was arrested late Tuesday from a residence in Sector 11 under Uttara West Police Station and subsequently produced before court by investigating officer Shahin Mahmud.

IAEA Director General praises India's major nuclear milestone at Kalpakkam

New Delhi, July 30 : Rafael Mariano Grossi, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General, has warmly appreciated India's achievement in attaining criticality of the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu. The landmark step marks a significant advancement in the country's indigenous nuclear programme and its pursuit of long-term energy sustainability. In a post on his official X account on Thursday, Grossi described the development as "impressive progress by India in achieving criticality of the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Tamil



Nadu's Kalpakkam, a key step forward in fuel sustainability and the future of nuclear energy". He reaffirmed the IAEA's commitment to India, saying that the organisation "will continue supporting the safe and secure development of India's nuclear programme".

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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.		
Place: Nalgonda Date: 24.07.2026	Sd/- Authorised Officer Shriram Finance Limited	

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Description of Property: VANASTF2203310003 - DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY Property holder Name is UPPARABOYINA DIVYA, Mortgage deed dated 07.04.2022 Registered as Document No 912/2022 on the file of the office of Sub-Registrar at CHANDUR) All Tha The Piece And Parcel Of The Open Plot, In Survey No. 120/J/2, Inside Residential Zone, Admeasuring 302.5 Sq Yards Of 252.92 Sq Mtrs. Situated At Chalmada Village, Munugode Mandal,Nalgonda District, Under Chalmada Gram Pranchayath, And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: 18'-0" Wide Road. Towards West: 3'-0" Wide Lane. Towards North: Land Of Ganganaboina Narsimha. Towards South: Plot Of Nellikanti Parvathamma.		
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Absolute mismanagement of finances by Left, task is to rebuild fiscal credibility: Kerala CM Satheesan

Thiruvananthapuram, July 30 : Presenting a grim picture of Kerala's financial position, Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan on Thursday said the state was facing a severe fiscal challenge due to absolute mismanagement of public finances and warned that the new government would have to undertake major corrective measures to restore stability. Tabling a White Paper on the financial status of the state in

the Assembly, Satheesan later told the media that the document was not an investigation report but an attempt to place before the people the actual condition of Kerala's finances. "The fiscal health of the state should be known to all our people. They should know what our income is, what our expenditure is and what the way forward is," he said, adding that the presentation had become necessary ahead of the new government's first budget.

Satheesan said the figures presented in the White Paper reflected the reality and that political slogans or "Left jargon" could not hide the financial situation anymore. "Figures are figures, and they explain everything," he said. According to the document, the new government has inherited total pending obligations amounting to Rs 48,733 crore, as on March 31, 2026. The liabilities include Rs 21,670 crore towards DA arrears of government employees and teachers,

Rs 14,387 crore in arrears of pensioners, Rs 3,431 crore under the Bill Discounting System involving banks and contractors, and other pending commitments, including health scheme claims, Supplyco dues, KMSCL payments, scholarships, and local body instalments. The White Paper has also highlighted an additional immediate liability of Rs 21,690 crore expected during 2026-27, over and above routine expenditure commitments such as salaries, pen-



sions, interest payments and capital spending. Satheesan said the government's responsibility was to act as a facilitator and ensure transparency since the money being spent belonged to the people. "The job of the government is not to hide facts but to present them

transparently," he said. The Chief Minister also pointed to treasury trends and borrowing patterns as indicators of financial stress. The data showed that open market borrowings increased significantly over the years.

Ghaziabad madrasa demolition reflects changing India, says BJP MLA

Ghaziabad, July 30 : BJP MLA Nand Kishor Gurjar from Ghaziabad's Loni on Thursday strongly supported the ongoing anti-encroachment actions against illegal constructions, including unauthorised madrasas and land grabbers.

He asserted that such measures reflect what he described as a "changing India" rooted in cultural unity and the values of Sanatan traditions.

His remarks came a day after authorities carried out demolition proceedings against the alleged illegal Madrasa Jamia Arabia Ishatul Islam in Dasna and initiated action against unauthorised madrasas in the Khoda area.

In one of the largest anti-encroachment operations undertaken in recent months, the Ghaziabad administration on Wednesday launched a major demolition drive at Madrasa Jamia Arabia Ishatul Islam, located in Kallugarhi village of Dasna. Acting on court directives and revenue department orders, officials deployed six bulldozers to remove structures that authorities claim were built illegally on government land.

Commenting on the action, Gurjar called for strict enforcement of the law across Uttar Pradesh and said authorities should continue taking action against illegal encroachments and activities that violate legal provisions.



Calcutta HC directs Bengal Police to act against absconding ex-BDO in gold trader murder case

Kolkata, July 30 : A single-judge vacation bench of the Calcutta High Court has directed West Bengal Police to take necessary legal action against Prashant Barman, the absconding former BDO of Raiganj Block in North Dinajpur district, within the next 10 days. Barman is an accused in the case of the abduction and murder of gold merchant Swapan Kamilya last year. Although the single-judge vacation bench of Justice Apurba Sinha Roy passed this order on Thursday evening, the copy of the order was uploaded on the website of the Calcutta High Court on Friday. The single-judge vacation bench has also asked the office of the state's Director General of Police (DGP) to submit a compliance report to the Registrar General of the Calcutta High Court within the next 10 days. At the same time, the single-judge division bench has also ordered a departmental inquiry against the investigating officer concerned for dereliction of duty.

Centre committed to buy farmers' produce at MSP of 50 pc above cost: Shivraj Chouhan

New Delhi, July 30 : Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Thursday said that the Centre will not only fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops at more than 50 per cent of the production cost but also procure the produce from farmers. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, he said that the Congress had previously denied farmers the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their crops.

"In contrast, the Central Government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has consistently increased the MSP over the last decade," the minister said.

He highlighted that in 2015, the ministry was renamed as the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, marking a significant shift towards prioritising farmers' welfare, which was previously lacking.

He said that when the Congress was in power, they said that they cannot accept the recommendations of the MS Swaminathan Com-



mission. In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government decided that MSP rates would be fixed by adding 50 per cent profit on the cost.

"When the Congress government was in power, they never gave more than 50 per cent profit to the farmers on cost, but we are committed to buying the crops of the farmers by giving at least more than 50 per cent profit," he said. "There has been an unprecedented increase in the budget allocation for agriculture. Till 2013-14, it

was only Rs 21,900 crore, which has now been increased to Rs 1.23 lakh crore," he pointed out.

"We have six priorities for farmers' welfare -- we will increase production, reduce the cost of production, give fair price for the production if there is any loss in the crop, we will compensate for it through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, we will diversify agriculture and by taking them towards natural farming.



J&K: Finance Dept notifies implementation of e-bill system in a phased manner

Jammu, July 30 : J&K Finance Department on Thursday notified implementation of the e-Bill system to be rolled out in a phased manner with, followed by wide implementation, with revised formats across all DDOs & Treasuries. An order issued by the finance department said that in alignment with the recommendations of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Working Group and in suppression of all previous instructions governing manual bill formats (FC-series forms), Sanction is hereby accorded to the implementation of the e-Bill System with revised formats across all Drawing and Disbursing Offices (DDOs) and Treasuries of Jammu & Kashmir in terms of Rule 5.11 of the J&K Treasury Code, 2021.

The new bill formats shall be prescribed formats in place of the existing FC-series manual bill forms.

The e-Bill formats shall be incorporated on JKPaySys for the use of all DDOs and Treasuries in due course of time.

The bill processing shall be in the following order and manner from the effective date: - i) All DDOs shall prepare bills exclusively through JKPaySys using the prescribed e-Bill formats and upload all supporting documents.

K'taka cabinet expansion gains momentum; CM Shivakumar to meet Cong top leaders

Bengaluru, July 30 : Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar is scheduled to travel to New Delhi on Thursday, with an official statement indicating that he will meet Congress top leaders on Thursday. His return journey remains open-ended, lending significance to the visit amid persistent speculation over an impending cabinet expansion. The cabinet expansion process in the Karnataka Congress has gathered momentum, with several ministerial aspirants heading to the national capital to lobby the party high command. Shivakumar will leave Bengaluru International Airport at 9 a.m. on July 27. He will be meeting senior advocates regarding pending issues of the state government. In the evening, he will meet Union ministers representing Karnataka state and MPs from the state. The party's several state lead-

ers are preparing to meet the Congress leadership in the national capital.

Some close associates of former Chief Minister and Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Siddaramaiah are also hopeful of securing cabinet berths. Party insiders revealed that the high command is considering some senior leaders for the post of Speaker. It may be recalled that Minister for Health U.T. Khader previously held the Speaker's post and earned appreciation from BJP and JD(S) legislators for his conduct of Assembly proceedings. Sources said a party MLC, who is Vice-Chairperson of the AICC's Department of Foreign Affairs, has emerged as a frontrunner for a cabinet berth. However, sources added that Shivakumar is reportedly not in favour of the MLC, as she is not considered part of his close political circle. They also pointed out that she belongs to the Vokkaliga community.



'Tamil Thai Vazhthu' must be sung first at convocation: TN Cong chief

Chennai, July 30 : Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) president Manickam Tagore has strongly criticised the reported protocol prescribed for the forthcoming convocation ceremony at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in Tirunelveli, alleging that it undermines the state's linguistic and cultural

identity. He urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to immediately withdraw the directive and issue a public apology to the people of Tamil Nadu. The controversy centres on the university's 33rd convocation, scheduled for July 28, where Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar is expected to confer degrees on graduating students. According to Tagore, the university's Vice-Chancellor, N. Chandrasekar, stated in a media interaction that the Governor's office had issued a circular directing that the ceremony begin with Vande Mataram.





Moody's downgrades Ola due to weak financial performance, low liquidity

Mumbai, July 30 : Moody's Ratings has downgraded ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd, the parent company of ride-hailing firm Ola, from 'B3' to 'Caa1' and changed the outlook to negative. The downgrade is attributed to weakening financial performance, reduced liquidity, and an increased risk of violating loan covenants. The global credit rating agency reported a decline in operating cash flows and an increase in refinancing risks due to slower revenue growth and ongoing losses. "Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has downgraded ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd's (Ola) corporate family rating (CFR) and the rating on the guaranteed senior secured term loan borrowed by OLA Netherlands B.V., to Caa1 from B3. The loan is guaranteed by Ola," the release said. Moody's reported that ongoing operational challenges led to a higher-than-expected cash burn in the six months ending, decreasing cash reserves from \$90 million in March 2025 and limiting headroom under the term-loan covenant. "A covenant breach constitutes an event of default and accelerates repayment of Ola's \$65 million loan due December 2026.

Commercial-level air taxis arriving soon in South Korea

Seoul, July 30 : The transport ministry said on Thursday it will conduct a flight demonstration of a commercial-level air taxi model this week, as part of a government project to introduce the urban air mobility (UAM) industry in the country. The ministry will demonstrate the operation of the S-4 model built by U.S. electric aircraft manufacturer Joby Aviation Inc. at the Korea Aerospace Research Institute's aviation center in Goheung, about 330 kilometers south of Seoul.



Maruti unveils India's 1st flex-fuel WagonR capable of running on 100 pc ethanol

New Delhi, July 30 :Maruti Suzuki on Thursday unveiled India's first flex-fuel passenger car, the WagonR flex-fuel, marking a major step in the country's shift towards alternative and cleaner fuels amid global crude oil volatility. The new model is capable of running on ethanol-petrol blends ranging from E20 to E100, making it the first mass-market passenger vehicle in India engineered to operate on 100 per cent ethanol. The company said the launch aligns with India's broader push to reduce dependence on conventional petrol and expand the use

of biofuels in the transport sector. The unveiling event was attended by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, who highlighted the government's ongoing efforts to promote cleaner mobility solutions. He also said that the government is planning to introduce diesel blended with 15 per cent isobutanol as part of its alternative fuel strategy. Gadkari also urged automakers such as Maruti Suzuki India Lim-



ited and Hero MotoCorp to work on converting older vehicles into flex-fuel compatible models and align them with stricter emission standards, including Euro 6 norms. He said such measures would help curb air pollution and support the vehicle scrappage programme aimed at removing

older, more polluting vehicles from the roads. Speaking at the launch, Gadkari described the automobile sector as a key growth driver for the Indian economy and noted that India now has the world's third-largest automobile industry.



Costa Coffee's India store count declines for 1st time in over five years to 198

New Delhi, July 30 : British coffee chain Costa Coffee saw its store network in India shrink for the first time in more than five years. According to the latest annual report of its exclusive India franchise partner, Devyani International Limited (DIL), Costa Coffee operated 198 cafes at the end of FY26, down from 220 outlets a year earlier. The net closure of 22 stores marks a departure from the brand's steady expansion since FY21. Despite the decline in store count, Costa Coffee's revenue from operations increased 7 per cent year-on-year to Rs 212.5 crore in FY26, compared with Rs 198.5 crore in FY25. In the previous fiscal, revenue had grown 30.76 per cent.

Sensex, Nifty end higher as India-EU FTA lifts sentiment

Mumbai, July 30 : Indian equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended Thursday's session with modest gains, managing to stay in the green despite sharp volatility through the day. Investor sentiment was influenced by December-quarter earnings announcements and the finalisation of the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement. The Sensex closed at 82,345, rising 487 points, or 0.60 per cent. During the session, the index moved between a high of 82,504 and a low of 81,815 as markets swung between gains and losses. The Nifty also posted a positive close, ending the day at 25,343, up 167 points, or 0.66 per cent. The index touched an intra-day high of 25,372 and slipped to a low of 25,188 before recovering towards the close. "While the index continues to trade below its short-term moving averages -- indicating near-term caution -- immediate resistance is seen at 25,400-25,450, followed by a stronger supply zone at 25,600-25,650, aligned with the 20/50-EMA cluster," an analyst mentioned. Shares of Bharat Electronics Limited surged 9 per cent, emerging as the top gainer on both the Sensex and Nifty. Other stocks that supported the market included ONGC,



Coal India, Hindalco, Bajaj Finance, Power Grid, Adani Enterprises, Trent, Mahindra & Mahindra, Cipla and Shriram Finance. On the losing side, Tata Consumer Products fell 4.5 per cent. Stocks such as Asian Paints, Maruti Suzuki, Sun Pharma, Max Healthcare, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Infosys and Eicher Motors also ended lower, with losses of up to 4.2 per cent. Broader markets continued to outperform the benchmark indices. The Nifty Midcap 100 index rose 1.66 per cent, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained a stronger 2.26 per cent. Sectorally, public sector undertakings led the rally. The Nifty CPSE index jumped 5 per cent, while the Nifty Oil and Gas index gained 3.4 per cent. The Nifty Metal index advanced 2.3 per cent and the Nifty PSU Bank index climbed 1.7 per cent, helping the market end the session on a positive note.

MCX's good-delivery norms for aluminium, copper and zinc to boost domestic refining

New Delhi, July 30 : The Multi Commodity Exchange of India on Thursday said its newly issued comprehensive good-delivery norms for primary aluminium, refined copper and refined zinc will support domestic refining, quality standards and trust. This initiative strengthens the ecosystem of MCX-approved brands that meet rigorous quality and process standards, the statement said. The rules were announced through a circular on June 2, 2026 and introduced independent principal documents for each metal detailing empanelment of producing plants and the process for accepting deliveries toward contract settlements. "By introducing transparent, standards-led frameworks, we are boosting trust, quality, and efficiency for all participants. This initiative supports domestic refiners and deepens India's role in global commodity value chains," said Praveena Rai, Managing Director & CEO, MCX, said. The move aligns with the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission and aims to deepen India's role in global commodity value chains.



Indian share market opens in red amid selling across sectors

Mumbai, July 30 : The Indian stock market opened in red on Thursday as selling was seen in Nifty's all sectors in early trade. At around 9:29 am, Sensex was trading at 80,840.9 after declining 449.02 points or 0.55 per cent, while Nifty was trading at 24,421.15 after dropping 127.55 points or 0.52 per cent. The market trend remained negative. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), 559 stocks were trading in green, while 1,657 stocks were in red. According to market experts, "November CPI inflation at 5.48 per cent has come within the RBI's tolerance limit. If this trend continues it can pave the way for a rate cut by the monetary policy committee (MPC) in February." "However, the rising dollar is a concern since it can lead to imported inflation. Nifty is unlikely to break from the range of 24,500-24,850," they added. Nifty Bank was down 40.95 points or 0.08 per cent at 53,175.50 Nifty Midcap 100 index was trading at 58,706.85 after dropping 314.85 points or 0.53 per cent. Nifty Smallcap 100 index was at 19,336.50 after dropping 130.05 points or 0.67 per cent. Akshay Chinchalkar of Axis Securi-

ties said that Thursday was another down day on the Nifty with the market yet again failing to get past what is now undoubtedly a key near-term hurdle near 24,700. "Yesterday's drop had higher participation compared with what was seen the day before, which means market participants are nervous," he mentioned. In the Sensex pack, Power Grid, Bharti Airtel, Adani Ports, Sun Pharma, NTPC and Tata Motors were the top gainers. Whereas, JSW Steel, Tata Steel, Infosys, M&M, Titan, UltraTech Cement, Bajaj Finance and L&T were the top losers. In the Asian markets, except Seoul, the markets of Hong Kong, Bangkok, China, Jakarta and Japan were trading in red. In the US stock markets, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite ended 0.54 per cent and 0.66 per cent lower, respectively. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended 0.53 per cent down on the previous trading day.



FSSAI penalises Sopan Restaurant for selling sub-standard food on Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express

New Delhi, July 30 : Food safety regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has imposed a penalty on Sopan Restaurant for selling sub-standard food in the pantry car of the Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express after laboratory analysis found a milk sample to be below prescribed quality standards. In a post on social media platform X, FSSAI said an adjudication order had been passed against Sopan Restaurant following the sale of sub-standard

food on Pantry Car No. 15904 of the Chandigarh-Dibrugarh Express. "An adjudication order has been passed against Sopan Restaurant following analysis of a Nova Flavoured Double Toned Milk sample collected from Pantry Car No. 15904 (Chandigarh - Dibrugarh Express)," it stated. The action stems from the analysis of a sample of Nova Flavoured Double Toned Milk collected from the train's pantry car. The sample was tested by the State Public Health Laboratory in Assam, which declared it to be sub-standard under the provisions of the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006. Following the laboratory findings, the Designated Officer of the Northeast Frontier Railway at Maligaon forwarded the analysis report to the manufacturer and other concerned parties for necessary action.

Expanding engagement with China: Essential to safeguard Bangladesh's long-term national interests

Dhaka, July 30 : Partnerships must be built on transparency, accountability and balanced negotiation, a report has highlighted while citing Bangladesh's growing engagement with China. It argued that the key question is whether Bangladesh will protect its national interests with equal clarity, confidence and foresight. According to a report in Bangladesh's newspaper, Daily Sun, the ties between Dhaka and Beijing have entered a new phase following Bangladesh's Prime Minister

Tarique Rahman's visit to China last month which yielded an extensive package of agreements covering infrastructure, trade, education, healthcare, defence and party-to-party cooperation. "Closer ties with the world's second-largest economy are not unusual. But the speed and breadth of the new engagement raise important questions about how Bangladesh can maximise the benefits while safeguarding its own strategy," it stated. The report noted that a key out-

come of the visit was a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the Communist Party of China (CPC). "Unlike conventional state-to-state diplomacy, such agreements create direct links between political parties. Through its International Department, the CPC has long cultivated these relationships worldwide as part of Beijing's broader diplomatic outreach. Researchers have also highlighted the role of the United Front Work Department in



expanding China's engagement with overseas communities, academic institutions and civil society organisations," it mentioned. Highlighting the evolving media landscape, the report said that China Media Group (CMG), China's state broadcaster, has

strengthened its engagement with Bangladeshi media through content-sharing agreements, journalist exchanges and cooperation with local broadcasters. "Such partnerships are common in international media diplomacy, but they also provide Beijing with

greater opportunities to project its narratives abroad," it added. The report pointed to China's growing footprint in Bangladesh's infrastructure, citing the expansion of Mongla Port, the proposed Chinese Industrial Park nearby, and the Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone in Chattogram. However, it warned that global experience suggests that "transparency, competitive procurement and careful debt management" are essential to safeguard Bangladesh's long-term national interests. Emphasising that economic dependence is another area of concern, the report noted that although bilateral trade has surpassed \$24 billion annually.

India, Armenia discuss bilateral, regional and global issues at 11th FOC in Yerevan

Yerevan, July 30 : India and Armenia held the 11th Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in Yerevan, where both sides discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Thursday.

According to the MEA, the two sides also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in multilateral fora.

The Indian delegation was led by Sibi George, MEA Secretary (West), while the Armenian delegation was led by Mnatsakan Safaryan, Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia.

Sibi George also called on Armenian Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan. During the occasion, an agreement on Cooperation in the field of public health and medical science between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India and the Ministry of Health of Armenia was also signed by Indian Ambassador to Armenia Nilakshi Saha Sinha and Armenian Deputy Minister of Health Lena Nanushyan. It was agreed that the next FOC between the two countries would be held in India, on a mutually convenient date in 2026. The previous round of FOC was held in New Delhi in November 2023.

Last month, Sibi George represented India at Armenia's National Day celebrations in New Delhi, reaffirming the nation's commitment to the enduring friendship with the West Asian nation.

The Indian envoy reaffirmed New Delhi's commit-



ment to the relations between the two nations and built upon the recent high-level engagements between the leadership of both countries.

Taking to X, the MEA posted, "Secretary (West) Sibi George represented India at the National Day celebrations of the Republic of Armenia. He reaffirmed commitment to the long-standing India-Armenia friendship rooted in history, building on recent high-level engagements among the leadership of both countries."

In August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Armenian counterpart Nikol Pashinyan on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in China's Tianjin and noted that the two nations share warm and growing ties. Following their interaction, PM Modi, in a post on X, wrote, "Very good interaction with Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan.

Munir's Kashmir rhetoric meant to divert attention from domestic failures

Islamabad, July 30 : Recognising the weakness in its Kashmir narrative, Pakistan has tried every trick in the book to overcome its glaring shortcomings.

With the country reeling under widespread internal unrest — from home-grown terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and an armed secessionist movement in Balochistan to an unprecedented public discontent in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), including Pakistan-occupied Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB) — one would have expected Islamabad to focus on putting its own house in order, a report has stated.

Against this backdrop, reports that Pakistan is set to launch a diplomatic campaign to internationalise the Kashmir issue in the UK and Europe may have come as a surprise to the uninitiated, retired Indian Army Officer

Nilesh Kunwar wrote in 'Eurasia Review'.

Slamming Pakistani Army chief Asim Munir, Kunwar said that the absence of domestic criticism of the military establishment has emboldened the army chief to engage in reckless rhetoric, while his remarks on Kashmir expose the skewed mindset. "Since no one in Pakistan dares to question the country's 'failed' Field Marshal, he probably thinks that silence is an endorsement of his astute thinking. Perhaps this is why he indulges in immature rhetoric so often and his irresponsible utterance that 'What India labels as terrorism is, in fact, a legitimate and lawful struggle for freedom, recognised by international law' exposes his



skewed mindset," the Indian Army veteran said. "It would however, be naive to believe that a cunning fox like Field Marshal Munir genuinely expects that the proposed diplomatic outreach would yield positive results for Pakistan. And his talk of fighting 10 more wars for Kashmir unambiguously indicates that just like all his predecessors, the Field Marshal knows very well that his much-touted diplomatic offensive on Kashmir will, like all the previous attempts, end with a whimper, not a bang but it will enthrall the masses," he added. According to Kunwar, the obvious question is why Pakistan keeps raking up the Kashmir issue despite knowing it would ultimately end up "eating crow". He said the answer is simple: "Having precipitated a crisis of gargantuan domestic proportions and started a war with Afghanistan.



Austria to advocate for multilateralism as UNSC member: President

Vienna, July 30 : Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen has said that the country will uphold multilateralism as a member of the United Nations (UN) Security Council. Austria was elected a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council on Thursday for a two-year term and will assume its seat on January 1, 2027 and serve until December 31, 2028. "Austria will steadfastly advocate in the UN Security Council for multilateralism based on international law and human rights," Van der Bellen said on social platform X.

Calling for efforts to strengthen the UN, he warned that peaceful cooperation between countries is being threatened by "arbitrary exercise of power by the 'stronger' parties and ruthless, shortsighted in-

terest politics." In addition to Austria, Kyrgyzstan, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, and Zimbabwe were also elected non-permanent members on the same day. The newly elected members will replace the outgoing non-permanent members -- Denmark, Greece, Pakistan, Panama and Somalia -- and assume their seats on January 1, 2027, and serve until December 31, 2028. A candidate must obtain the support of two-thirds of the UN member states present and voting at the General Assembly session in order to secure a non-permanent seat on the Security Council, regardless of whether the candidacy is contested or not. A minimum of 129 positive votes is required to win a seat if all 193 member states are present.

Conman who used long-lost son formula to rob families arrested by Ghaziabad Police

Ghaziabad, July 30 : The Ghaziabad Police have arrested a man named Raju, who posed as the long-lost son of several families to commit theft and fraud. His long story of being kidnapped as a child enabled him to deceive families who had missing children, leading to their emotional and financial exploitation.

Raju arrived at the Khoda police station in Ghaziabad, claiming he had been kidnapped 30 years ago at the age of 8. According to his fabricated story, he was taken to Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, where he worked as a shepherd for a family before escaping and hitching a ride to Delhi in a truck, the police said.

The police, acting in good faith, published his account in newspa-

pers, hoping to reunite him with his family. Soon after, a family identified him as their long-lost son and took him into their home with open arms. However, this was just the beginning of the unravelling of Raju's past exploits. The police said, "A few days after Raju's return, his family noticed changes in his behaviour and mood, which raised concerns. They contacted us. Act-



ing on these observations, we detained Raju for questioning." Meanwhile, as news of Raju's return home after 30 years spread through newspapers and TV channels, a family from Dehradun reached out to the police, claiming that Raju was their long-lost son.

Govt must respond to every issue in the House: Rajasthan LoP

Jaipur, July 30 : Rajasthan Leader of the Opposition Tika Ram Jully said that meaningful issues were discussed during the all-party meeting. He stated that the opposition raised the demand that the government must respond to every issue raised by the opposition in the House. "The government may give whatever reply it chooses, but at least a reply must be given," he said. Jully added that farmers, youth, the poor, and women of the state are closely watching the proceed-

ings of the Assembly with hope. He said, "The outcome of the meeting should be positive. Otherwise, it will be the same old story. We are not going to back down." He also informed that the opposition raised the issue related to cameras before the Speaker. Speaking further, Jully said that when the ses-



sion begins, these issues will be raised in the House. He alleged that attempts are being made to tarnish Rajasthan's image by introducing the Disturbed Areas Bill. "Riots do occur in Rajasthan, and everyone knows who is responsible for them. Such elements want to weaken Rajasthan's long-standing image of 'Atithi Devo Bhavah' across the country," he said.



Need to align college research with defence production needs: Secretary Sanjeev Kumar

New Delhi, July 30 : Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar on Thursday called for aligning academic research with the needs of defence production and evolving structured mechanisms for sustained engagement. He shared his views during a virtual interaction with Directors/Deans of leading academic institutions.

Projected Amphan loss was inflated by TMC regime for higher central relief assistance: CAG report

Kolkata, July 30 : The projected loss in the aftermath of AMPHAN super-cyclone (2020) was presented in an inflated manner by the previous Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government for getting higher central relief financial assistance, said one of 28 reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), that was tabled on the floor of the West Bengal assembly on Saturday, by the state finance minister Swapan Dasgupta. As per the particular CAG report, the projected loss was not only inflated but also unrealistic. At the same time the previous state government failed to provide substantiating evidence justifying the projected

loss as a result of which the exact loss because of the super-cyclone could not be estimated, the CAG report highlighted. The CAG report specially highlighted one major discrepancy on this count. According to it, till June 2020, the state government claimed to have projected compensation payment of Rs 20,000 to each of families whose houses were damaged, completely or partially, because of the super-cyclone. However, as per CAG report after June, while the compensation amount for completely damaged houses remained the same at Rs 20,000, the same for the partially damaged houses was increased to Rs 25,000. Despite repeated queries, the CAG auditors failed to get any satisfactory clarification from

the state government on this count. At the same time, as per the CAG report, there had been a number of cases where the same individual was projected to have received compensation more than once. The maximum number of such cases have been reported from districts like South 24 Parganas district.



MP BJP chief pushes grassroots outreach in Chambal

Morena, July 30 : Madhya Pradesh BJP chief Hemant Khandelwal on Thursday directed party workers to intensify grassroots outreach and ensure dominance at the booth level in the upcoming elections.

Khandelwal made this assertion while addressing party workers in Morena district. Speaking to district representatives, senior leaders, and grassroots workers of the BJP, he urged cadres to expand their reach to every voter and reinforce the party's presence in even the remotest areas. "Every booth must become a stronghold of the BJP," Khandelwal said, underlining that the party's growth has been driven by disciplined organisation and committed workers. He reiterated that the BJP's ideological clarity and consistent approach have been central to its rise, and called upon workers to remain dedicated to the party's principles while engaging actively with the public.

Khandelwal credited the dedication and tireless efforts of party workers for the BJP's emergence as the world's largest political organisation and



called upon cadres to work with renewed focus to secure the future of the coming generations. Highlighting Morena's socio-political legacy, Khandelwal referred to revolutionary Ram Prasad Bismil and reformer Hari Giri Maharaj, stating that the region's history of struggle and reform should inspire workers to contribute to nation-building. Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar, who also addressed party meetings in Morena, reinforced the focus on outreach and accountability. He urged workers to take government achievements to the public and ensure that welfare schemes reach intended beneficiaries. Citing PM Modi's leadership, Tomar said the government is committed to inclusive development.



Flood waters receding from several affected areas, says Assam CM

Guwahati, July 30 : Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said the flood situation in Upper Assam was gradually improving as water was receding in several affected areas, while assuring that the state government was continuing rescue and relief operations on a war footing. Speaking to reporters after attending a public gathering at Azara, where he joined people in listening to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', the Chief Minister said the administration is closely monitoring the flood situation, particularly in the Nazira

area of Sivasagar district, which has been among the worst-hit regions. CM Sarma said teams engaged in rescue and relief operations were ensuring that affected residents receive drinking water, food, medicines and other essential supplies without interruption. "The floodwaters are gradually receding, and the overall situation is improving. However, relief operations will continue until normalcy is fully restored," the Chief Minister said. He added that the state government remained committed to extending all possible assistance to flood-affected families.

TN Speaker summons Palaniswami, four ex-AIADMK MLAs in defection case hearing

Chennai, July 30 : Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Speaker J.C.D. Prabhakar has summoned AIADMK general secretary and Leader of Opposition Edappadi K. Palaniswami, along with four former AIADMK legislators facing disqualification proceedings under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, to appear before him on July 30 for further clarification in

the ongoing defection case. According to a communication issued by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Secretariat, the Speaker has directed former AIADMK MLAs Maragatham Kumaravel (Maduranthagam), P. Sathyabama (Dharapuram), S. Jeyakumar (Perundurai) and Esakki Subaya (Ambasamudram) to appear individually before him between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Each has been allotted a 30-

minute slot for the hearing. Palaniswami has also been asked to remain present during the proceedings to provide additional clarification on the petition filed by him. The proceedings arise from a disqualification petition submitted by Palaniswami on May 13, shortly after the trust vote held following the formation of the C. Joseph Vijay-led TVK government. During the confidence motion, 25 AIADMK legislators



voted in support of the new government, defying the party whip issued by the AIADMK leadership. Subsequently, Palaniswami decided to condone the actions of 21 of the 25 legislators.



Singapore's charity launches fundraiser for migrant workers with critical illnesses

Singapore, July 30 : A Singaporean charity has unveiled a new initiative to support migrant workers facing critical illnesses, aiming to raise 410,500 Singapore dollars (about \$307,875) to assist 20 workers over the next two years. According to the fund's founders at a press briefing on Thursday, the CritiCare Fund for Migrant Workers seeks to bridge the financial gaps for workers whose insurance payouts fall short of covering treatment costs, Xinhua news agency reported. Donations will be managed by Ray of Hope, a registered charity overseen by Singapore's Ministry of Social and Family Development. Disbursement decisions will be made by a community-led council that includes doctors, civil society folks, employers, migrant workers and others. The council has estimated that each case will require approximately 20,000 Singapore dollars, setting aside an additional 10,500 Singapore dollars for administrative expenses. The team will also collect data on the incidence of critical illnesses among migrant workers.

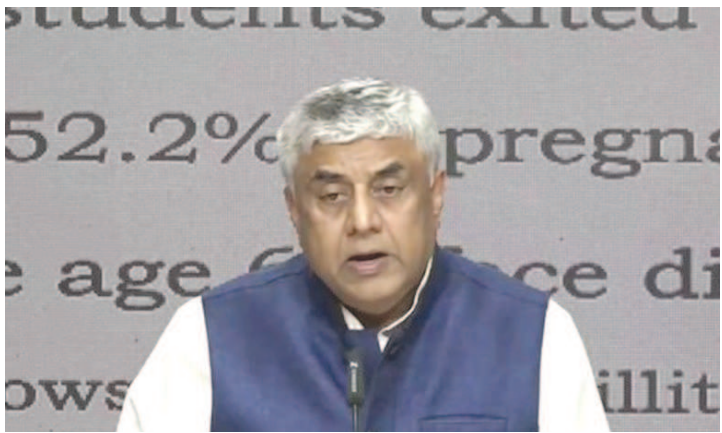
MP mid-day meal row: Congress hits at BJP govt, district admin initiates action

Bhopal/Maihar, July 30 : The opposition Congress on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Madhya Pradesh after a video went viral on social media showing that school children were

served mid-day on papers instead of a plate at a government-run primary school in Maihar district. Responding to the matter, state Congress president Jitu Patwari said on Friday that Maihar's incident has exposed the tall claim of the BJP government on mid-



meal. He slammed the government, terming the incident a "symbol of the failure of the system, governance."



Congress alleges Govt policies leading to jobless growth

New Delhi, July 30 : The Congress released a report on Thursday, criticising the economic policies of the Narendra Modi government and alleging that jobless growth is taking place in the economy. The report claimed that between 2017-18 and 2023-24, employment in the manufacturing sector fell from 12.1 per cent to 11.4 per cent, while in the services sector it declined from 31.1 per cent to 29.7 per cent. At the same time, the employment in the agriculture sector rose from 44.1 per cent

to 46.1 per cent, signalling a return to low-productivity work in the absence of job creation in manufacturing, it stated. Job growth is concentrated in informal and gig work, while 40 per cent of salaried workers have no contract, no paid leave, and no social security, it noted. The report prepared by the Congress's Research Department questions the reliability of official macroeconomic data. It alleges that there is a growing disconnect between official numbers.



Tahreek Muslim Shabban mulling urging Muslims to refrain from sacrificing large animals: Mushtaq Malik

Hyderabad, July 30 : Mushtaq Malik, President of the Tahreek Muslim Shabban, has made a significant statement regarding Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's recent remarks on demands to declare the cow as the national animal and the issue of large animal sacrifices during Eid al-Adha (Bakrid). He said his organisation is seriously considering a proposal urging Muslims to refrain from sacrificing large animals. Significantly, Tahreek Muslim Shabban is a socio-religious organization dedicated to uplifting Muslim communities through education and

economic empowerment. Mushtaq Malik said discussions on the matter will be held with various Muslim organisations, religious scholars (Ulema), and community representatives before a final decision is taken. Referring to the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister's comments, Malik said that the religious and cultural beliefs of every individual and community deserve respect. He noted that if a section of society regards the cow as a mother, it is a matter of personal faith and belief, and such sentiments should be respected. According to him, referring to any being as a "mother" or "father" is rooted in personal belief and should not be a subject of objection or conflict.

At the same time, Malik alleged that incidents of violence and unlawful activities carried out in the name of cow protection have been reported from different parts of the country. He stated that disputes often arise over the transportation and trade of bulls, buffaloes, and other large animals, causing difficulties and financial losses for farmers and livestock traders. He pointed out that many farmers depend on the sale of livestock for their livelihood and that a large number of these farmers belong to non-Muslim communities. However, he alleged that vehicles transporting animals are often stopped shortly after the sale is completed. According to Malik, individuals identifying themselves as cow vigilantes, members of certain organizations, or self-styled protectors of cows are involved in such actions. He further claimed that these activities continue with the support or patronage of sections of the administration and government.



Iran's FM urges EU to take 'decisive' action against Ukraine's attack on Iranian ship

Tehran, July 30 : Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi called on the EU to take "decisive" action against Ukraine's targeting of an Iranian commercial ship in the Caspian Sea. He made the remarks on Thursday in a phone call with EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas, in which the two sides discussed the latest regional developments, according to a statement by the Iranian Foreign Ministry. Araghchi condemned the Ukrainian attack, urging the EU, UN Security Council, and

international community to hold its "perpetrators" and supporters to account, according to the statement. The two sides also addressed developments in the Strait of Hormuz, stressing the need for diplomatic initiatives to manage regional tensions, it added, reports Xinhua news agency. In a separate statement, the ministry said it summoned Ukraine's charge d'affaires in Tehran on Saturday over the attack, formally delivering a note of protest condemning the "hostile and criminal" act.



Human rights organisations slam China's crackdown on Uyghurs, other Muslim minorities

Beijing, July 30 : The Uyghur minority in China has faced severe restrictions under the policies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) since 2014, following Beijing's launch of mass arrest campaigns under the 'Strike Hard Campaign Against Violent Terrorism'. This campaign has enabled crimes against humanity, especially targeting the Turkic Muslim population of Xinjiang, a report said on Thursday. Citing reports from various organisations, including Stanford Law School's Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic and Human Rights Watch, it said findings highlighted widespread human rights abuses against Uyghurs. According to a report in '5 Pillars', it was estimated that millions of Uyghurs and other Muslims have been confined in prison and labour camps, where torture, forced labour, political indoctrination, and other human rights abuses allegedly

take place. The report also cited a London-based 'The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBII)' investigation, which revealed that over a hundred global brands are linked to factories exploiting Uyghur and other minority workers in what authorities described as "forced labour" camps. "According to many researchers and human rights watchdogs, the mass transfer of mostly Muslim minority workers constitutes state-imposed forced labour, where the targeted minorities live in a police state - like environment and are coerced to work in key industries," it noted. Last week, United Nations experts expressed deep concern regarding persistent allegations of forced labour affecting Uyghur, Kazakh and Kyrgyz minority groups as well as Tibetans within the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and across other parts of China.

France calls for text-based negotiations to reform UNSC

United Nations, July 30 : France has called for text-based negotiations to speed Security Council reforms and add permanent members, to ensure its legitimacy. France's Permanent Representative Jerome Bonnafont said on Friday that France "will remain fully engaged in the achievement of Security Council reform to enhance its representativeness and legitimacy, through expansion in both categories of membership", permanent and non-permanent. "France is convinced that a reform is possible in this area and

that there is a need to begin negotiations based on a draft text, without awaiting an unattainable consensus, which is not required under the Charter," he said at the Council's high-level debate on "Reaffirming International Rule of Law". The reform process known as Inter-Governmental Negotiation (IGN) faces a roadblock from a small group of countries led by Italy that has used procedural manoeuvres to prevent the adoption of a negotiating text that can set the agenda for discussions and track progress.



The group that calls itself Uniting for Consensus and includes Pakistan, demands that there should be consensus on reforms before a negotiating text can be adopted, trapping the IGN in a Catch-22 where a consensus can't be reached without a basic negotiating

text. India and several other countries have demanded that the IGN adopt a negotiating text or draft to allow it to make meaningful progress. During Monday's debate, India and the Secretary-General also pressed for early Council reforms.



Mandi residents being given formal training under PM Vishwakarma Yojana

Shimla, July 30 : Under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, the labourers, masons and artisans of Himachal's Mandi district are being given formal training, in as many as 18 trades, to make them capable and proficient in multifarious disciplines. Institutes like National Institute of Technology (NIT) Hamirpur and IIT Mandi have been roped in for the initiative. Seven days of training is being given at the centre to dozens of workers.

Master trainers are also given training to improve their skills in about 18 trades. A daily stipend of Rs 500 is also being given to the beneficiaries apart from a PM Vishwakarma certificate, identity card, toolkit worth Rs 15,000 etc. A loan of Rs 3 lakh is also being provided at 5 per cent interest rate. Bhanu Marwah, Professor, Department of Architecture, NIT Hamirpur said that master trainers are being taught about use of modern equipment so that the results of construction activities are accurate. Professor Sandeep Sharma of the Department of Architecture said that a programme has been started to engage masons in which training is given in the Architecture Department of the NIT through the Office of the Deputy Commissioner.

India sweeps UN elections unopposed to ECOSOC bodies

United Nations, July 30 : India has swept unopposed the four elections to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) bodies, with former senior diplomat Preeti Saran re-elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). United Nations, April 9 (IANS) India has swept unopposed the four elections to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) bodies, with former senior diplomat Preeti Saran re-elected to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). In the elections on Thursday, India was also elected to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and the committees on Non-Governmental Organisations, and for Programme and Coordination. All the elections were by acclamation.



India and Philippines discuss bolstering strategic partnership

Manila, July 30 : Secretary (East) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Periasamy Kumaran, held a meeting with the Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Maria Theresa P. Lazaro in Manila on Thursday, discussing progress of strategic partnership between two nations and India's active support for ASEAN. In a post on X, Lazaro stated, "A pleasure meeting Mr. Periasamy Kumaran, Secretary (East) of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, who is in Manila

for the 28th ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting. We had a brief but productive exchange on the progress of Philippines-India strategic partnership, as well as on India's active support for ASEAN." India and the Philippines formally established diplomatic relations in November 1949, shortly after both countries gained independence. According to the MEA, bilateral ties between two nations are friendly, based on shared values and commonalities, such as vibrant democratic polity, pluralistic society, rule of law, an independent judiciary, free press

and the widespread use of the English language. Meanwhile, the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) convened in Manila, continued to discuss the Philippines' Chairship priorities and deliverables to advance ASEAN Community-building, including ways to strengthen ASEAN's external relations and preparations for the 48th ASEAN Summit in May 2026. According to a statement released by ASEAN, the meeting, which comprised of plenary and retreat sessions, was attended by SOM Leaders of ASEAN Member States or their



representatives, and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Political-Security Community. The ASEAN was established in Thailand in 1967 with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, according to the official statement.

MoS Margherita welcomed by La Paz Mayor in Bolivia, discusses strengthening cooperation

La Paz, July 30 : Union Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita was warmly received and honoured by the Mayor of La Paz, Mr. Iván Arias, at the historic Palacio Consistorial in Bolivia. Both sides held a warm and cordial discussion aimed at strengthening cooperation between India and Bolivia across diverse areas such as yoga, culture, healthcare, urban planning, and the promotion of

Gandhian philosophy. "Happy to receive this honour on behalf of the people of India. Grateful to Mayor of La Paz, Mr. Iván Arias, and the people of Bolivia for this warm welcome and great honour," Margherita posted on X on Thursday. After successfully concluding his visit to Ecuador, the MoS arrived in Bolivia's capital La Paz on Friday to represent India at the inauguration ceremony of the new President of Bolivia. During the visit, he will also inaugurate the

newly-opened Embassy of India in La Paz and interact with business leaders, the Indian community, Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) alumni, and cultural groups. Taking to X, Margherita said, "Arrived in La Paz, the world's highest capital, to represent India at the Inauguration Ceremony of the new President of Bolivia. During the visit, I look forward to inaugurating the newly opened Embassy of India in La Paz, and engaging with business

leaders, the Indian community, ITEC alumni, and cultural groups." Last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Rodrigo Paz Pereira on his victory in the Presidential elections in Bolivia, asserting that he looks forward to deepening the partnership between the two countries in the years to come. "Warm congratulations, Mr. Rodrigo Paz Pereira, on your election as the President of Bolivia. Close and friendly ties between



India and Bolivia have long unpinned our mutually beneficial cooperation. I look forward to

deepening our partnership for shared progress and prosperity in the years to come."



S. Korean trade minister meets USTR to resolve pending issues amid Section 301 tariffs

Seoul, July 30 : South Korean Trade Minister Yeo Han-koo has urged the United States to resolve pending trade issues between the two countries, including the latter's recent announcement of the results of the Section 301 probe into imports related to forced labour, within the boundaries of the bilateral tariff agreement finalised last year, Yeo's office said on Thursday. Yeo held a meeting with U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer on the sidelines of the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting held in Paris, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resources.

Subsidiary of US consulting co. pays \$122 mn to resolve S. Africa bribery case involving Indian ex-executive

New York, July 30 : A subsidiary of global consulting company McKinsey has reached a \$122.85 million settlement with US prosecutors in a South African bribery case involving a former Indian executive, according to officials. "McKinsey Africa has agreed to pay a criminal penalty of more than \$122 million" to resolve the case of bribery of "South African officials in order to obtain lucrative consulting business that generated tens of millions of dollars in profits," Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Nicole M. Argentieri said on Thursday. The Department of Justice (DOJ) said that between 2012 and 2016 the subsidiary of the global consultancy company McKinsey through its senior partner Vikas Sagar agreed to pay bribes to former officials of state-owned South African companies to get confidential information that netted the company \$85 mil-



lion in profits. It said that Sagar, 56, had separately pleaded guilty "to participating in a conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act" in a case before the federal court of the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. In court documents, federal prosecutor Damian Williams said Sagar would forfeit -- meaning the government will seize -- all his property traceable to the bribery scheme. Court papers identified Sagar as an Indian citizen with a green card who was living in South Africa.



24 million people need humanitarian aid across Sahel: UN

United Nations, July 30 : Some 24 million people across the Sahel region need humanitarian assistance, a UN spokesperson has said. Speaking to reporters at a daily briefing on Thursday (local time), Stephane Dujarric, spokesperson for the UN secretary-general, said this year's Humanitarian Needs and Response Overview warns that the crisis is deepening across Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger, northern Cameroon and northeast Nigeria. Violence continues to spread across the region, with armed groups expanding their presence across the Central Sahel and the Lake Chad Basin, he said. The insecurity has displaced communities and forced the closure of schools and health facilities, reports Xinhua news agency. Climate shocks are further wors-

ening the situation, Dujarric said, noting that the Sahel is warming faster than the global average. In 2025 alone, floods affected about 590,000 people, while recurring droughts and advancing desertification have damaged farmland and threatened the livelihoods of millions. In response, the United Nations and its humanitarian partners are expanding cash-assistance programs, strengthening anticipatory action and increasing support for local organisations to help communities better cope with growing needs, he said. Additionally, UN Secretary-General spokesperson Stephane Dujarric on Wednesday announced that nearly 5 million people, or one in two people across 12 government-controlled areas in Yemen, experienced high levels of acute food insecurity between March and May this year.

North Korea's Kim inspects new nuclear facility, vows to 'exponentially' bolster arsenal

Seoul, July 30 : North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has visited a newly launched nuclear material production facility, vowing to "exponentially" strengthen the country's nuclear arsenal, state media reported on Thursday. Kim made the visit the previous day, accompanied by key party officials, reports Yonhap, quoting the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), without disclosing the facility's location or other details. Seoul's defence ministry said in a press briefing that it assessed the newly revealed facility as a uranium enrichment site. Currently, North Korea is believed to house uranium en-

richment facilities in three sites -- Yongbyon, Kangson and Kusong. It remains unclear whether the report suggests the existence of a fourth location. Kim said the country's "weapons-grade nuclear material production capacity more than doubled" over the past five years, attributing the gains to the country's nuclear scientists, according to the report. "Potential threats and unpredictable long-term crises further highlight the urgency" of expanding the nuclear deterrent "both in quality and quantity and in a sustained and accelerated way," Kim said, signalling that Pyongyang has no intention of stepping back from its nuclear ambitions. North Korea also said it held an



"important consultative meeting for bolstering up the nuclear forces" on the same day during which Kim issued "action guidelines for rapidly accelerating the qualitative and quantitative" buildup of Pyongyang's nuclear forces. "Today we have updated the digits that are critical for our nuclear activities," Kim said at the meeting, adding Pyongyang had

"confirmed the order of priority" for a plan to "beef up our state's nuclear forces at an exponential rate." He called it a "historic event that has set up an epochal milestone in rapidly upgrading our nuclear capabilities." Photos released by the KCNA show rows of cylindrical centrifuges used for uranium enrichment inside the facility. In another photo, documents believed to be related to Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program are blurred on a table where Kim is seated. At a key party congress in February, Pyongyang reaffirmed its status as an "irreversible" nuclear-armed state and pledged to further strengthen its nuclear deterrent under a five-year military modernisation plan.

Indian American candidate Rakhi Israni seeks to re-engage communities in Congressional run

Washington, July 30 : Calling for a return to "duty and decency" in policymaking, Indian American candidate Rakhi Israni said she is running for Congress to re-engage communities that feel locked out of decisions shaping their daily lives, from affordability to healthcare. Israni, who announced her Congressional run last week, said she decided to enter the race after years of working on service and policy issues, at a time when she believes public discourse has drifted away from solving real problems. "Problems are not getting solved," Israni told IANS in an exclusive interview, adding that quality of life has deteriorated even as political rhetoric grows louder and less reflective of people's concerns. Her campaign raised more than USD1 million in the first 24 hours of her announcement. Israni said the decision to run came together quickly after the seat in California's 14th Congressional District became open. The district is currently represented by Democratic Congressman Eric Swalwell, who is running for governor. "This opportunity came up, and I was asked to run for it," she said, describing the move as sudden



but necessary to "wake up the community" and encourage greater participation in policy making. Israni said she is "a mother of four, an attorney, an entrepreneur, and an educator," and stressed that family and service have guided her choices. She said her involvement in handling issues such as food insecurity, homelessness, housing, and affordability convinced her that she could have a larger impact by seeking federal office. Describing the 14th District, Israni said it covers parts of the Bay Area, including Fremont, Hayward, Pleasanton, Livermore, and Dublin.

US lawmakers target

Chinese robots over security fears

Washington, July 30 : A bipartisan group of US lawmakers introduced legislation that could ban Chinese-made robots from the American market, the latest move in Washington's widening effort to restrict Chinese technologies viewed as potential national security threats. The proposed Guarding the US Against Adversarial Robotics Dominance (GUARD) Act would require federal agencies to review humanoid and quadruped robots manufactured in China and other US-designated foreign adversaries.



1 killed, 17 injured after car crashes into crowd in Berlin: Police

Berlin, July 30 : One person was killed and 17 others were injured, including several with life-threatening injuries, after a car drove into a crowd at a large Pride celebration in central Berlin on Thursday evening, a police spokesperson said. The incident occurred during the Christopher Street Day (CSD) parade, Berlin's largest Pride celebration. Police said on social media platform X that shortly before 10 p.m. local time (2000 GMT), the driver of a white vehicle drove into the crowd, Xinhua news agency reported. Earlier, 16 people were reported injured. Updating the casualty figures, Berlin Police posted on X: "According to the latest information, 17 people have been injured, including one deceased person and several

with life-threatening injuries. An information center for relatives has been established under 030 8485 4460." The police said that the investigations into the incident are ongoing. The event was called off and the area was cordoned off as a major police operation got underway. Numerous police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel were deployed to the scene, where the injured were being treated. According to German news agency dpa, witnesses told police that some people had suffered stab wounds. Police said investigators were examining whether there had been a second phase of the attack after the vehicle drove into the crowd. Police said an intensive search was underway for one or more suspects.



Bangladesh growth to pick up after slowdown

Washington, July 30 : Bangladesh's economy is expected to see a gradual recovery after a period of slowdown, supported by improving domestic demand and stabilising conditions, the World Bank said. Growth is projected at 3.9 per cent in fiscal year 2025-26, reflecting the impact of earlier

political unrest and external pressures on economic activity, according to the World Bank's latest assessment. The report said the economy is recovering from disruptions linked to political instability in late 2024, which weighed on investment, exports and overall economic momentum. Private consumption is expected

to remain the main driver of growth as conditions stabilise. However, the pace of recovery is likely to be gradual, with investment remaining subdued amid uncertainty and financial sector constraints. Exports are expected to contribute to growth, though not as a major driver. Bangladesh's key export sector, ready-made gar-

ments, has faced pressure from higher global tariffs and increased competition in international markets. Inflation remains a concern. The report noted that price pressures have stayed elevated, driven by currency depreciation, supply disruptions and higher food prices, limiting purchasing power and economic recovery.



Australia leg-spinner Zampa to play domestic cricket for Queensland after leaving NSW

Brisbane, July 30 : Australia's premier white-ball leg-spinner Adam Zampa has signed up with Queensland for the upcoming 2026/27 domestic season after Cricket Australia formally approved his switch in state from New South Wales (NSW). Zampa, 34, lives near Byron Bay on the northern coast of NSW, made the move to allow himself greater flexibility and proximity for training, especially with Queensland's facilities in Brisbane just two hours away.



'I don't want to give up the bowling just yet': Sciver-Brunt targets all-round return after calf injury

New Delhi, July 30 : England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt has reaffirmed her determination to continue contributing as an all-rounder despite an ongoing calf injury, saying she intends to return to bowling after completing rehabilitation following The Hundred. Speaking while representing Trent Rockets in England's The Hundred, Sciver-Brunt outlined her recovery plan, revealed she is targeting a bowling comeback for September's ODI series against Ireland, and also backed the next generation of players to push for places in England's 50-over squad. Although currently restricted to batting duties in the tournament, the England skipper made it clear that giving



up one half of her game is not under consideration. "I do still want to bowl. I enjoy being part of the game in all three skills," Sciver-Brunt told Sky Sports. Sciver-Brunt suffered the calf injury in April, and the setback forced her to scale back her role during England's run to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup final, where she featured solely as a batter. With the domestic season now providing valuable match time.



Para-sports success inspiring able-bodied athletes to excel : Coach Satyanarayana

Glasgow, July 30 : After India's gold and silver finish in the men's 100m T47 at the Commonwealth Games 2026, the para-athletics coach Satyanarayana Shimoga said the success of para sports is also inspiring even the able-bodied athletes to win medals on the global stage. India scripted a memorable finish in the para-athletics competition at the Commonwealth Games 2026 as Dilip Mahadu Gavit clinched the gold medal with a Games Record in the men's 100m T47, while compatriot Mohammed Basil Morssinganakathi secured the silver medal to complete a dominant Indian one-two finish. "The success of para sports is inspiring even able-bodied athletes to believe they can win medals. We always tell our athletes to train hard, and good re-

sults will follow. Today, India is performing exceptionally well in para sports," Satyanarayana told IANS. Satyanarayana also revealed that he asked Gavit, who used to compete in 400m, to come into the 100m discipline, a move which paid dividends. "I expected Gavit and Basil to finish first and second, and that is exactly what happened. Dilip (Gavit) used to run the 400m race, but I transitioned him to 100m. I sent him to Dubai, where he qualified for the CWG," the coach said. Born in the small village of Toran Dongari near Nashik, Maharashtra, Gavit's life took a major turn when, at five to six years of age, he suffered a tragic fall from a tree, thus severely injuring his right arm. Due to the lack of timely medical treatment.



FIFA investigates Argentina FA, players over alleged World Cup violations

Zurich, July 30 : FIFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against the Argentine Football Association (AFA) and several Argentina players over alleged breaches during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the world football's governing body said. The FIFA Disciplinary Committee opened proceedings against the AFA following incidents involving Argentina's national team during several matches at the tournament. "The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has opened proceedings against the Argentinian Football Association for potential

breaches of article 13 paragraph 2 c) (Using a sports event for demonstrations of a non-sporting nature), article 14 paragraph 5 (Team misconduct), article 15 (Discrimination and racist abuse) and article 17 (Order and security at matches) of the FIFA Disciplinary Code in light of discriminatory chants and gestures, late kick-offs, failure to comply with match and security protocols, the display of inappropriate messages by the team and spectators and the throwing of objects by spectators in relation to several matches of the representative team of Argentina at the FIFA World Cup 2026," FIFA said

in a statement. According to FIFA, the alleged breaches include discriminatory chants and gestures by supporters, delayed kick-offs, failure to comply with match and security protocols, the display of inappropriate messages by the team and spectators, and objects being thrown from the stands. FIFA said the AFA could face charges relating to demonstrations of a non-sporting nature, team misconduct, discrimination and racist abuse, as well as order and security at matches. Separate proceedings have been opened against Argentina players Leandro Paredes, Nahuel Molina

and Thiago Almada, team official Roberto Ayala, and Spain player Gavi over incidents following the World Cup final between Spain and Argentina. Spain defeated Argentina 1-0 in the final on July 19, after which several Argentina players and staff were involved in confrontations with their Spanish counterparts. According to a report by FIFA's appointed Disciplinary and Ethics Prosecutor, Molina faces two alleged counts of assault, one completed and one attempted, while Paredes faces three alleged counts of assault and Ayala one.



Zimbabwe star Sikandar Raza joins Dambulla Sixers as LPL 2026 confirms key player replacements

Kandy, July 30 : Lanka Premier League has announced that Zimbabwe captain and all-rounder Sikandar Raza will join Dambulla Sixers as a replacement for South African batter Marques Ackerman, who is out of the tournament because of injury. The Dambulla Sixers have bolstered their team by signing Zimbabwe's captain, one of the most highly valued all-rounders in franchise cricket. He brings an impressive T20 record, scoring 7572 runs at a strike rate of nearly 137 and taking 255 wickets with his off-spin over 374 T20 matches, including 139 T20Is.



CWG 2026: 'Returning to sport after being a mother taught me to be more patient,' says Seema Kaliramna

New Delhi, July 30 : India's leading discus thrower Seema Kaliramna has revealed that returning to competitive sport after motherhood taught her to be more patient with herself, and that the experience also made her mentally stronger as she prepares to compete at the

Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. "Returning to competition after becoming a mother taught me to be more patient with myself. There were days when balancing training, my PhD and family responsibilities felt overwhelming, but every challenge made me mentally stronger.